AN ANALYSIS OF SWEARWORD IN AMERICAN PIE MOVIE

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Abstract

In this thesis, the writer described about swearword which was used in American Pie Movie. The writer focused to discuss about meaning and classifications of swearwords in American Pie Movie. The data were taken from script of the American Pie Movie. In the research, the writer found all of meanings and classifications of swearword in American Pie Movie. The writer concluded that there are some swearwords that can be used by the people to interact with other who are same sex only, and also there are swearword that can be used to communicate with same sex and opponent sex, the most important in this research the using of swear word is caused of feeling of anger of somebody, or somebody has a problem with other, and he hates the other, in this situation the person is available to used swear word to offend the other and the writer also find a uniqueness of swear word used by people in the United States of America which are the people used the terms of sexual intercourse term as the swear word. In this research the writer realizes very much that this research is very far from perfection. There are still much lees in this research, it is caused by the writer is limited by knowledge, time, and also experience. The writer gave some stating, claiming and suggestion to the reader in order to make the reader interesting.

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Introduction

English language is an International language which almost can be used in all country in the world. One of many countries which use English language in communicating is the United States of America; moreover American people use English language as national language in the United States of America. The language has several important parts that can be used by its speaker to show an expression that is felt in communicating, for example; to show happiness, sadness, and anger. To show happiness usually people praise other by using compliment words, to show sadness usually people use the compassion words to others, and to show anger usually people use swear word. This research discusses about swear word used in American Pie movie.

Swear word is often meant the rude or offensive word which is used by people to show or to express feeling of anger (Oxford dictionary 7th edition 2005: 1550). It can be concluded that swear word is used by people
to emphasize the anger and also to offend the other people. In this research, the writer focus on the classification of the swear word use in American Pie movie.

Swear word has classification and use. The classification and use are related to culture of the language. The classification and the use of the swear word in all countries can be the same and can be different. The classification and the use of the swear word of American Pie movie can be the same as the swear word of Indonesian language, however there will be differences. Because the use and the classification is related to culture, it assumes that the swear words of American Pie movie have differences from other languages.

The reason for the writer in analyzing the swearword is because this is an interesting subject to investigate in normal etiquette, swearword the bad word to use, people think that swearwords are rude and vulgar words, and a group of people usually stays away pronounce the swearwords. The other example of the swearwords are fuck, screw, bitch, damn, and hell.

Another reason that influences the writer to investigate the swearword is because a human being is very nature to have feeling that always change. Sometimes someone feels angry or annoyed with others or something, and sometimes feel good. The way to unwind the feeling of anger or annoyance is by swearing, because it can help them to decrease their emotion and nerves. Based on this phenomenon, the writer would like to find out the swearwords that are used as an emotional expression. In this analysis the writer used American Pie movie to find out the swearwords. The reason of choosing this movie because it contains many swearwords. The writer only analyzed the swearwords found in this movie.

**Research Methodology**

In this study, the data were take from the American movie “American Pie” by Adam herz.

The writer watches, observes, and listens carefully to the words which are uttered by speaker in the movie American Pie as the sources of the data. The writer does transcription process by listening and read the subtitled, then the writer identifies the swear words that are use by speakers in their utterances.
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In this part, the writer analyzed data that were taken from some data that had been interviewed; the data were classified into five classifications, which are (1) copulative term (2) Excretory, (3) Human Genital, (4) Sexual irregularities and (5) death term.

Swear words based on copulative term

Copulative term actually the term relates to copulation which is usually happened between male and female, some terms below are the term relates to copulation which are used as the swear word.

Datum 1. Fuck

The first word that is usually used by people in American Pie movie as the swear word is fuck. Explanation which is conveyed by the data about the word “fuck” is that the level of rudeness of the word “fucks” included to the middle. The word “fuck” used usually when the people get angry to other and the people are peevish with the situation that is experienced, and the word “fuck” is also used to offend the other.

The fuck is a kind of the swearwords to express the feeling anger. The speaker is a man his name is freshman guy. He swear to freshman guy 2, because freshman guy 2 make him angry because of freshman say him still life with his mother.

Datum 2. Goddamn

The second word used by people in American Pie movie is Goddamn. From the data the writer found that the swear word “Goddamn” is something or someone to hell.

From the data goddamn means something or someone to hell. Goddamn means someone make anger. The word is taken from something that is connected with the future life after death.

Swear word based on excretory term

As explained previously, excretory terms is the term which is used as the swear word which relate to human excretion, the data below are swear word which are grouped into excretory term.

Datum 3. Crap

The tenth word used by people as the swear word in American Pie movie is crap. The data said that the level of crudity of the swear word “crap” is the middle level, and same as the other swear words the swear
The word “crap” is used to show feeling of anger and when the people want to offend the other people.

The word “crap” is defined the solid waste matter from bowel, it can concluded that the word “crap” is categorized into swear word based on excretory term.

Based on explanation of the data, the word “crap” can be used by people who communicate between same sexes and also the people who interact to the opponent sex, they are between male to male, female to female, male to female and female to male.

