

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

This chapter present the basic ideas related to the study being carried out. Those are background of the study, the problem of the study, the objective of the study, the significance of the study, the scope and the limitation, and the definiton of key term.

#### **A. Background of Study**

Slang is one of popular informal language. Slang is very informal kind of vocabulary, used mostly in speech by people who know each other well.<sup>1</sup> It means that slang is non-standard variety of language, can be describe as in informal word or phrases that commonly used in speech by people in the same social group. Generally, people use it as secret language in conversation. They used it like characteristic to makes different from other group and they use it to show their creativity toward language. That is, this variation is used by certain circles which are very limited, and may not be known by the outside group.

Slang is described as word or phrase that are used mainly of more everyday terms among teenagers or younger speakers and kind of groups of people who share situation or interest. According to Richard said slang is used for a very informal speech variety which often serves as an “in

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<sup>1</sup>Michael Swan, *Practical English Usage Third Edition*(United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2005), 526.

group” language such as teenagers, army and pop group.<sup>2</sup> Teenager give the great contribution of the forming of slang word, because they most creative and productive in producing new vocabulary in interaction. Sometime, they need something new and colorful in language, it make more attractive in communication. Then, slang is the answer of what they need to communicate freely. They often use it than the standard language, so they use it being in their daily language.

Slang word always updated in following the human development in life. According to Fromkin said that slang is considered as a result of the rapid growth of the new words that was happening as a creative expression from people to make the word more efficient and simpler to be uttered.<sup>3</sup> Slang introduces the new word to enrich many vocabularies. Slang word is unique linguistic phenomenon, because slang always changes from time to time as a creative people in life. Thus, the existance of slang never constant.

Nowadays, we can found the using of slang in anywhere, such as magazine, lyric of music and movies. The development of technology and entertainment brings a strong influence on the life of teenager’s. It means that media is one of factor spreading quickly of slang in this life. Movie is one of factor spreading quickly of slang in this world. One of the reasons why movie maker uses slang words because they wanted to make their

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<sup>2</sup>Nor Gemilasari, *An Analysis Of Word Formation Of Slang Words Found In Short Stories In Teenager Magazines Aneka Yess!*, Padang(English Language and Literature E-Journal, 2013). Vol2

<sup>3</sup>Victoria Fromkin& Robert Rodman, *An Introduction to Language*, (New York: Holt Rinehart and Winston Inc, 1983), 264.

movies more attractive. Many people like children, teenagers, men and women loved it. Teenagers influenced to imitate the slang word which spoken by their favorite actor. They often imitate slang word without knowing how this word can be formed and they used it in their daily language. The form of slang words occur through some processes. In linguistically we can called these processes is word formation processes.

Word formation processes are the process of creating new words and the new uses of the old words. For example the word of *kinda* is a slang language because it comes from word kind+ of. There is a process of blending in forming the word *kinda*. Then, in the example the word *wanna* is slang language. It is considered as slang language because the word *wanna* comes from want + to. There is a process of blending in forming of the word *wanna*.<sup>4</sup> A blending is a combination two separate forms to produce a single new term.<sup>5</sup> Slang use regular word formation devices to creat new word.

Based on the phenomena the writer is interest to analyzed about slang language that is found in *Akeelah and the Bee* movie script. The writer choose this movie because this movie there are many words that categorized as the slang language. And *Akeelah and the bee* is the best movie because received a number of awards and nominations, including the black reel awards and the NAACP image awards. Moreover, in the oxford dictionaries online, slang is types of language consisting of word

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<sup>4</sup>Putri Wulandari and Havid Ardi, *The Type of Slang Words in The Lyrics of "Jigsaw" Album by Lady Sovereign*, Padang(E Jounal English Language and Literature, 2012)vol 1

<sup>5</sup>George Yule, *The Study of Language*(USA: Cambridge University Press, 1985), page53

and phrases that are regarded as a very informal, are more common in speech than in writing, and are typically restricted to a particular context or group of people.<sup>6</sup> Furthermore, the sound in a movie usually include the sound of people talking (dialog). There are many term of slang in the movie, but it is hard to find out slang word in the dialog because the words are unfamiliar. Moreover, there are previous studies of the discussion used by the researcher as resources at doing this research. Yuriskia Purnianda (2015) did a research about analysis slang on Jeff Kinney's novel *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid*, she analyzed the type of slang and word formation on slang found in novel. She find 2 types of slang in her research, there are common slang type and in-group slang type. Besides, she also find out 10 categorized of word formation of slang in her research, there are etymology, inflection, multiple process, clipping, coinage, compounding, derivation, blending , borrowing and backformation. In her research, she mostly found common slang types than in in-group slang types. Then, she mostly found etymology in her research.<sup>7</sup> Rahmi Marzita also did a research about slang in the movie *Teenager movie script*, she analyzed the type of word formation of slang word found in the movie. She find 7 types of word formation which include coinage, clipping, internal change, affixation, compounding, acronym, and back formation. In her research,

