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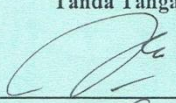
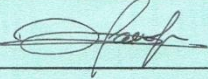
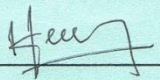

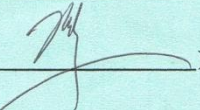
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## ABSTRAK

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Bahasa merupakan alat komunikasi yang sangat penting bagi manusia, karena dengan bahasa, seseorang dapat memperoleh informasi dan menggunakan bahasa sesuai dengan gaya pengucapan mereka masing-masing. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah menemukan macam-macam gaya bahasa yang terdapat pada novel *The Last Tycoon* yang ditulis oleh F Scoot Fitzgerald. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga mendiskripsikan faktor-faktor apa saja yang mempengaruhi pemilihan bahasa dalam novel *The Last Tycoon* ini. Sumber data dikumpulkan dari percakapan dari setiap karakter dalam novel *The Last Tycoon*. Dari hasil analisis, novel ini menggunakan tujuh jenis gaya bahasa yaitu, *formal*, *informal*, *casual*, *colloquial*, *consultative*, *intimate*, dan *slang style*. Kemudian pada novel ini ditemukannya beberapa faktor yang mempengaruhi penggunaan pemilihan bahasa pada novel *The Last Tycoon* yaitu faktor *topic*, *relationships*, *setting*, dan *participants*. Pada novel ini ada 104 percakapan yang ditemukan oleh peneliti yang paling tinggi frekuensi gaya bahasanya dapat diurutkan sebagai berikut, *informal* 29.80%, *colloquial* 23.7%, *formal* 14.42%, *slang* 11.5%, *consultative* 10.5%, *intimate* 6.7%, *casual* 3.8% dan 0% *frozen style*. Kemudian faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi pemilihan kata tersebut yang paling tinggi frekuensinya adalah *topic* 40.38%, *setting* 21.15%, *participants/relationships* 35.35%, 10.5%. jadi penggunaan bahasa yang paling tinggi frekuensinya adalah *informal style* dan faktor yang mempengaruhinya adalah faktor *topic*.

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# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I.I Background of the Problem**

This study deals with the study of language and communication about language style. Language is a fundamental aspect of human life. This is the way to communicate and establish relationship with other people. In other words, language can be used as a tool of communication. Thus, It is one of the vital factors to create an interaction one another.

As a human being, language may express people's emotions, ideas, feelings, and thought by using sounds, gestures and signals that have pattern. This allows people to convey or receive information. This process of transferring information from one person to another people by using particular medium called as communication. Thus, it enables one to maintain relationship with other people.

Moreover, the good communication is the basic thing that is needed in any successful relationship. It is important to recognize our verbal or nonverbal communication. Verbal communication refers to the communication which uses sound and language to deliver a message. It can be used to express desires, ideas and concepts. It is very vital to the process of communication. On the other hand, nonverbal communication refers to the ability in using the body language or gesture such as facial expression, eye contact and tone of voice which is a powerful tool that can help people to connect with others. Also, it helps people to express what they really mean and build better relationships. Consequently, the

combination of using verbal and nonverbal communication enables people to create a good communication and interaction.

In communication, people use language in a practical way. They use language virtually in every interaction that they had. Therefore, language becomes so automatic and natural. On the other hand, people pay less attention to it, and sometimes emphasized by the fact that they do not speak quite good as others do. Consequently, many people need professionals to assist them in learning language.

Language style makes one person different from another. It is because every people have their own style when they communicate to others. Style refers to the choice of certain linguistic forms that have the same meaning. It has an important role in communication. In other words, a speaker may use different styles in order not to bother the situation of speaking and not to offend the hearer. Thus, the speaker needs to adjust to the situation before choosing a certain style when the communication happens.

The language style expresses people feelings and thought through a language, both orally and written form. To know how the writer or speaker uses his or her language style in conveying their thinking to the people is very interesting. In writing, the writer puts the utterance in the form of written language. While in speaking, the speaker delivers his message in order to be heard and known what the speaker wants directly.

There are seven types of language style they are formal language, informal style, slang style, colloquial style, intimate style, casual style, consultative style,

and frozen style. Language style used in formal style is like when people write in protocol, dictionary, law, etc. The other is informal language style which is used when people write newspaper, magazine, comic, novel, etc.

Slang is a kind of language style that is colloquial style. It is not whatever is new or popular in the way of language. It is not really paying attention to the choice of words, structural, and pronunciation. This is the reason why slang words cannot be found in dictionary. In addition, this subject is important for people to make them understand and easy to classify the subject that they read. Also, they can make an analysis on the same subject of reading.

