CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains background, research question, research objective, significance of the research, definition of key terms, and organization of writing.

1.1 Background

As a tool in communication, language can convey and express what human thought and desired. Language cannot be separated from various possibility of changes that can occur. Language varieties make people easier to communicate, in which in formal situation people use formal language or standard language and in informal situation, they use a non-standard language. Standard Language has colloquial as well as formal variants. According to Joos (1967), the patterns and rules of formal language or standard language have been established as a standard. Non-Standard language is properly used in particular situation and cannot be used in formal situation. For example, in informal situation the speakers has close intimacy or kinship, sometimes they use non-standard language. One that is considered as non-standard language varieties is slang.

Slang, according to Chaer (2010), is specific and confidential. This varieties used by certain groups that are very limited and should not be known by those outside the group. Slang language usually expresses things such as joking, mocking, and vulgar language, which are commonly understood by certain groups of people. This sometimes considered as having hidden message since slang is usually used to convey certain purposes or change the meaning of the original word or phrase, so it is only understood by people who have closeness to each other.

Slang is informal words and expressions that are not considered standard in the speaker's dialect or language. According to Swan (1996), slang is word, expressions or special use of language found mainly in very informal speech, especially in the usage of particular groups of people. Slang is the most commonly

informal language to use. In communicating, especially in informal situations, people usually express or convey something with unique words or phrases. Sometimes slang is also created from words or phrases that already exist but are used to express or convey intentions that are not true. Slang also continues to develop and temporary, slang can be found easily anywhere, but in a certain of time slang can disappear by itself because it has never been used by people.

As explained before, slang is specific and confidential, slang cannot be understood by people outside the community. Slang is used to for some purposes and inducing friendliness or intimacy. It is used to get intimacy between each other. According to Matiello (2008) that slang is a socio-cultural practice that speaker's privilege for such social purposes as being on the same speech-level with one's audience, facilitating intercourse, and inducing friendliness or intimacy. In addition, slang is also commonly used to show the difference in the identity of the speakers.

Idiolect, dialect, kronolect, and sosiolect are variations of language. This variety is a variation in terms of speakers. In terms of usage there is register. In terms of formality there are variations of formal and informal languages. Or it can be said standard and non-standard language. In application, current slang can be found in the conversations of the teenagers. Young people are the most creative and most easily saturated with the establishment. It also affects the use of everyday language. Slang also continues evolving from time to time. According to Hartman and Stork on Alwasilah (1985) Slang is a variety of speech characterized by newly coined and rapidly changed vocabulary, used by the young or by social and professional groups for in group communication and thus trending to prevent understanding by the rest of the speech community.

Slang can be found in the movie. The conversation used by actors in the movie are not much different from daily. The story in the movie sometimes raise the theme of daily life. So the scene are found, related to the real life situation. When the situation is formal, the conversation contained in the movie script uses standard or formal language. Otherwise, when the situation is informal, it uses non-standard language. Slang can be found in all movie genres. However as explained

before, slang is usually used by young people and also usually used for joking, mocking, and vulgarity, slang is easy to find in movie that have many comedy situations. Like in the Super Troopers 2 movie.

Super Troopers 2 is the sequel to its first movie entitled Super Troopers. The story shows that several years after the first movie, the officers have been fired from the Spurbury Police Department after taking Fred Savage on a ride-along that resulted in his death. In this second sequel, officers were assigned to deal with disputes on the American and Canadian borders. There is an area where the area turned out to be in American territory, but has been in Canadian territory. After the research was conducted, it was found that the location of the stone which became the border between the two countries, which stated that the area actually belonged to the United States. After the two governments negotiated, it was agreed that the area would be returned to the United States. Mac, one of the officers receives a call from his former boss, Captain O'Hagen, to gather the group and meet for a fishing trip in Canada. Mac gathering his old friends, Rabbit, Thorny, and Foster. It turned out that after meeting somewhere, they met with the governor to explain this dispute. The governor chose these officers because previously they were a patrol highway that was considered able to handle the border area.

In the story, the duty of the officers is very heavy. Since they have to change the territory that has long been controlled by Canada to become the United States of America. They also have to change the Canadians to become the Americans. Local citizens refused to become Americans, so when these officers came to give a speech, they were attacked with blasphemy and ugliness of Americans. Even the local government made "Americans" as a joke. This movie is thick with comedy. It is interesting to be used as an object of Slang research. There are lot of slang used in this movie. What is interesting here that the slang is not only used by officers with each other as Americans, but is used by Americans to Canadians or vice versa. Thus, it causes misunderstanding and makes the purpose and the reason of using slang interest to analyze. In addition, the classification of slang used by actors in this film.

