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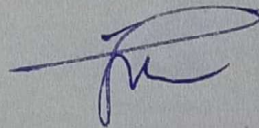
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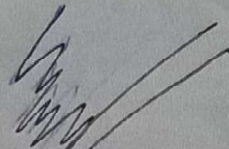


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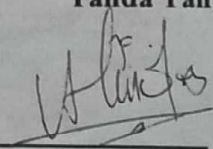
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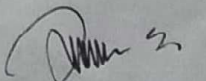
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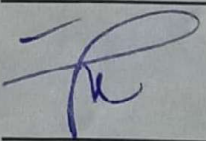
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ABSTRACT

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This study is an analysis of word formation in slang words found in the dialogue of a movie. The data in this study were taken from the script of the Furious 7 movie. This study aims to determine the types of word formation and the function of slang words found in the Furious 7 movie. The theory used in this research is Yule (2010) about the types of word formation and Allan & Burrige's (2006) about the function of slang. This research is descriptive research with a qualitative approach to solving research problems. The researcher found 37 slang words used by the characters involved. This study reveals that there are seven types of word formation in slang formation, namely borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, acronym, derivation, and multiple processes. In addition, six different functions were found in the use of slang words, namely, to address, to initiate relaxed conversation, to express impressions, to show intimacy, to reveal anger, and to humiliate.

Keywords: *Word Formation, Slang, Furious 7*

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini merupakan analisa pembentukan kata pada kata slang yang ditemukan dalam dialog sebuah film. Data dalam penelitian ini diambil dari naskah film Furious 7. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui jenis pembentukan kata dan fungsi dari kata slang yang ditemukan dalam film Furious 7. Teori yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah Yule (2010) tentang tipe pembentukan kata dan Allan & Burridge's (2006) tentang fungsi slang. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian deskriptif dengan pendekatan kualitatif untuk memecahkan masalah penelitian. Peneliti menemukan 37 kata slang yang digunakan oleh para karakter yang terlibat. Studi ini mengungkapkan ada tujuh tipe pembentukan kata pada pembentukan slang yaitu borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, acronym, derivation, dan multiple processes. Selain itu juga ditemukan enam fungsi yang berbeda pada penggunaan kata slang yaitu, to address, to initiate relax conversation, to express impression, to show intimacy, to reveal anger, dan to humiliate.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Research

At this time, there are many variations of the language used in society. Language variety is a type of language to interact with that is adapted to functions and situations. This means that the form of language used by speakers is marked by a formality scale. According to Aslinda and Syafyahya (2010), the variation or diversity of languages is caused by many languages used by the community to interact with each other. Every activity carried out by the community is very influential in the development of language diversity itself. The occurrence of language diversity is not only influenced by various interactions and social activities, but also because of the different speakers and the fact that speakers are not homogeneous. Joos in Chaer and Agustina (2010:70) has divided the diversity of languages based on the level of formality, the level consists of frozen, formal, consultative, intimate, and casual styles.

In connection with the phenomenon of language variety, there are gradations of language variety, from the very formal to the very informal. Language variety refers to the form of language used by speakers and is characterized by a formality scale. They range from frozen to casual language style. According to Burrige and Stebbins (2015:106) Frozen language variety is the most formal and most official language variation. Grammatical structures for frozen languages are immutable, rigid, and have long sentences. Then the use of frozen language variety is not only found in speech, but also in prayers, laws, and in correspondence or official documents. While the most relaxed variety of language is the casual style. According to Chaer and Agustina (2010:71) Casual language is the type of language used in informal situations, such as

chatting with family or friends while taking a break, exercising, taking a walk, or doing other recreational activities. This variety of language is not appropriate when applied to foreigners or people who have not been known before. Casual language is often used in informal settings, such as songs, books, movies, etc.