Actually, the use of language style is not only found in the daily conversation, but also in magazine, newspaper, short story, novel and etc. However this thesis is focused on analyzing language styles of novel. In this thesis the writer found the phenomenon of the novel, *The Last Tycoon* which is the familiar novel in around 1996. The novel tells about the experiences of romantic figure a Hollywood producer who find himself not only to find struggle love for his own life.

In the novel, the author tried to convey the messages from the novel to the readers by several styles that he used. The novelist uses many rhetorical devices to convey his message in his books. The style of Fitzgerald's writing invites the readers to experience the intensity of his messages. Here is the example of language style used in the novel. First, slang style, *TV (television)*, *Bet it!*, *crack (break)*, *phone (telephone)*. These examples belong to slang language. Sometimes, slang words could not be found in dictionary because the slang language has been

defined as one of those everybody can recognize and anybody can define the words that we used. It means sometimes people can find the slang style in dictionary because slang style be based on everybody who knows about the meaning of slang style itself. Second is Colloquial:

‘I want to find out if we’re going to be grounded in Nashville.’  
 ‘Wylie White was aghast.’  
 ‘why?’  
 ‘it’s a storm coming up in the Mississippi Valley.’  
 ‘Does that mean we’ll have to stay here all night?’  
 ‘if this keeps up!’

The example above is found in the novel (*The Last Tycoon* page:9)

The example above is colloquial style and this is called as a linguistic phenomenon in *The Last Tycoon* novel. From the phenomenon above, the novel uses colloquial language to communicate with the readers. This is called as a colloquial because from the example, it can be seen that the sentences do not use full form (*we are*) but the construction (*we’re*) for the structure use the construction such as (*it’s, we’re*). It is based on casual conversation. It can also be seen from Ary (1998), says that colloquial is word phrases that are only used in utterances in spoken language.

Then, the difference between slang style and colloquial style is, slang style is usually used as colloquial words and phrases. Slang style is also used in informal style. While colloquial style use the construction (‘) to shortened the conversational based on the casual conversation and also colloquial style often use incomplete ungrammatical, is not paying attention to the pronunciation. Actually both of slang style and colloquial style are almost similar.

Based on the examples given above, the researcher is interested to conduct a research about language style used in *The Last Tycoon* novel written by Fitzgerald. In this research, it is expected that the readers can enhance their knowledge especially in language style. The reason why the researcher chooses this novel is because this is one of popular novels which has awarded as best seller novel and has been created into movie. Therefore the language style in this novel also influence to the linguistic phenomenon which found by the researcher.

### **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

The problem that is identified through this research is the types of language style. Analysis of this research can be done pragmatically or based on morphology and syntax analysis. It is either well followed by the types of language style or what are the factors that influence the use of language style in the novel.

Based on morphological and syntax study, the language style can be used to describe the word structures from the conversation that the researcher found in the novel of *The Last Tycoon*.

### **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

This research was classified as the study of sociolinguistics. This research analyzed language style and factors influencing the use of language choice in novel *The Last Tycoon*. The analyzing of language style process was analyzed by using the combination theory which shown in the chapter two review related literature. There was the analysis of the use of language style in novel *The Last*

*Tycoon*. This process was identified as the main case of this study. This study focuses on types of language style and the factors influence the use of language choice in novel that are use only by the speakers in novel.

#### **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

Referring to identification and focus of the problem above, the problem of this research is formulated as follow: “what types of language styles that are used in novel *The Last Tycoon*” and what are the factors that influence the use of language choice in novel “*The Last Tycoon*.”

#### **1.5 Research Questions**

The writer formulates the problem of this research as follow:

1. What types of language style are found in the novel of “*The Last Tycoon*”?
2. What are the factors that influence the use of language choice in novel “*The Last Tycoon*”?

#### **1.6 Purpose of the Problem**

1. To find out and explain types of language style used in novel “*The Last Tycoon*”.
2. To identify the factors that influence language choice that is used in novel “*The Last Tycoon*”

### 1.7 Significance of the Research

The result of the research can be useful theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the research gives contribution to linguistic field, especially in Sociolinguistics study, morphological analysis and pragmatics, extend the knowledge about the realization of language style in novel. Practically, the researcher expects the finding of this research help people especially the students to understand more about the types of language style. By some means, that they are able to apply all of the types of language style in the daily life in order to create a communicative conversation. Thus, this research gives more knowledge to her and to the readers.

### 1.8 Definition of the Key Terms

It is necessary to fix a clear definition of some key terms that are used in this research in order to avoid misunderstanding of some conceptual terms that may appear later on. The following definitions will help readers to get the idea of conceptual terms.

1. *Language style* is the way of people to communicate with other person by using their own style through language use. In other words, it is the way for people to express themselves when they make a communication.
2. *The Last Tycoon* novel is the title of the novel which is written by Fitzgerald that is used by the researcher.
3. *Language Choice* is probably switch during the interaction which divides into several types those are setting, topic, relationship, participants, function.