Slang used in the same region or area is often not understood, especially in the border region which in fact there are two countries that intersect. These events, often found in everyday life. From the problem, this research was conducted to find and solve problems with the theory used.

Previous study related to slang language has been done by:

1. Prasetia (2016), entitled "Slang Terms Used in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" Movie". This research aims to find the terms slang and also express their meaning. This research used qualitative method with Mattiello's slang theory as a reference in analyzing the data. The data collected from the dialogue in the movie. The movie are preferred by almost all ages tells about a little boy against two burglar. The results stated that out of 23 data found, the type of slang in the film was categorized as general and specific slang. Meanwhile the meaning of slang terms is clarified in denotative and connotative terms.

2. Afifah (2016), "An Analysis of Slang Terms in The Wolf of Wall Street Movie". This research intends to find out the kind of slang language and their meaning used by character in the movie. This research use descriptive qualitative method to analyze the data. The theory used by this research is Eric Patridge theory.

3. Nurlaela (2016), entitled "Slang Used in Menance II Society Movie Sccipt". The main theories of this research is using Burke and Widawski. This research categorize and find the meaning of the slang using descriptive qualitiative method to explore the data.

4. Saadah (2002), entitled "Slang Analysis on Steinback's Of Mice and Men. This research uses the structural method and it is purpose to know the types based on the form of the slang used by the author of the novel.

What makes this research different from the previous research above, especially those using movie as its object is the theory used and also the movie itself as an object. The first research uses the Home Alone movie which is also a comedy genre but he uses Matiello's theory of terms of slang. The theory used by researchers with this study is different. The theory used is same as the second research, but the object used is different. In this study, as previously explained, the object used is film, tells the dispute on the border of the country. This research has a different value because it discusses the slang language used by people in the border area of two different countries (Canadian and American).

1.2 Research Question

This research focus is exploring the Slang language in *Super Troopers 2* movie. The research questions are as follows:

1. What are the types of Slang Language used in *Super Troopers 2?*
2. What are the functions of Slang Language used in *Super Troopers 2?*

1.3 Research Objective

The Research is aimed:

1. To find out the types of Slang language that used in *Super Troopers 2*
2. To understand the function of Slang language in *Super Troopers 2*

1.4 Research Significance

The results of the research are expected to give contribution to the theoretical and practical uses of language. This research is hoped to be useful in the development of sociolinguistic studies that focus on variations in language, especially the slang terms and are expected to provide new knowledge about the use of slang especially in border areas where there are two intersecting countries represented in a film. This research is also expected to be a reference for students

who are majoring in English Literature. In addition, knowledge of slang and its use can be applied in everyday conversation, especially in informal situations.

1.5 Definition of Key Terms

There are five terms to clarity in this chapter:

1.5.1 Slang

Slang is a word, expressions or special use of language found mainly in very informal speech, especially in the usage of particular groups of people. Swan (1966:22)

1.5.2 Slang Terms

According to (Patridge, 1954), a terms of slang among is a Cockney Slang, Public house slang, Workmen's slang, Tradesmens's slang, the slang of commerce, slang in school and university, Society slang, slang in Art, slang in Theatre, and slang in Church.

1.5.3 Movie

Movie is a visual communication which uses moving pictures and sound to tell stories or teach people something. People in every part of the world watch movies as a type of entertainment, a way to have fun.

1.5.4 Supertroopers 2

Super Troopers 2 is a 2018 American comedy film directed by Jay Chandrasekhar. A sequel to the 2001 film *Super Troopers*, the film was written by and stars the Broken Lizard comedy team, made up of Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske. The plot follows the Super Troopers being called upon to set up a new Highway Patrol station when an international border dispute a rise between the United States and Canada.

The film had a troubled development period as studios were skeptical that a sequel, produced over a decade after the original, would find an audience. After a successful crowdfunding campaign produced $2 million in seed money in 24 hours (and $4.7 million overall), the film was greenlit and principal photography began in the Central Massachusetts area on October 23, 2015. The film was released in the United States on April 20, 2018, by Fox Searchlight Pictures.

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