One example of casual language style is slang. According to Chaer and Agustina (2010:67), slang is a special and secret social variation. Slang words are not always in the official English dictionaries. It is commonly used in informal conversation. Usually, teenagers use this type of language, but nowadays adults and the elderly also use it. The characteristics of slang usually take the form of shortening or omission of some letters in a word, or even changes in sound and meaning. According to McArthur (2003), the transmission of information is rarely the goal of utilizing slang. Slang is used more frequently for social functions including group identification and lowering the formality of conversation. Sharing and maintaining a dynamic slang vocabulary promotes group cohesiveness and serves to include and exclude individuals. Furthermore, native English speakers frequently utilize informal language, save for extremely formal contexts. This is why learning slang and informal language is so beneficial, particularly if the language user wishes to seem more like a native speaker than a foreigner. Understanding what the locals are saying is also helpful for listeners because slang is now often used, especially by young people. Using slang also helps to build closeness between speakers so that they don't seem stiff. Slang sometimes gives language users new words or old words into new usage. Many researchers have previously studied slang in various forms such as novels, songs, shows, drama scripts, social media, etc.

Apparently, the use of slang is also often used in Hollywood movies. According to Rabiger (2009), a movie is a medium in the form of a video that is initiated or produced with a real idea. A movie generally contains elements of entertainment and

meaning. Both elements are determined by the conditions in which the movie was made, which can sometimes be in the form of comedy, or it can also be in the form of history. This ensures that many people, both young and old, will watch the movie because it offers several entertainments, historical and cultural elements behind it, including the use of the language used and one of the variations is slang which has now become the native speaker's everyday language. There are several reasons why slang is used in movies, including the simplification of dialogue in movies so that the movie does not seem monotonous and rigid which makes the audience bored. The use of slang also aims to make the movie look modern and keep up with the times. Usually, the slang used in Hollywood movies will be popular in real life and slang will change from time to time.

However, it turns out that there are still many people who do not understand the meaning of slang or do not know how slang words in movies are formed. Knowledge of slang is something that is crucial at this point because slang has become the everyday language used by native speakers. The use of slang should not be arbitrary and must pay attention to who, where, and when someone is communicating. If its use is not in accordance with the context it will cause miscommunication or even be considered impolite. Slang is a seasonal variation of language, sometimes people use a word just because they want to appear to be following a trend and often the usage is out of context. As a result, it is important to know how slang is formed to understand how a word originates and be able to use it according to the context. The types of word formation are what is involved in this. One of the topics discussed in morphology is word formation, which examines how words can be formed in today's language. Although a person who is not familiar with linguistics may claim that a word is the smallest unit of a language, a word goes through a number of steps before becoming a word. It is

important to understand the type of word formation because over time many new words appear. Knowledge about word formation will always be useful because every day there will be many new words created because of social interactions between speakers with different language backgrounds. The word formation process, according to Yule (1985, p. 53–60), is the act of producing and inventing new words through the use of existing ones. Many researchers have previously studied how slang in movies can be formed. The following is a review of several studies that have discussed the analysis of slang word formation in movies.

The first study is titled *The Analysis of Slang Word Formation Used in "Easy A" Movie* and was conducted by Zahra (2013). This study focused on the word formation used to form the slang in Easy A Movie's opening 45 minutes. According to the research, the first 45 minutes of Easy A Movie had seven different forms of word formation. The second study is by Kumalasari (2020) with the title *Word Formation Analysis of English Slang Language on Billy Elliot Movie*. The purpose of the focus of the problem is to describe the slang found in Billy Elliot's movie and to describe how the process of forming slang in Billy Elliot's movie is. The third research entitled *Word Formation Analysis of Slang Language in "Deadpool I & II" Movie* and was conducted by Adhitya (2020). This study aims to identify the different word formation processes that may be discovered in the Deadpool movie as well as the procedures by which English slang terms are formed. The fourth study is titled *Word Formation Processes of Slang Used by Main Characters in "The DUFF" Movie* by Nurhaidah (2019). The main characters in the movie "The DUFF" employed a variety of slang words, thus this study was done to determine how those words were formed. And the last study is titled *A Word-Formation Analysis of Slang Expressions in Pitch Perfect Movie Script* and was conducted by Primingtyas (2016). This research aims to identify the grammatical

forms of slang idioms used in the Pitch Perfect movie screenplay and to explain their meanings considering the context in which they are used.

From the five studies above, it can be said that this research was different because they still focus on the types or processes of word formation in slang found in movie dialogues. Meanwhile, this research did not only focus on the types of word formation, but also discussed the function of each slang word used by the actors in their dialogues. In addition, previous research generally examined comedy genre movies, while the movie used in this study were crime genre. In this movie, several slang terms were also found that were not familiar and did not exist in the movies in the previous study. This difference was a novelty in this study and is expected to become new insights for readers and new references for future researchers.

