

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains the research background, the research questions, the research topic, the research's scope and limitations, the research's meaning, and the definitions of key terms.

A. Background of Study

Language is a human communication tool structured and based on speech, gesture, signing, and often writing. We are unable to converse with one another without language. Language is used in every element of human existence, including economics, science, technology, education, and art. Language is important to human beings because it allows us to communicate our idea, opinions, emotions, and other things. In expressing an idea, there are two styles. They are oral and Written Languages (Keraf, 2007). Oral means can express ideas through direct communication between humans. However, communication through writing is given and received by using some forms.

English is a global language as a communication tool in many aspects of technology, culture, education, health, business, law, science, etc. Using English can provide many opportunities for human to communicate with citizens of the world globally. English language provides many opportunities for human to interact then gain knowledge and experience from various backgrounds. English has a very positive impact on all aspects of existing education. Although English is a foreign language in Indonesia, it occupies an important position in people's lives. It can see in the world of education in Indonesia. English is one of the subjects taught to students from elementary to university.

According to Harya (2017), figurative language uses words or sentences with a meaning different from their literal interpretation. Therefore, it is necessary to analyze the meaning of words because they can be difficult to define literally. According to Kennedy (1979), figurative language is any language that uses a figure of speech. Similarly, a figure of speech is when a speaker or writer changes the standard meaning of words for freshness or emphasis. It is another way of presenting something that has a different meaning from the literal meaning. Figurative language is an important role in forming a literary work. It can be a medium for conveying thoughts and feelings orally and writing in English literature. From studying a literary work, can find forms of figurative language, like meaning, messages, and plans for implementing English teaching.

One type of art is a song. The song is so widely consumed around the world that everybody listens. Some people express their ideas and thoughts via song. Nowadays, people like listening to music, and young until adults have their favorite music. Songs come in a wide variety. Rock, jazz, dangdut, reggae, pop, and other genres are among them (Setiawati, 2018). Songs generally use figurative language in their lyrics. Figurative language gives the impression of the beauty and color of the song. The lyrics also convey what the singer wants to tell about life or messages to the listeners. Rashid Mahmood (2014) explains that every figurative language has significance in describing and expressing the meaning.

Harry Edward Styles, popularly known by his full name Harry Styles, is a singer, songwriter, and actor. He is known as a member of the boy band One Direction. Harry Styles' music career has continued to progress with the release of his latest album, *Harry's House*. The new album provides a set of dance music from several decades as

the '70s pop music. Throughout his singing career, Harry has received several nominations. The song "Watermelon Sugar" won the Grammy award for his career. He is a representation of focus, effort, and passion in living. He has already achieved some of his early dreams.

Harry revealed something unique, so there was interest when read the song on *Harry's house* album. *Harry's House* uses expressive diction or choice of words to have an allure when reading the collection of songs. Therefore, understanding the song's true meaning might be challenging. Besides containing figurative language, Harry uses an aesthetic element in the figure of speech to let the reader feel what the writer is experiencing. To get the song's meaning, listeners may need to pay attention to the words and repeat listening to the music. Harry Styles also used several figurative languages in each song. For example, in his song, keep driving, he used metaphor in the lyric *we held darkness in withheld clouds*. It means that the sentence describes darkness as the fear of a dark future. So, the meaning is that the writer and his girlfriend are afraid of the possibility of a future that they do not want. By using clouds, it is also predicted that their relationship will not last long because fear of the future cannot be avoided.

This study evaluated various research about figurative language in song lyrics the previous researcher wrote. An Analysis of Figurative Language In "When You're Gone" Song Lyrics by Avril Lavigne is the subject of Mukaromah's (2018) thesis. An Analysis of Figurative Language In "When You're Gone", Song Lyrics by Avril Lavigne focuses on figuring out the kinds of figurative language and their specific context meanings. This research uses figurative language, including five hyperboles,

one simile, and one repetition. The writer discovered that each type of five figurative languages has meaning in Avril Lavigne's specific song about the romance of life.

After reviewing some previous research, the researcher became interested in looking for the figurative language used in the Harry Styles album. The researcher wants to provide an introductory study that the reader can understand. Therefore, the researcher was finally interested in analyzing the figurative language in the song. Then decided to take a study entitled The analysis on Figurative Language in Harry Styles' *Harry's House* album.

B. Research Question

Based on the above background, the researcher formulation the problem of research as follows:

1. What are types of figurative language used in the Harry Styles album *Harry's house*?
2. What is the most dominant type of figurative language used in the Harry Styles album *Harry's house*?

C. Objectives of the study

From the research question of this study, the writer has objects of study:

1. To find out the types of figurative language used in the Harry Styles album *Harry's house*
2. To find out the most dominant type of figurative language used in the Harry Styles album *Harry's house*

D. Significance of the Study

This research goal was to identify the figurative language used in the song. This research is predicted to bring both theoretical and practical contributions to the field of education, as follows:

1. For the Students

This study's results can be used to evaluate students' ability to use figurative language types, allowing them to improve their analytical abilities by practicing more closely examining the figurative language in each song.

2. For the Teacher

This study will provide teachers with the knowledge and can assist in implementing students' ability to analyze songs, especially figurative language. They can guide and encourage students into more music analysis as a form of evaluation.

3. For the Researcher

This study aims to contribute and be useful for students in English language education. Besides, this study hopes students understand the kinds and meanings of figurative language. Therefore this research expects to be used by students as a reference in research related to this topic.

E. Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is the type of language of the Harry Styles' *Harry's House* Album, released in 2022. The limitation of the study is that the writer analyzes only the figurative language in the lyrics of Harry Styles' song Albums *Harry's House* and analyzes 13 songs. They are Music for a sushi restaurant, Late night talking, Grape

juice, As it was, Daylight, Little freak, Matilda, Cinema, Daydreaming, Keep driving, Satellite, Boyfriends, and Love of my life.

F. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid misunderstanding, the writer wants to give some key terms. They are:

1. Song

Etymologically song is a verb. Song is a musical composition of words and music that are sung. One of the most famous literary song by one person or more. Nowadays, people are interested in enjoying songs because songs change over time. Changes occur in various aspects, including genres, musical instruments, and messages to be conveyed. The song expresses the point of view, history, society, the singer's life, Etc.

2. Lyric

The lyrics come from the Greek word *lyrikos*, which means to sing with a lyre. The lyrics are a collection of words that make up a song accompanied by a melody. It is difficult for someone to literally translate the meaning of abstract song lyrics, so they often use them to emphasize form, articulation, and symmetry of expression.

3. Figurative Language

Figurative language is a commonly used word or phrase with no literal meaning. It is a word that deviated from the line of rationale and meaning. It improves communication when there is complexity, clarity, or contrast.

4. Harry's house

Harry's house is the Harry Style's third studio album, released on May 20, 2022, by Columbia and Erskine Record. 13 songs include it. That album won an MTV Video Music award for album of the year.