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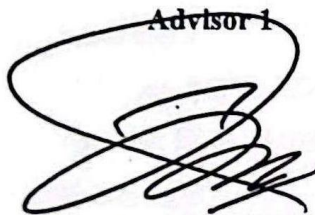
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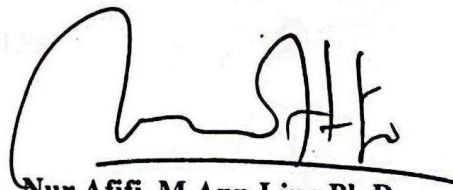
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This study aims to identify the types and meanings of idiomatic expressions found in the lyrics of Justin Bieber's *Justice* album. Idioms are fixed expressions whose meanings cannot be interpreted literally, and understanding them is crucial for learners of English as a foreign language. Songs, as a form of popular culture, provide a rich and engaging medium for exploring idiomatic language in context.

The research employs a **qualitative descriptive method with content analysis**, using 17 songs from the *Justice* album as the primary data source. The researcher identifies and classifies idioms based on **Lim's theory** of idiomatic expression types, including *Phrasal Verb*, *Prepositional Verb*, *Verb as Keyword*, *Noun as Keyword*, *Adjective as Keyword*, *Idiomatic Pairs*.

Based on the analysis of idiomatic expressions in 17 songs from Justin Bieber's *Justice* album, a total of **195 idioms** were identified and classified into six categories. The most dominant type is **verb as keyword**, which appears **108 times**, accounting for approximately **55.4%** of all idioms used. This clearly shows that verbs play a central role in expressing emotions, actions, and metaphors throughout the lyrics. The second most frequent type is **noun as keyword** with **26 instances (13.3%)**, followed closely by **phrasal verbs** with **21 occurrences (10.8%)**. **Idiomatic pairs/phrases** appear **15 times (7.7%)**, while **adjective as keyword** idioms were found **14 times (7.2%)**. The least frequent category is **Prepositional verbs**, which occur **11 times**, making up **5.6%** of the total. This distribution highlights the songwriter's preference for dynamic and emotionally charged language, especially through action-oriented idioms. It also demonstrates that idioms in song lyrics are not only stylistic choices but also powerful tools to convey deeper emotional and thematic meanings. These findings can contribute significantly to English language learning, especially in understanding figurative language, enriching vocabulary, and improving translation skills.

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