Researcher chose the Furious 7 movie for this study for several reasons. According to IMDb, Furious 7 is the 10th highest-grossing movie of all time with a total revenue of US\$1.51 billion. Financially, this movie is the best-selling in the Fast and Furious 7 franchise and is a Universal Pictures movie, which means that in terms of revenue and number of viewers, this movie is interesting to watch. Furious 7 is an American action, crime, and auto racing movie and in its dialogue the writer expects to use a lot of slang terms. Talking about streetcar racing is also the reason why the dialogue in this film is thought to be close to the use of slang. The characters in this movie show their habits in America, meaning that this movie talks about American culture, language, and customs that not all movies show it. Krapp (1925:1) claimed that according to Sherman "American is more spontaneous and impulsive, whereas British style is more organized since it originates from study of the classics." American citizens utilized slang more frequently than Britons did because of their freedom to use language.

In this modern era, language has developed rapidly, as well as the variety of languages used. Interactions between speakers that are not homogeneous make different languages influence each other, therefore one important part of learning a language is being able to understand the types, and origins of different language variations. In addition, language users are not only able to use trending words but also must be able to know when to use them. This is meant to avoid using words that are not appropriate to the context.

1.2. Identification of the Problem

Based on the general description in the background, it can be defined if slang are words that are not used in formal conversation at all. When using slang people must pay attention to the situation and with whom they are interacting. Currently the use of slang is not only found in daily communication, but has also entered various fields and works, one of which is movie. Slang used in the dialogue of famous Hollywood movies will usually go viral and be used in real conversations. Referring to previous research, it turns out that there are still many people who do not know the meaning of slang words and how slang words can be formed even though slang is one of the most used language variations in native speaker's daily conversation at this time. It turns out that not only that, but the author also assumed that there are still many people who don't know the function of slang words. Before using slang in a conversation, it must be ensured that the speaker understands the function of the slang that will be spoken because the function of each slang is different and will affect when, where, and to whom the slang is addressed. As a result, the factors behind someone using slang are also worth investigating to solve other problems.

1.3. Limitation of the Problem

This research concentrated on the types of word formation in slang used by the characters in the James Wan movie *Furious 7* (2015). The researcher also examined the function of slang that appears in the dialogues of *Furious 7*. The word formation processes that had been studied include acronym, derivation, compounding, borrowing, coinage, blending, clipping, backformation, and multiple processes. The data used were only slang words that appear in the dialog.

1.4. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the background, identification problem, and limitation problem mentioned previously, the writer formulated the research problem as follows: “What were the types of word formation in slang terms and their functions in the movie *Furious 7*?”

1.5. Research Questions

The research questions were based on the study above-mentioned topic.

1. What types of word formation were found in the slang words in the *Furious 7* movie?
2. What were the functions of each slang employed by the actors in *Furious 7* movie?

1.6. Purpose of the Research

Related to the research question above, the purposes of the research which were arranged by the researcher of this study:

1. To find out the types of word formation in slang used in *Furious 7*.
2. To find out the functions of the slang used in *Furious 7*.

1.7. Significance of the Research

Furious 7 is one of the famous Hollywood movies, many slang terms are found in the dialogue. Knowledge of slang is something that is crucial nowadays. The use of slang cannot be arbitrary and must pay attention to who, where, and when someone communicates. If its use is not in accordance with the context it will cause miscommunication. Thus, it is important to know how slang is formed to understand how a word originates and thus be able to use it according to the context. By reading this research, it is hoped that the audience who watched the Furious 7 movie can easily use slang terms according to their function and know the origin and how the slang is formed. In addition, this research is expected to increase the knowledge of readers who are interested in studying linguistics because in this movie there are several slang terms that are not familiar or even only appear in this movie. Then, this research is expected to contribute to the formation of English words and can also be a good reference for other researchers, especially for English students. The writer also hopes that this research can help non-linguists understand slang for everyday communication, especially in informal situations.

1.8. Definition of the Key Terms

1. The word formation process is a method for creating new words from existing ones based on many linguistic principles.
2. Slang is a seasonal variety of language spoken in informal situations by certain social groups with the intention that those who are not members of the group do not understand and are also used to build group identity.

3. Furious 7 is an American action and auto racing movie directed by James Wan and written by Chris Morgan. Furious 7 is the seventh movie in the Fast & Furious series.