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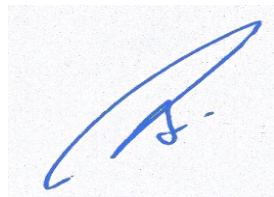


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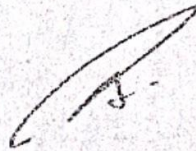
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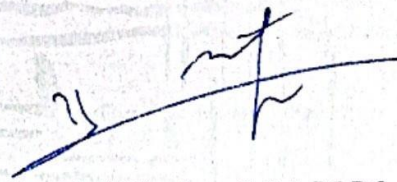


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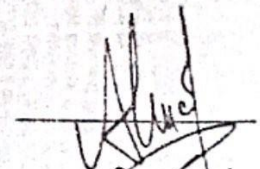
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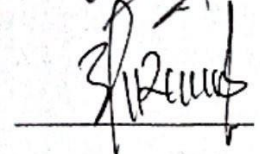
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ABSTRACT

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Language is a bridge for people to communicate with one another in society. The writer chose to concentrate on this topic because of the phenomenon of slang language use in nearly all musical genres. Slang is a linguistic variant found in various forms of communication, including song lyrics. Variations or variety of language is the main topic in socioinguistics studies, so it’s clear that Kridalaksana in Chaer and Agustina (2010). This study aims to identify the types of slang words in Nicky Minaj’s song lyrics with three title song of Nicky Minaj’s , there are Super freaky girl”, “plain jane” and “starship. This research was a type of descriptive qualitative research method "descriptive research is a research method that seeks to systematically describe the characteristics of objects to be examined properly". (Sukardi, 2003). This study used Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory of slang words to analyze the data, and also identifies five types with the inclusion of fresh and creative types, flippant, imitative, acronym and clipping. The source of data was obtained from the lyric of song in conducting the study The researcher found 40 slang words in Nicky Minaj’s song lyrics. The researcher found 20 slang words with clipping type (50%), ten slang words with fresh and creative type (25%), one slang word with flippant type (2.5%), three slang words with imitative types (7.5%), and six slang words with acronym types (15%). The most dominant type of slang word in Nicky Minaj’s song lyrics is clipping. This research is expected to give better knowledge about *Slang* and better understanding

Keywords : slang words, language variation, song

ABSTRAK

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Bahasa merupakan jembatan bagi manusia untuk berkomunikasi satu sama lain dalam masyarakat. Peneliti memilih untuk berkonsentrasi pada topik ini karena fenomena penggunaan bahasa slang di hampir semua genre musik. Bahasa gaul merupakan varian linguistik yang ditemukan dalam berbagai bentuk komunikasi, termasuk lirik lagu. Variasi atau ragam bahasa menjadi topik utama dalam kajian sosiolinguistik, sehingga jelas Kridalaksana dalam Chaer dan Agustina (2010). Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis kata slang dalam lirik lagu Nicky Minaj dengan tiga judul lagu Nicky Minaj, yaitu adalah Gadis super aneh”, “plain jane” dan “kapal luar angkasa. Penelitian ini merupakan jenis metode penelitian deskriptif kualitatif “penelitian deskriptif adalah suatu metode penelitian yang berusaha menggambarkan secara sistematis ciri-ciri objek yang akan diteliti dengan baik”. (Sukardi, 2003). Penelitian ini menggunakan teori kata-kata slang Allan dan Burridge (2006) untuk menganalisis data, dan juga mengidentifikasi lima tipe dengan memasukkan tipe segar dan kreatif, kurang ajar, imitatif, akronim dan klipring. Sumber data diperoleh dari lirik lagu Dalam melakukan penelitian Peneliti menemukan 40 kata slang dalam lirik lagu Nicky Minaj. Peneliti menemukan 20 kata slang dengan tipe klipring (50%), sepuluh kata slang dengan tipe segar dan kreatif (25%), satu kata slang dengan tipe kurang ajar (2,5%), tiga kata slang dengan tipe imitatif (7,5%), dan enam kata slang dengan jenis akronim (15%). Jenis kata slang yang paling dominan pada lirik lagu Nicky Minaj adalah klipring. Penelitian ini diharapkan dapat memberikan pengetahuan yang lebih baik tentang bahasa gaul dan pemahaman yang lebih baik.

Kata kunci : bahasa gaul, variasi bahasa, lagu

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

The primary means of communication in human life is language. Humans can communicate and express themselves through language. Language has various cooperative functions in various fields, including the realm of music, which includes spoken and written expressions.

Everyone acknowledges that music is an art form with a solid social presence (Pramayani, 2011: 1). The Great Indonesian Dictionary defines music as (1) The skill of arranging tones or sounds, sorting, integrating, and producing a sound arrangement that is perfectly harmonious and balanced. (2) Rhythmic, melodic, and asymmetrical arrangements of tones and sounds (especially with the use of tools).

Music has several genres, such as jazz, blues, rock, funk, hip-hop, etc. In hip-hop, rap music is one of the elements of hip-hop music. If we usually listen to this genre, the vocal technique used is fast words. Singers of this genre are called rappers. The hip-hop song genre is another form of media that has significantly contributed to the global spread of slang phrases. Slang words are often used in song lyrics, especially rap songs, to add to the appeal of the music. Nicky Minaj is a rapper who frequently uses slang terms in her lyrics.