Datum 4. Shit

The eleventh word that is usually applied by the people in American Pie movie as the swear word namely shit. Same as the previous swear word, the level of rudeness swear word “shit” is the middle. Actually the word “shit” is same as the other swear words i.e. it is used by people when the people get angry to other and the people emphasize their anger by using this swear word.

The data give the assertion that the meaning of the word “shit” of shit actually same with feces. The word “shit” is the solid waste matter form the bowel, based on the information which are found from the dictionary and the data, the word “shit” can be placed into swear word based on the excretory.

The data said that the word “shit” actually can be used by people who communicate with same sex (male-male, female-female), and also differ sex (male-female, female-male). And as explained previously this word is used to show anger, annoyed or the people offend the other.

The word shit is a kind of the swearwords to express the feeling anger the speaker is jim. He swears to future. The linguistic context of the utterance shit is the speaker was angry to future because future doubt whit jim rap.

Swear word based on Human Genital

Human genital terms definitely the terms which are classified into human sexual organ, and the term actually used as swear word in the United States of America, the following points are the term which relate to genital organ which used as the swear word.

Datum 5. Ass

The fourteenth word that is used by the citizens of American Pie movie is called with cunt. The level crudity of the swear word “ass” is the worst level or highest
level until the people use the word “ass” when the people get very angry.

The data explain that the word “ass” is meant place where dirty out from the bowel of human. Actually the word “ass” means sexual organ of female and male. Based on the explanation from the data, it can be concluded that the word “ass” can be classified into swear word based on human genital term.

Datum 6. Dick

The fifteenth word which is usually used by people in American Pie movie as the swear word namely dick. From the data said that actually the swear word “dick” is included to the middle level. And the use of the swear word “dick” definitely same as the other swear word i.e. to emphasize the feeling of anger.

The word “dick” is meant the genital organ which is belonged to male, as result, based on the information which is given by the data, it can be categorized into swear word based on the human genital term.

Swear word based on sexual irregularities

Sexual irregularities are the terms which are classified into the people who often do sexual intercourse with many people, or it is also called with prostitution. The following data are the terms which relate to prostitution which used as swear word.

Datum 7. Whore

The twenty fourth word that is used people in American Pie movie as the swear word namely whore. The concept of the word “whore” is not different with the other swear words which is the word used to show or express feeling of anger of the speaker, and also used when the people offend the other people which is hated.

Actually the word “whore” means females who work for prostitution and doing sexual intercourse with a lot of male. The word “whore” means, the informant said that the meaning of the word “whore” is female who look for money by doing sex with many males, the explanation of the data show that the word “whore” can be appertained into swear word based on sexual irregularities.

Swear word based on death Term

Death is a situation which is definitely passed by human, and creature which are created by the God, and after death the people will get the revenge about the sins that have been done by the people in
the world. The term of death is also used by people as the swear word, and the term below is swear word which is grouped into death term.

Datum 8. Hell

The twenty-sixth word which is used by the people in American Pie movie is hell. Based on the data the level of rudeness of the swear word hell is the middle. It is suitable with the other swear words, it is practiced when the people get angry to other. Actually the “hell” means the place believed as the home of devils and where bad people go after death, this word is used as swear word to express feeling of anger and also used to offend some people. The word “hell” is meant the place where the people get punishment after death, as the revenge of the sins that is done by the people during the people was life. Based on the explanation, surely the word “hell” can be classified into swear word based on death term.

From those sentences the word hell is kind of the swearwords. That word is taken from something that is connected with the future life after death.

Datum 9. Goddamn

The twenty-seven word which is used by the people in American Pie movie namely Goddamn. The concept of the swear word “Goddamn” actually same as the other swear words i.e.it is used when the people get angry. Surely it is used to emphasize the anger.

The word Goddamn means something or someone to Hell. Kevin says this swearword when Stifler said suck me beautiful. Based on the information which gotten from the data, definitely the word “Goddamn” can be categorized into swear word based on death term.

From those sentences the word hell is kind of the swearwords. That word is taken from something that is connected with the future life after death.

Conclusion

As the result of the analysis of the data which is taken from the explanation of some data, the writer concludes some classification of curse which are used in American Pie movie, which are: (1) Copulative term (2) Excretory, (3) Human Genital, (4) Sexual irregularities and (5) Death term. The classification of the swear
word is taken based on the theory of J. Dan Rothwell.

In addition, after analyzing of the data the writer finds that there are some swear words that can be used by people to interact with other who are same sex only, and also there are some swear word that can be used to communicate with same sex and opponent sex, the most important in this research the using of swear word is caused of feeling of anger of somebody, or somebody has a problem with other, and he hates the other, in this situation the person is available to used swear word to offend the other and the writer also find a uniqueness of swear word used by American Pie movie which are the people used the terms of sexual intercourse term as the swear word.

Those are some points which can be concluded by the as the result of the research, the writer hope the riders can understand if there are many flaws that is found in this research because the knowledge of the writer is very limited, thank you for reading this research.

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