AN ANALYSIS SLANG WORD IN THE MOVIE AMERICAN PIE

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Abstract

This study focused on slang by the actors in the American Pie Movies. Slang is used for a very informal speech variety which often serves as an in group language such as teenagers, adult, army, pop group, etc. Richard (1985). The purpose of the research is to describe form, Type, and meaning of Slang in the American Pie Movie. This research used qualitative method. Data were collected from the script of the American pie movie. In this research the writers found two form of slang, they are word and phrase and also found two types of slang, they are teenager slang and sex slang and the meaning of slang in the American pie movie. In conclusion, in this research the writer also found that slang is not mean always a rude word but it can be the other way for people to say something with other in different way. After that, slang also gives evidence that there is other way for people to make their communication more entertain and interesting.

Key word: slang, informal language and style

Introduction

Human prefers use language to communicate with others. Human as member of society cannot be separated with language. Wardaugh, R (1998: 9) said that language is what the members of a particular society speak. Meanwhile, society is any group of people who are drawn together for a certain purpose. In communication, people are tendency using varieties of language style. In society human have variation of language to communicate with other, while sometime they mix and switch their language as long as the process of communication happened. The other variation way that people used to make their language more interesting than switch or mix their
language is slang language. Slang is more famous in some society in this day while slang are often express of some type of entertaining wordplay, and they are almost always alternative way of saying something. Commonly, slang as one of language styles belong to more information language that mostly used by youth. Slang also founded in informal situation which language that is used with friends, and mostly used by teenagers or young people. Slang expressions have come and gone ever the year, same return but other never do. But sometimes, there are also persistent and survive over long periods of time. O’Grady (1997: 521).

Slang is not really paying attention to pronunciation, choice of words, and also structure. It is not compactly word; they are changing the spelling become short and modification of word. Then, slang mostly used by youth, slang expression have come and gone ever the year, same return but sometimes never do. The important of all, every words of slang change the meaning, it is depend on how, when, where, and by whom it used. Slang can be found in the script of movie, some of movie is often use slang to express the character’s feeling with some of new words that not exist in dictionary. In this thesis the writer wants to search and analyze slang in American Pie movie. Here, the writer found the types of slang and form of slang, because the writer found some type and form of slang in the American Pie Movie.

This data was taken on internet resource (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Pie_series) while American Pie is a series of teen films conceived by Adam Herz. The first film in the series was released on July 9th, 1999, by Universal Pictures, and became a worldwide pop culture phenomenon, spawning three direct sequels. The second and third films were released at two-year intervals, whereas the fourth film was released in 2012. From 2005 to 2009, four spin-off films were released.

Furthermore, a ninth feature film has been announced in response to the success of the eighth film. The original series, produced on a total budget of US$145 million, has
gроссed $989 million worldwide. The spin-off films were released direct-to-video. The series has developed a cult following. Critics have given the original trilogy mixed reviews, and overlooked the spin-off series. The series has been released on DVD.

Therefore, the entertainment has developed. It is an offline and online media for the people for entertainment, get inspiration, learn new things, culture, and knowledge. In the movies, people can get the historical values, ideas, knowledge, and many things, by watching movies the audience can begin to feel, enjoy, and learn understanding. The audience may understand by watching the plot, setting, dialogue.

Slang can be found in American Pie script movie. American Pie movie’s dialog often arise sentence that contain Slang word. People often do not understand what mean that contain in Slang word, this phenomenon that make writer interest to analyze slang in American Pie movie especially Slang word.

Slang on the given example based on American Pie Film, as a follow:

1. “Kevin and Jim are drinking beers. Around them, students mingle and flirt. CHUCK SHERMAN comes up.”

   SHERMAN : What's up, fellas?

   JIM : Hey Sherman. Scopin' the babes.