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<sup>6</sup>[www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/slang](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/slang), accessed on March 19, 2016

<sup>7</sup>Yuriskia Purnianda, *Slang Analysis on Jeff Kinney's Novel Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, (State College for Islamic Studies (Stain Kediri), 2015)

clipping is mostly found in the movie<sup>8</sup>. Those the previous studies did the analysis of slang in novel and movie. Then, the researcher will do a research about slang in the movie with the title *Akeelah and the Bee* by Doug Atchison. The writer will analyze the type of slang word found in that movie and word formation of slang on the *Akeelah and the Bee* movie. Based on the explanation above, the researcher decide to conduct an analysis entitled **“The Analysis of Word Formation Processes of Slang Word in *Akeelah and the Bee* Movie Script”**

#### **B. Problem of the Study**

Based on the statement in the background of the study above, the resercher finds the problems of this study. They are formulate as follows:

1. What are the types of slang word found in *Akeelah and the Bee* movie script?
2. How the slang words were form in *Akeelah and the Bee* movie script?

#### **C. Objective of Study**

Based on the problem of study above, the researcher has the objectives as follows:

1. To find the types of slang words found *Akeelah and the Bee* movie script.
2. To describe the word formations of slang in the *Akeelah and the Bee* movie script.

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<sup>8</sup>Rahmi Marzita et al, “*An Analysis of Word Formation Process of English Slang in Teenager Movie Script*”, (English Language and Literature E-Journal, ISSN 2302-3546)

#### **D. Scope and Limitation**

The researcher decides the scope and limitation of the study. The scope of this study is one of best seller movie in American with the title "*Akeelah and the Bee*" movie script. Furthermore, the limitation of this study is to find the type of slang word in the movie "*Akeelah and the Bee*" movie script that used by all of the character in the movie. And this study also to describe the word formation of slang in the movie "*Akeelah and the Bee*" movie script.

#### **E. Significance of Study**

The significance of this study is to understand more about slang word used in *Akeelah and the Bee* movie, in order to the result of the study is hoped to be useful for all elements, especially for English Department students, the readers and other researcher.

For the English Department students, they are gets the advantages from this research. It can provide the information about slang word for them. The students can get new vocabulary about slang used in *Akeelah and the Bee* movie. Besides that, the students can get more about the varieties in literature.

For the reader, it will enlarge knowledge study of language. They can get new vocabulary. Besides that, the language is unusual and unique it can entertain and it will make they more enjoy and interested to watch the movie.

For the other researchers, the writer hope this study can be used as additional information in conducting his research. It means that this research can give useful information and can be used as reference to conduct next further research. Then they can do more complete analysis and choose other object of slang.

#### **F. Definition of key terms**

Definition of key term are used in this research to avoid misunderstanding and misconception, the researcher needs to define some key terms and give clarification about the term used in this research. The term are necessary defined as follows:

##### **1. Slang**

Slang is an ever changing set of colloquial words and phrases that speaker us to establish or reinforce social identity or cohesiveness within a group or with a trend or fashion in society at large.<sup>9</sup> Slang is a variety of language, it is as a secret language used by young people for internal communication. Slang like fashion, change from time to time as a creative people in this life.

##### **2. Word formation processes**

Word formation processes are the processes of creating new words and the uses of the old words. There are some ways of creating new word, those are coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping,

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<sup>9</sup>Connie Eble, *Slang & Sociability*(USA: North Carolina Press,1996),page11

backformation, conversion, acronyms, derivation, inflection, and multiple processes.<sup>10</sup>

### 3. Movie

Movie is motion pictures as form of entertainment or an art.<sup>11</sup>

Movie is a visual communication which use moving pictures and sound shown in a cinema or on television to tell stories. People in every part of the world watch movies as a entertainment, a way to have fun, cry or feel afraid.

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<sup>10</sup>Yule, *The Study of Language*, page 52

<sup>11</sup>Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary. (Oxford University Press: New Edition. 2003)