CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1   Basic Consideration

Human had born with language. Human and language are two elements which never be separable. We need language for communication with everyone and everything. As an International language, English has become popular for many years before. Many people are studying English in this globalization era. In other country English has become their second language.

People who are learning English should know and understand all the aspects related with the language. First is semantic. Semantic has an important role in language because semantic is a study of meaning. Meaning of semantic is a supplement of language, because if language does not have meaning makes a listener confused what we said.

According to Palmer (1976:1) *"semantic is the technical term used to refer to the study of meaning."* From the definition above, it can be conclude that semantic is the study to investigate meanings of words, development, alteration of meaning, relation of meaning, and influence on human being and society.

Meaning is divided into literal meaning and figurative meaning. Literal meaning is according to dictionary meaning and figurative meaning is the opposite of lexical meaning. Figurative meaning is lexeme usage with non-literal meaning. Figurative meaning appears from figurative language. Figurative language is deviation from daily language usage (Bourque, 2010).

English as foreign language (EFL) students it found hard to learn and to understand figurative language. There are several figurative languages divided by Araya (2008: 37-40) the example, Metaphor and Simile that Implied analogies that identify one object with another and ascribe to the first one more qualities of the characteristics of the second referential. Than Personification, Personification is act of the representing an idea, thing or being as having human characteristics or attribution. And the last figurative meaning is idiom. Idiom composed by a group of words, whose signification considered as a whole, differs from conventional meaning of each word thought in isolation".

As English as Foreign Language (EFL) learners, we should pay more attention to figurative expression. Because, in English the frequency of the expression is so high. English native speakers use that expression in their daily life.

Idiom is a part of figurative language that should be faced by English learners. The important role of idiom in spoken language is determined by the frequency its usage, because most of native speakers use idioms in their daily conversation. As a student that studies English as a foreign language should pay more attention about idiom to enrich his or her ability to spoken English.

An example of idiom often we hear is 'a piece of cake' means very easy. People, who do not know about this idiom, will think that it is just about a small cake. However, in idiom meaning, the world is state or explains that something is very easy. We can found idiom in many accesses like movie, magazine, talk

show, song, and etc. in this research I choose songs as a subject, because songs are one of media that familiar with people.

In Indonesia, English songs are popular but not many Indonesians know or understand the meaning of the song they like. It is because the authors using creative express to write the song. It is the reason why it is hard for English learners to understand the meaning of the song by translating the lyric word by word.

Beside examine carefully about the definition of idiom, English learners supposed to understand the classification of idiom. Because the classification help us to know the kinds of idiom.

An example of song that has idiomatic expression is Jason Mraz' songs. In my opinion, songs of Jason Mraz are unique and popular. Many people listen his songs. Recently, his songs have been popular in Indonesia, especially "I'm yours". From this research, it is expected that English student and many people who learn English could understand about idiomatic expression in Jason Mraz's songs. So in this case would like to describe the Idioms in Jason Mraz' songs in third albums. Moreover in analyzing the idioms I would to like classify idiom in Jason Mraz' song based on Lim's theory.

2.2   Problem Statement

Based on explanation above, the problem statements are formulated as:

1. What are the idiomatic expressions in Jason Mraz' song?

2. What classification of idiomatic expression that mostly used in Jason Mraz' songs?

3.3 Objective of Research

Objectives of this research are to find idiomatic expression in Jason Mraz' songs and to find the most frequent classification that occurred in Jason Mraz' songs.

3.4 Reason for Choosing the Topic

Why I chose this topic because as an English foreign language learners we often translated English word by word. Whereas, in informal communication, the native speaker often use figurative language. It should be known, because it help us when we found English that the meaning different with dictionary meaning. Furthermore, I think English song is one of media which is familiar with us as learners.

3.5 Scope of study

In this case, I just limited the research on idiom and idiom classification in Jason Mraz' songs. Resercher chose the third of Jason Mraz' albums as the object. Moreover, the third album of Jason Mraz has twelve songs. The songs are "a beautiful mess, butterfly, coyotes, details in fabric, I'm yours, if it kills me, live high, love for a child, lucky, make it mine, only human, and the dynamo of volition."

3.6 The Significance of Study

The significance of this research is to help the readers to find the idiom in the songs, enrich the reader knowledge about idiom and I hope this research give

a good contribution to the student especially English students who take semantic subject.