The conversation is between Sherman and Jim. Both of them are teenager. Conversation starts while Kevin and Jim are drinking beers in the night club. Sherman come up and say “what's up fellas?”, then Jim answer “hey Sherman, scopin’ the babes”. In this conversation word that say by Sherman “fellas” is a teenage slang, because both of them that know the meaning of “fellas”. Meaning “fellas” can be categorized into denotative that means a real meaning. The meaning of “fellas” based on the movie context is a “best friend” where in the night club Kevin and Jim waiting for Sherman to enjoy the party and that word include to epistemic context. Those are the uniqueness of slang on American Pie.
Pie movie is unique in forms and meaning.

Then, the uniqueness of the form and meaning of slang on American Pie movie may make new users or people misunderstand each other if they do not know the form and the meaning. Due to the uniqueness, the slang on American Pie movie needs to be studied scientifically in order to be able to understand the form and meaning of the slang. That is why the writer feels very interested to do research on the form and the meaning of the slang on American Pie movie.

**Methodology**

This research, the writer uses qualitative research. Basrowi and Suwandi (2008:1) said that, “qualitative research is this type of research that produces findings cannot be achieved using statistical procedures quantification knows the other way”. Strauss and Corbin (1997:1) explain, “Qualitative research can use to examine the lives of the people, history, behavior, functional organizations, social movements, or kinship”.

The sources of the data of this research are take the data from American Pie film taken from youtube. The reason why the writer chooses this data is because American Pie film that famous in England and America especially for the teenager. This film shows many variations of language such as figurative, emotion of language, and slang language. But in this research the writer attracts to analyze of slang language.

There are two kinds of technique of collecting data, they are observation method and interview method. This analysis the writer chooses observation method as basic method in collecting data process. ( Sudaryanto, 1993:135). In collecting data, the writer uses observation method by Sudaryanto (1993:135) . The data is taken from video of youtube. In this research, the writer does some steps in collecting data.

In analyzing the data, the writer takes distributional method. Sudaryanto (1993:15 ) states that, “Distributional method is determining tool part of the language itself. The technique to analyzing the data is substitution technique. In technique of data analysis the writer doing the following steps of data analysis:
1. Identifying slang language used in American Pie movie.
2. Classifying the types and form of slang language.
3. Drawing conclusion of the data analysis.

Those are informal and formal method. In the informal method, the result of data analysis in the form of a brief understandable in clear verbal statement, but in the formal method the result of analyzing data are written in a sign and symbol signifying the result in the research. In this case, the writer uses informal method in representing the result of the data analysis.

Findings and Discussions

Slang is part of casual, informal styles of language use. Further the term of slang has traditionally carried a negative connotation: it is often perceived as a “low” or “vulgar” form of language and is deemed to be out of place in formal styles of language.

Word is a row letter that is flanked by two spaces, and has meaning. In this research, the writer found the forms of slang as word based on part of speech, such as, noun (N), verb (V), adjective (Adj.). The discussion as following is classified based on the form of the slang. The form is divided based on part of speech that will be explain one by one. The form of slang can be seen in the following data:

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Jim waiting for Sherman to enjoy the party and that word include to epistemic context.

Data 2.

BAND : Ring the bell again.
MICHELLE: Ringing the bell is dorky, let's just go in.

The speaker of the dialogue is between Band and Michelle. Both of them are teenager. They are come to house one of Band close friend. Michelle rings the bell in front of door, but no respond from inside of house. Band say “ring the bell again”, Michelle respond “ringing the bell is dorky, let's just go in”. “dorky” is include types of teenage slang, because in this situation only both of them know that means “dorky”. Based on meaning of the context “dorky” is describe people that do not have bravery, that seen from sentences by Michelle “ringing the bell is dorky, let's just go in”.

Data 3

STIFLER : You coming to party tonight, Ostreicher?
OZ : Depends if my date wants to stop by.
STIFLER : That junior chick?
OZ: Nah, gave her the Heisman. I'm working on something new.

The speakers of the dialogue are Stifler and Oz. Both of them are teenager. They are close friend who have dialogue on American Pie movie, and they are talking about party tonight. Stifler start the conversation “You coming to party tonight, Ostreicher?”. Oz responds it “Depends if my date wants to stop by.” and directly Stifler say “That junior chick?”. Conversation above show Stifler say word “junior chick”, based on types of slang that word is include to teenage slang, because word “junior chick” only both of them that know what the meaning of “junior chick” in that conversation.

