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ABSTRAK

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Makalah yang berjudul “Swearword Used in Chat Room Yahoo Messenger” ini membahas tentang jenis-jenis dan fungsi-fungsi kata sumpah-serapah yang ditemukan dalam ruang percakapan India di Yahoo Messenger. Penulis memilih topik ini karena penulis ingin mengetahui jenis-jenis kata sumpah-serapah yang digunakan oleh orang-orang dalam percakapan Yahoo Messenger, terutama di ruang percakapan India di Yahoo Messenger dan apa saja fungsi yang ditemukan dari setiap jenis kata sumpah-serapah tersebut. Penulis menggunakan teori jenis-jenis kata sumpah-serapah yang dikemukakan oleh Montagu dalam mengidentifikasi dan menganalisis jenis-jenis kata sumpah-serapah yang digunakan, dan menggunakan teori fungsi kata sumpah-serapah yang dikemukakan oleh Crystal dalam mengidentifikasi dan menganalisis fungsi kata sumpah-serapah yang digunakan.

Data yang dikumpulkan berupa kata-kata yang mengandung makna sumpah-serapah mulai dari tanggal 1 sampai 30 April 2012 yang hanya terfokus pada ruang percakapan India di Yahoo Messenger. Penulis mengumpulkan data sebanyak 40 dan ditampilkan hanya 20 kata atau frase. Dari hasil analisis, penulis menemukan bahwa pengguna Yahoo Messenger menggunakan 6 jenis kata sumpah-serapah dari 13 jenis sumpah-serapah yang dikemukakan oleh Montagu (1967), yaitu nama-nama kekuatan gaib dari Tuhan, malaikat dan setan (6), kata-kata yang berkaitan dengan masa depan (2), nama-nama nenek moyang dan pahlawan (2), sumpah dari nama benda-benda alam, kekuatan, dan fenomena (3), kata-kata vulgar atau kata-kata yang tidak senonoh (17), dan sumpah dari nama-nama hewan, tumbuhan, dan alat reproduksi mereka. Setiap jenis kata sumpah-serapah memiliki fungsi yang berbeda dengan tipe yang lainnya. Penulis juga menemukan bahwa pengguna Yahoo Messenger menggunakan fungsi kata sumpah-serapah dari 10 fungsi sumpah-serapah yang dikemukakan oleh Crystal (1987), yaitu untuk menunjukkan rasa marah (23), bercanda (5), kaget (3), tidak percaya (3), kecewa (1), untuk meyakinkan (2), dan untuk berjanji (2).

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Language is used by people to communicate each other in daily life. Language also serves several functions. First, language has function as a medium of transferring information. Every day, people communicate to share information, such as recent news, interesting activities, and gossip. Second, language is very useful means to maintain relationship among language users as the member of society. Through language people can understand what other feelings even though they use different ways in communicate. The third function of language is as a tool to show one's expression or feeling, such as, anger, happiness, sadness, loneliness, and disappointment.

Language can be used in two conditions, in both formal and informal situations. People use formal language when they are talking in classroom, in seminar and other formal situations. On the other hand, people use informal language when they are talking with their friends or with the people in the same class or in daily conversation. In expression their feelings, people have many ways of using language and one of them by producing swearword. Swearword has two meanings. The first is to promise, for example; swear to keep a secret. The second is to describe rude words or curse. A swearword is word or combination of some words that produces swear meaning that is usually used by someone when he or she is angry. In many cases, swearword is bad words to use; people think that swearword is rude and vulgar words. But not all swearwords are prompted by frustration or aggression. Swearword also can be used to show intimacy, surprise, to indicate friendship.

Swearwords are found in many media, not only in spoken conversation but also in written conversation by using technology such as, handphone and internet. By using handphone, swearwords can be found in Short Message Service (SMS). In the other hand, by using internet swearwords can be found in Friendster, Twitter, Blog, Facebook, or Yahoo Messenger. Internet is as a means of world-wide information allows human to communicate. It can be used to collaborate and communicate among people. The users can send or replay the letter, update status, get information, play games, and event chat. Yahoo Messenger is one of the favorite features in internet. In this feature, the users can chat on-line to other Yahoo Messenger's user in the world in informal situation with various topics. It also can send a pictures, chat, do call, and video call.

In this paper, the writer analyzed swearword which is used in Yahoo Messenger, especially in column chat Yahoo Messenger's users. The reason to analyze the swearword is because many swearwords are found by the writer and these words are often used to express feeling, annoyances, indignation, or intimacy among the Yahoo Messenger's user. Also, many people assume that swearword is the same with profanity. Actually, profanity usage is bad words to express human feeling. In other hand, swearword is not only using for bad words, but also the word that contains swear meaning. It can be combination of some words that produce swear meaning. By having considered these facts, the writer is interested in analyzing the types and the functions of swearword uttered by people as used in Yahoo Messenger. The data were taken from chatting among users in Yahoo Messenger, because it is the favorite features in the internet.

From the explanation above, the writer focuses on analyzing forms and functions that influenced by people in using swearword in English language as part of pragmatic field. In

that case, the writer takes India chat room in Yahoo Messenger because it is one of favorite features in internet. Besides, it is good source of information to know what the forms and functions of swearword that is used by people, because Yahoo Messenger is one of daily conversation. Furthermore, in this study, the writer takes chat in India chat room on Yahoo Messenger as source to be studied, because there is some chat which contains swearword.

1.2 Limitation of the Problem

This study belongs to pragmatic field. It is limited to swearwords used in chat room in Yahoo Messenger in India chat room. The data were taken from chatting in India chat room Yahoo Messenger from 1 to 30 April 2012. Furthermore, this study is also limited in studying the forms and functions of swearword.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

Related to the background and limitation of the problem mention about, the problems of this study are formulated as follow: What are the forms of swearwords used by people on Yahoo Messenger's chat room? And what are the functions of swearwords used by people on Yahoo Messenger's chat room?

1.4 Purposes of the Study

This research is expected to give contribution to linguistic field. It is expected to give a better knowledge and understanding about the forms and the functions of swearword that is used by people. Hopefully, the readers or listeners will get scientific description of these forms and functions of swearword so that they will not be confused and will be able to identify the language that used by others when communicate especially in using swearword that used by people in Yahoo Messenger.

1.5 Technique of Data Collection

In doing this research, the writer used some steps in collecting data, they were:

1. Collecting the data.

The data were collected through searching and reading chat on Yahoo Messenger for many times.

2. Identifying the source or data.

The data were identified by choosing some chats as the source of data which were related to the topic.

3. Copying the data.

The writer took the data in doing chat on Yahoo Messenger by copying the data from the internet into a floppy disk.

4. Observing the data.

The writer observed various swearwords found.

5. Classifying the data.

Finally, the writer classified the swearwords dominantly occur on chat on Yahoo Messenger as the sample.

1.6 Technique of Data Analysis

Each of the data was analyzed by some steps, they were:

1. Identifying the text from the data
2. Categorizing each of word, phrase or sentences from the chat on Yahoo Messenger based on forms of swearword English Crystal theory.
3. Analyzing swearwords found on chat Yahoo Messenger.
4. Drawing the conclusions from the findings and describe the result of the research.