Nicki Minaj is the stage name of Onifca Tanya Maraj (born 8, 1982, St. James Trinidad and Tobago), singer, composer, television personality, and actress

of Trinidadian descent known for her bold lyrics and fast-paced, flowing rap style. She is a rapper and musician from the United States renowned for incorporating many slang terms into her songs. Nicky Minaj uses slang in her songs' lyrics to attract her listeners' attention. She also uses slang to keep up with the times, go with the flow, and seem contemporary. In addition, Nicky Minaj uses slang in the lyrics of the song with the aim that it is not too stiff (formal). Some examples of slang in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj's song are lotto (lottery or games), dump shit (stupid/idiot), dude (nickname for men), etc.

Nicki Minaj gained popularity in the music industry due to her unique style, versatile rapping ability, and confident personality. She has successfully blended various music genres and has collaborated with other popular artists, contributing to her widespread appeal. Furthermore, she is also highly skilled in rapping with her slang style, and many people do not like her because her popular songs are considered less meaningful. For example, "Anaconda" currently holds the record for the most views in 24 hours, but its lyrics are not as meaningful as those of "Autobiography", where Nicki Minaj discusses more serious topics than just body shape. Additionally, the public's attention is more focused on her public image than her motivational messages. Although she often inspires her fans to work hard and stay in school during her live performances, unfortunately, not many people pay attention to that.

Nicky Minaj's songs almost always attract attention and become a trend, one of which is the TikTok application. Many TikTok users use the TikTok app to show creativity in various ways, including acting, singing, and dancing. Nicky

Minaj's trending songs include Plain Jane, Starship, and Super Freaky Girl. Because Nicky Minaj's songs have catchy melodies and lyrics, the song gets the attention of Tiktok users. Therefore, the researcher is interested in researching Nicky Minaj's songs, which are trending on the Tiktok application and decides to analyze the types of slang used in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics, and calculate the dominant type of slang in Nicky Minaj's songs.

Some previous studies have been conducted to focus on using slang words and used the theory of Allan and Burrige. The first research is English Slang Word used in Doja Cat Song Lyric on the Album Hot Pink by (Priva Oktaliana, 2020). The second research is Slang Word Used In Olivia Rodrigp Song Lyrics In The Album Of Sour by Diajeng Ayu Retno Adi Pamungkas 2023. The researcher found several previous studies using the theory of Allan and Burrige, but the object was not a song.

The researcher chooses and uses the theory of Allan and Burrige (2006) because this theory has explained in its entirety the problems to be studied. Besides that, this theory has also been used as a reference by previous researchers. Therefore, this theory is very suitable and suitable for use as a reference in this study.

The researcher realizes this is not the first study to analyze slang words. Vera Saprina 2016 researched Nicky Minaj's song lyrics, researcher examined three songs, namely Anaconda, Girlfriend, and Bang Bang, using Eric Patridge's theory. The next research that examines Nicky Minaj is The Study of Slang by Nicki Minaj in Pink Friday Album. The resercher used theory types of slang in the lyrics

by using the theory by Chapman (2007) and the theory of slang word formations by using the theory by Mattiello (2008). Meanwhile, in this study, researcher analyzed one of Nicky Minaj's songs, which went viral on social media accounts with the title (song lyrics and pink love sign), namely "Plain Jane" ft A\$AP Ferg, with views of 12.1 million listeners. So, by looking at previous research, researcher have not found research using Allan and Burrige's theory (2006) in analyzing Nicky Minaj's songs.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

The researcher wants to analyze the types of slang and calculate the types of slang words that become dominant in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj's songs. In this study, the researcher has explained the slang words in Nicky Minaj's song lyric, which is further divided into five forms, namely creative and fresh, flippant, imitative, acronym, and clipping.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The scope of study in this study includes the types of slang used by Nicky Minaj in writing song lyrics. The limitations of this research data are three songs trending on the TikTok application.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

From the above limitations, formulation the problem is "What are the types of slang that appeared in Nicky Minaj's song?":

1.5 Research Question

1. What types of slang does Nicki Minaj use in the lyrics of three songs titled " Super freaky girl", "plain jane" and "starship "?
2. What is the most frequently used type of slang in the song lyrics of Nicki Minaj's three songs titled " Super freaky girl", "plain jane" and "starship"?

1.6 Purpose of the Research

1. To identify the type of slang used by Nicki Minaj in the song lyrics of Nicki Minaj's three songs titled " Super freaky girl", "plain jane" and "starship "?
2. To find out the occurrence frequency of slang-type terms that often appear in Nicky Minaj's songs slang in the song lyrics of Nicki Minaj's three songs titled " Super freaky girl", "plain jane" and "starship "?

1.7 Significances of the Research

The findings of this study are expected to be valuable and relevant in some respects, both theoretically and practically.

1. Theoretical Contribution

The findings of this study can increase knowledge about the theory of slang words and can add to studies in analyzing the types of slang and knowing the most used type of slang in the context of songs.

2. Practical Contribution

This research is expected to expand the researcher's knowledge about slang in songs. In addition, this study can assist future researchers in

conducting the same analysis on different variables.

1.8 Key Terms

1. Language variation: Variation of language commonly used by people based on their place and situation
2. Song: In music, a song is a voice composition performed by singing.
Sociolinguistics: Sociolinguistics is the study of how language and society interact. Nicky Minaj's