The meaning of “junior chick” in this conversation is include to connotative meaning, because “junior chick” in this conversation is not mean “a little chiks” but it’s mean “a new bitch in the school”, and “a little chicks” include to epistemic because that conversation is based on background knowledge conversation by the speaker and hearer.
**Data 4.**

JIM : Hey, you did better than I did, Nova.

OZ : Oh that's really reassuring. And don't call me Nova anymore. I'm a fraud.

STIFLER : This is pathetic. I'm gonna find my a little hottie.

The speakers of the dialogue are Jim, Oz and Stifler. They are teenagers that try to find some pleasure in the night club. Conversation begin when Oz get a couple in the party “Hey, you did better than I did, Nova.” and Oz respond “Oh that's really reassuring. And don't call me Nova anymore. I'm a fraud.”. Stifler know what Jim and Oz talking about and he is also respond “This is pathetic. I'm gonna find my a little hottie.”. In this conversation “little hottie” is slang and include to teenage slang, because only Jim, Oz and Stifler that know mean of “little hottie”. They know that slang based the context before.

Epistemic context that pinpointed “little hottie” is slang: Oz get couple in the party, Oz did better than Jim did in searching a couple, but Oz fraud, in fact Oz’s couple is not good enough. Based on fact that Oz did, Stifler want to get a “little hottie”, in this context “little hottie” is good couple.

**Data 5**

“Kevin and Jim are looking at a PICTURE OF STIFLER'S MOM on the wall. Very attractive, late 30's.”

JIM : Shit, I can't believe a fine woman like this produced a guy like Stifler.

“TWO FRESHMAN GUYS are walking by as Jim says this.”

FRESHMAN GUY: Dude! That chick is a MILF!

This conversation is happen in Stifler house. Where Kevin, Jim and Freshman guy looking at picture of Stifler's mom on the wall, that picture is very attractive. Jim can't believe a fine woman and sexy produce a guy like Stifler. Freshman guy also look at that picture and say “Dude! That chick is a MILF!”.

“MILF!” in this conversation is include to sex slang, because only
Kevin, Jim and Freshman guy that understand what is “MILF!”; they are can understand “MILF!” because based on the context. Based on context in that picture where they are focused to big breast of Stifler’s mom.”MILF!” is a slang word that mean “big breast”.

**Data 6**

**SOPHOMORE**: God, I can't believe there are so many cool people at this party.

**STIFLER**: Yep.

**SOPHOMORE**: And you got a **keg**, too, wow.

The speakers of the dialogue are Sophomore and Stifler. Both of them are teenager. They are close friend and they are go to the party. Sophomore directly start the dialogue “God, I can’t believe there are so many cool people at this party.”, then Stifler replied “yep”, they are see many cool people at the party, reason teenager in this movie come to the party is to get couple to propose someone to have a sex. “*keg*” in this conversation is a sex slang because only both of them that understand meaning of “*keg*”. Based on the epistemic context, meaning “*keg*” is a cool people that can betake into a bed and have a sex.

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**Conclusion**

After analysis the data, the writer concludes that language style is a tool of communication. By using the tool human can say their intent, want, message, persuasion and information to other people. Language style is a part of communication. It is not only used in the linguistics formal paper but also used in internet especially, for slang as language style. Slang founded in informal situation that is used with friends, and mostly used by teenagers or young people. Slang expressions have come and gone ever the year, some return but
other never do, but sometimes, there are also persistent and survive over long periods of time. The important of all, every words of slang can change the meaning, it is depend on how, when, where, and by whom it is used. The writer found that slang used by characters in American Pie movie. They use very exotic expression top express what they want to express. The most important is the meaning of what they talk about only known by them self or some group of them. 

In this research the writer also found that slang is not mean always rude and bad word. But it can be the other way for people to say something with other in unique variation of language. Meanwhile, it also make communication not monotone, slang appearance give evidence that there is other way for people to make their communication more entertain and interesting than mix or switch their language.

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