

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Background of study

Language is one of the most important part of human communication. It is known that human as the creator of language is still creating new words and use those words as their daily language, it also makes the development of new words that are growing fast everyday. The development of new words also influence to the language variation.

Language variation is part of sociolinguistic. It means in sociolinguistics there are, human, language and the variation of human language. It is also known one important characteristic of human language is creative. From creativity human can creates their language which is different from one individu with the other individu. We can see that from how people from two different places has different language, and also people from one community or group has their own language that they only use with the member of their community. That is why human language has so many variation.

Language variation already became an interesting object of research, that is why we can easily find some expert who have been conduct research about it. Some experts also find out that in language variation there is social variation which in social variation we can find slang. So that, slang as the main concern of this research actually part of language variation.

Commonly, we know slang as an informal term that is used by some community in their oral conversation. Slang always become a phenomenon in

every generation, it can be seen from how in every generation has their own slang, and slang also become people identity. Identity means that when people use slang we can easily know where that people come from.

If we look in the Internet about the story behind slang or the history of slang, we can find so many sources that give us about slang's history. One of the source is come from Jelena Fasola's article about "Slang and its history". Which in that article there is an explanation that slang was come from the differences of dialects and pronunciation in the middle ages. The present-day meaning for slang began to form only in 16th or 17th century. In addition Winona Bullard also explain English Criminal Cant is considered to be the starting point of slang. It was a new kind of speech used by criminals in saloons and gambling houses. It was at first believed that English Criminal Cant originated in Romania or had occurred in France.

Present day slang is no longer consider as crimininal language. Many slang are formed by influence of culture, society and technology. From Jelena Fasola's article the researcher finds that actually the vocabulary of slang changes rapidly, usually new slang from one generation will be an old-fashioned for the next. Some old slang also become a standard language, the example is word "gay" which this word is a slang for "homosexual" but is now widely accepted as standard terminology.

Slang also delevop so fast because of the media such as TV, song lyrics, magazine, movie etc. Consequently, slang always becomes phenomenon in every generation. The example of slang word which becomes phenomenon in present

day is "Cius miapah", this word not only becomes a phenomenon but also influence Indonesian teenagers daily conversation. There are also some slang that really famous among american young people in present day such as, "Selfie Stick" which means a long metal device with a phone camera on, use to capture a photo of yourself from far away, and "Bae" which it is stand for "before anyone else". By seeing slang phenomenon in present day, the researcher decided to do research about slang.

Slang not only become a phenomenon, but the research about slang also increasing in every year. This research divided slang into four varieties according to Oha C Anthony, which Anthony explain the choice of colloquial vocabulary is depending on user purpose, social situation and what is needed to.

The following varieties of vocabulary according Oha C Anthony are common colloquial words, professional and social Jargons, vulgarisms, and dialectal words.

From Oha C Anthony theory above the research analyzed and divided slang that appears in Pitch Perfect movie into those four varieties. Pitch Perfect is a 2012 American musical comedy film directed by Jason Moore Pitch perfect shows the daily live of students in Barden University. This movie focus in the accapella group from Barden University. There are two main group in this of acapella in this movie, they are Barden Bellas and Treblemeker. Barden Bella are consist with woman member while Treble consist with men member. I choose this movie because of the acapella group in this movie have their own slang which we cannot find in any other movie, example "Acascusme", this word is create by

member of accapella with change the word "excuse me". This word is actually come from word "Acapella" and "excuse me" and became "Acascusme".

Even though there are many people who have been conducted research about slang but it still rare to find people who doing research about slang term in Pitch perfect movie. After searching from some sources in Internet the researcher cannot find the research about slang in Pitch Perfect.

Another Slang that appears in Pitch Perfect is "Treble boned" according to spolasky definition, about characteristic of slang language, the word "Treble boned" can be categorized as a slang. One of characteristic of slang by spolasky is "Slang arises as vocabulary which is used by a particular social group with specific purpose, for example as a device for familiarizing a conversation". Only member of acapella in Pitch Perfect movie can understand the words "Treble boned" and the members use this word as a device for familiarizing a conversation.

The reason why I choose slang as the main concern of this research, first is because the phenomenon of slang continuing until present day and the effect of slang give a big contribution to our daily conversation with our friends. Eventhough slang can never replace the formal langauage because slang and formal language has their own place in society, but we cannot deny that beside technology, slang become one important thing for us to know in order to blend and communicate with people in present day. Second is, because slang is an interesting language and also to understand slang we need to interpret slang word to make us understand. It is known one of the most important function of

language is for communication, so that is why the speaker and the listener should have the same interpretation of slang word. If listener cannot interpret slang, then the function of language as the communication is fail, because it will make miss communication between speaker and listener. Those are two reason why do I Conducted this research.

The reason why I choose Pitch Perfect movie, because Pitch Perfect is one of musical comedy drama that very famous in nowadays and so close with young people. That is true that there so many another movie that also very famous as well, but Picth Perfect is different because it is show the daily live of one community which they have their own slang that they create only for they community. Being a famous movie is one important point for Pitch Perfect movie, because of the famous factor, makes so many people watched this movie and perhaps after watched this movie they started to use slang in Pitch Perfect. So that, this movie have contribution in the development of new slang.

This research focus to find out what are the slang that appears in "Pitch Perfect" movie and what are the variations of the slang in "Pitch perfect" Movie. By studying about slang, we can see how creative human is, they can create their own language that they use for their community.

Research questions

The research question of this research is what are the variation of slang in “pitch perfect” movie?

Objectives

The objective of this research is to describe the variation of slang from “Pitch perfect” movie.

Significances

The significances of this research generally is to show the reader how Slang give contribution in forming new words. This research also can give informations and reference for student who want to know more about slang especially about variation of slang. The development of slang is so fast and some of slang from the past become a standard language in this age, perhaps some of these slang which appears in Pitch Perfect movie can be standard language in the future. So that, this research can be reference for the other writers who will do their research in slang field. This research also will show students, that beside of formal language that they learn from formal study, but there is also slang language that they will find in their enviroment. Furthermore, from this research they can categorize some slang thay they found and they will know which slang that should not be use because it included in vulgarism.