

## **Chapter 1 : Introduction**

This study considers into subtopics, in order to determine the discussion of the study such as the background of the study, research question, objective of the study, significance of the study, and the scope of the study.

### **Background of Study**

The study of language becomes an interesting thing to be learned. It assists to comprehend the function of language as a media of communication that has important roles in human life. Language needed by the community as an illustration which describes their identity as an ethnic group that has certain characteristics, different from others. This difference creates a variety of languages from various backgrounds of ethnicities that called language variation. According to Soeparno cited in Teguh (2017), language variation consists of social variation, which subdivided into several forms, and one of them is slang. Slang is a Non-standard language that uses in an informal situation. Yule (2010) defines slang as words or phrases that are used as a daily language by teenagers, as a sign of group identity that is different from the others. Furthermore, adolescents, especially in their groups, dominate the use of slang. According to Richard cited in Gemilasari (2013), slang in language variation is often served in a certain group of people, such as in the army and pop group as an 'in-group' language.

Nowadays, in songs lyric, the usage of slang is a common term. The song is a representation of human feelings. It demonstrates the strong feelings of the singer. This can be seen from the word that is considered more appropriate words to express the feelings, including the choosing of slang which is then used in the lyrics. It is intended the depiction of the message of a song can be well, and it makes the song more attractive.

There are lots of songs that contain a lot of slang words, such as *B.O.B* by OutKast, *Alright* by Kendrick Lamar, and *International Players Anthem* by UGK ft OutKast. According to Melanie (2012), the kinds of a song which are using slang language more prevalent are rap songs. Rap is a type of music that was popularized and originated by black people, especially Americans, who have a certain way of speaking. According to Setyowati cited in Kuspiyah (2016), rap is a musical translation of everyday language delivered in poetic form, the beauty of a series of words used in expressing anger, and in some cases, the lyrics traverse about violence. The language that dominates in rap songs is slang.

Regarding this, the researcher interested to take rap songs as a source of the data, which used to analyze slang language. Slang language is formed from several types of word formation processes that create a word. Concerning this consideration, the researcher is attracted to analyze the types of words formation processes of slang in rap songs' lyrics. The researcher uses rap songs of Cardi B's album as a source of the data in this research. The key reason for considering this as a source of the research is there are lots of slang that the researcher found in Cardi B's songs' lyrics.

Therefore, it meets the needs of the researcher observation to discover the research question about types of word formation processes of slang in songs' lyric.

Moreover, the studies of slang words have been done by many researchers by taking on different objects. Among them, the first previous study which comes from Kuspiyah (2017) with entitled *Analysis On The Use of Slang On Eminem's Lyrics*. This study has been infestigated the slang words focuses on the meaning and the types of slang words in songs' lyrics. The second is study by Triyatono (2017) with entitled *An Analysis of Types And Functions of Slang Words Used By Presenters In Mtv Movie Awards 2016 Live Promo*. *This study has been discussed about the types of slang words related to the functions of slang word itself.*

Generally, those previous studies above are similar with the present study which they have the same topic, that is to analyze the slang words. *However, the previous and the present studies still have the difference. It can be seen that the first and the second previous studies focus to the types, the meaning, and the function of slang words, while the present study focuses to the form of slang words. Specifically in analyzing the types of word formation processes of slang words in Cardi B's songs' lyric. Therefore, it is able to see how a slang word is formed through several formations processes of words.*

Likewise, there are several slangs which used in songs' lyric. First in *Humble* by Kendrick Lamar.

*Pull up on your block, then break it down, we playin' Tetris*

*A.m. To the P. M.M. To the A.M., funk*

*Piss out your per diem, you just gotta hate 'em, funk*

*If I quit your BM, I still ride Mercedes, funk*

The word *em'* is a slang in those lyrics. Based on the Urban dictionary (retrieved: [www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)), it comes from an original word them, that becomes *em'* through the clipping process, which is the process of forming words where there is removal or truncation of one of the syllable in the beginning or the end of the original word. On the slang word *em'* occurs eliminating the syllable at the beginning of the word, it can be seen as follows: them → em + (') = em'. Regarding this, the types of the words formation process of word *em'* is clipping.

Second, in *Ova da wudz* by OutKast.

*Power, power, I come **gimme** some*

*The deadly voice over drums, we from, ATL*

*Put tha SWATS SWATS on yo' car*

*Let's travel far, tha southern star shines*

The word *gimme* is a slang. Refers to the Urban dictionary (retrieved: [www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)), its combinations of original words give and me, that becomes *gimme* through the blending process, which is the process of creating a new

word by combining parts of two words, usually the beginning of one word, and the end of another. It can be seen as follows: give → gi + me = gimme.

Concerning this, the types of the words formation process of word gimme is blending. Those are several slang that be used in songs' lyric. Furthermore, in this study, the researcher would be analyzing the processes of forming a slang word which occur in Cardi B's songs lyric, by using the theory of Yule (2010) as a guideline. The researcher conducts this theory because this theory provides the material in accordance with the needs of the analysis to answer the research question in this research, which is related to the processes of word formation.

### **Research Question**

In this research, the researcher had investigated the types of words formation process found in slang words that occur in Cardi B's songs' lyrics. The researcher intends to discover the following question statement:

What are the types of words formations processes of slang in Cardi B's songs' lyric?

### **Objective of the Study**

The objective of the research is; to describe the types of words formation processes of slang in Cardi B's songs' lyric.

### **Significance of the study**

Referring to the purpose of the study, the result of this research is expected to give better understanding which able to increase readers' understanding in the field of language, especially in morphological side as the valuable information. Moreover,

this research is expected able to provide the significances results for both theoretically and practically. In theoretically, this research is able to contribute better understanding related to morphological field; especially in types of words formation processes, and in English slang language; focuses on the process of forming the slang words. It will offers additional knowledge about slang words primarily in understanding the processes of forming the slang words itself.

In practically, this research expected can be useful in complementary material for teaching activities especially in morphological subject. Additionally, the theory and findings of this research will give additional information and valuable reference about types of words formation processes, and English slang language to other researchers who will investigate the same subject.

### **Scope of the Study**

The scoped of this study is to describe the types of words formation processes that build slang in rap songs' lyric. The study focused on Cardi B's songs' lyric, primarrly to the songs which contain slang and the most popular songs in the years around 2017 and 2019 based on Billboard on YouTube. The songs that able as sources of data research are: I Like It, Bodak Yellow, Please Me, Be Careful, and Money. In finding out the classification of types of words formation processes, the researcher conducted the theory of Yule (2010) related to the types of words formation processes, as the guideline to discover the research question. This theory provides several types of words formation processes, those are; etymology, coinage,

borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, backformation, conversion, acronym, derivation, and multiple processes.