

# AN ANALYSIS OF SWEAR WORDS IN SCARFACE MOVIE

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## ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the types of swear words used in the film *Scarface* and also find out the function swear words are generally known as bad words, and in this study the author wants to show that swear words are not just bad words, it depends on the context and who uses swear words and to whom they use them. The author uses the theory of Andersson and Trudgill (in Lindahl, 2008:4). To analyze the types of swear words, the types are divided into four types: (1) Expletive, (2) Abusive, (3) Humorous, and (4) Auxiliary. The method used in this study is qualitative which was put forward by Parahoo (1997:59). The data of this study were collected just from the film *Scarface*. The analysis carried out by the writer is to obtain 50 data, Expletive 7 data, abuse 32 data, Humorous 6 data, Auxiliary 5 data. The writer is based on the same data for each type and function. The 51 data are presented in tabular form and then analyzed theoretically. To find out this function, the author uses the theory of Ljung (2011) who states in his book *Swearing in Cross-Cultural Linguistic Studies*, that there are two main functions of swearing. The functions are stand-alone and slot fillers. Stand-alone consists of their categories, namely: Expletive interjection, Curse, and Unfriendly Suggestion. The slot-filler function is classified into their categories, adverbial or adjective intensifier, the adjective of dislikes, and anaphoric epithet. For the data of function, there are 27 data classified as the Stand-Alone and 23 data for Slot Filler function.

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## INTRODUCTION

Invective words are one of the forms of linguistic expressions that are often referred to as foul language because all swear words are taboo, although not all taboo words are swear words (Karjalainen, 2002:18). Swear words are judged as bad words, many humans avoid swear words in their conversations. However, not everyone agrees with this statement. Swear words are still part of the language between humans and swearing is an efficient way to express frustration or anger in certain situations. The inspire me to do the analysis about the

swear words used in the movie *Scarface* because in general swear words only used to express the users bad emotions or feelings. In this study the authors focused on the swear words used in terms of their types and functions. The types of swear words were analyzed by using theory of Andersson and Trudgill (as cited in Lindahl, 2008:4) [3] they categorized swear words into four different types: (1) explosive, (2) abusive, (3) humorous , and (4) auxiliary. Meanwhile the author uses a function from Ljung (2011) states in his book, *Swearing Cross-Cultural Linguistic Study*. In Ljung's book it is explained that the Swear word function is divided into two parts,

namely: (1) Stand Alone and (2) Slot Fillers. Between the two sections, Stand Alone has three categories, namely: Expletive Interjection, Curse, and Unfriendly Suggestion. And also Slot Filler has three categories, namely: Adjectival Intensifier, Adjective of Dislike, and Anaphoric use Epithet. The purpose of this research is to find the type and function of the swear words used, and the types found later will be matched with their functions. There have been a number of studies done on swear words. Among them, Holmes, (2013) says that swear words have many different functions in different social contexts. Swear words may express annoyance, aggression, instances, solidarity and lastly is friendliness.

## METHOD

In this research the writer use qualitative method. Masons. (2002) state in his book that qualitative research should produce explanations or arguments, as in the last type Auxiliary that is not directed to people or situation, in this type swearing is a way of speaking and it is “often or always non-emphatic”. One of the examples found in the source of data is "We still got take that shit to florida". The word "shit" is an auxiliary word that triggers narcotics and the player in the scene makes variations of other words and changes the actual word of something whether it is a person or an inanimate object.

**Table 1. Example of Data Types and their Functions of Swear Words in the Scarface movie**

Type Swear Words				Function Swear Words	
Expletive	Abusive	Humorous	Auxiliary	Stand Alone	Slot Fillers
So I <u><b>Fuck</b></u> up!				Expletive Interjection.	
		Sweathart, my <u><b>ass</b></u> !		Unfriendly Suggestion.	
	Send the <u><b>bastard</b></u> to Freedom Town.				Anaphoric use epithet
			13.5? We still got take that <u><b>shit</b></u> to Florida.		Adjective dislike
	<u><b>Fuck you,</b></u> man.			Curse	
I'm leavin'g now. <u><b>Fuck.</b></u>				Expletive Interjection	
	<u><b>You are fucking</b></u> right.				Adjectival Intensifier

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This research found 51 data of swear words. Expletive got 7data, Abusive with 33data, next is Humorous 7data and the last type is Auxiliary with 4data. This study analyzes the types of swear words based on the theory of Andersson and Trudgill (as quoted in Lindahl, 2008:4).

In the function of swear words by the purpose of the speaker. Ljung (2011) states in his book, *Swearing Cross-Cultural Linguistic Study*, that there are two main functions of swearing. Those functions are stand-alone and slot-fillers. Stand – alone consists of three categories, Expletive interjection 6data, Curse 15data, Unfriendly Suggestion 6data. And for the function of slot-filler classified into three categories, namely adverbial or adjective intensifier 3data, adjective of dislikes 7data, and anaphoric of epithet 12data. The author collects data according to the Appendices that the author makes, in each type of swear words the author matches each function. The conclusion is swear words is not just for express in anger or bad emotions, swear words also can be used to joking like in the data found in this research, it depend depends on the context and to whom they speaks.

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The information presented in the form of words and utterances of the characters in the movie "Scarface". The types and functions of swear words will be analyzed in these findings.

The writer matches the data one by one into each type and function. The author found 51 data. Each type will be matched with its function. As explained, the author uses a function from Ljung (2011) states in his book, *Swearing Cross-Cultural Linguistic Study*. And the type of swear words is based on the theory of Andersson and Trudgill (Lindal, 2008:4).

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