

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the general points of the study background of research, statement of problem, research objective, research significance and organization of writing.

1.1 Background

English is an International language because it is used by many people from different country around the world to communicate. English is very important and has many interrelationships with various aspects of life owned by human being. This language can be a solution that people in entire world utilize when they need to speak to foreigners. According to the fact there are 53 countries that use English as an official language and there are about many people who speak English around the world (Parkes,2002: 2). Besides, “Nearly, one-fourth on Earth speak English well enough to perform everyday tasks and share the ideas that occur normal conversation.” (Weiss, 2005: 4). Therefore, there is no denying in developing English as self-esteem to create promising future and life because mostly people need to speak English.

In academic, students generally learn formal English with the possibilities that they can comprehend this language easily. Formal language is not too difficult because it has more simple forms, than informal. Based on Alan, (2002: 15), “Our definition of a formal language as being a set of strings that are called sentence is extremely simple”. Formal language is easy to learn because it has certain grip. People who are not native can simply facilitate them in learning from formal language. “It is much easier to make these institutions explicit in the case of elementary formal languages. A simple, but explicit, formal definition of what it means for a sentence to be satisfied in such a model is then easy to give.” (Crangle&Suppes. 1994: 37). Therefore, formal language is commonly applied in some institutions to extend the students an understanding about English.

In opposition, informal language is supposed to be hidden. This style is often used in speaking and informal situation. Nevertheless, it absolutely needs to be learned also because it cannot be separated as English study. According to Shipley and Julie (2009: 254), informal assessment is an important component of a complete language evaluation. It allows the clinician to assess certain aspects of language more deeply than formal assessment. This is absolutely not only doctoral aspect that is valued, but also mostly aspects that are interrelated in English view.

One of informal states is colloquial term. A colloquialism, sometimes referring to collectively as "colloquial language," is a term that is commonly used in

daily activity, unconstrained conversation, rather than informal speech or academic values. Antoine (2000: iv) writes,

“Colloquialisms are taken to be words. Commonly used in spoken language and in informal written language or; more precisely, words used spontaneously in everyday speech or even writing, but eschewed on more formal occasions”

It clearly says that colloquial is more utilized as spoken language and informal situation.

In this case, the non-native speakers usually tend to use formal language to communicate. The language used seems to be unnatural, bookish or even inappropriate in the speaking settings. In contrast, in real life conversations, the native tends to use the colloquial language or informal language all the time so the foreigners often have much trouble in giving speech primarily addressed to native speakers as well as in communicating naturally with them. Accordingly, the researcher tries to conduct the research aimed to discover the meaning of colloquialism to be turned to common words, and the research object chosen is song lyrics of Nicki Minaj.

The following here will be presented the description about Nicki Minaj as quoted from Biography.com. Nicki Minaj, a singer that is always in very bizarre dresses and outrageous hairdos in the stage, is well-known as the Queen of Rapper. She has been awarded many cups which are taken into account on the world stage.

Beside her unique style, Nicki Minaj's song lyrics contain of informal languages, which are unable to be applied in formal writing. This can be classified as colloquialism.

The topic of colloquialism has been studied previously. Some of them are :

- The first was conducted by Sandhitian (2012), and the research was entitled "Slang and colloquialism expression in subtitle text of Transformers movie".
- The second was written by Shadrah (2010), and the research was entitled "A translation analysis of colloquial expressions in the children's story book entitled the secret life of MS wiz by Terence Blacker".
- The third was researched by Sunardi(2009), and the research was entitled "Colloquial Diction in Mark Twain's Novel The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn: A Syntactic and Semantic Analysis".
- The fourth was prepared by Fauzi (2007), and the research was entitled "Colloquial in Baldwin's Another Country".

Based on the previous studied above, the researcher aims to conduct the similar research on different object and the research is entitled " Colloquial English in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics of albums *PinkFriday* and *Pinkprint*".

1.2 Statement of Problem

From the background above, the researcher states the problem of the research as follows:

1. What is the type of colloquialism in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics?
2. What are the functions of colloquialism in Nicki Minaj's Song lyrics?

1.3 Research Objective

The aim of the research can be summarized into these statements:

1. To know the type of colloquialism in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics.
2. To recognize the functions of colloquialism in Nicki Minaj's Song lyrics.

1.4 Research Significant

This research is hoped to be significant both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, colloquialism can be considered as the study of informal language. The discovery of colloquial words is additionally able to be used to avoid those words in standard language suited in formal situation.

Furthermore, the significance can also practically be as understanding of informal language. Vocabularies of colloquial dictions can be daily practiced by people, especially English learners.

1.5 Organization of Writing

To make sure this research can be done as the writer's hope, the writer makes an organization of writing or the planning in research. The planning will help the

writer in order not to explain out of working through. The planning or outline of the research is divided into 5 chapters. There are:

Chapter I: This chapter presents the general points of the study background of research, statement of problem, research objective, research significance and organization of writing.

Chapter II : This chapter discusses about the theories used in analyzing the data in this research.

Chapter III : This chapter is about methodology of research. It presents the type of data, source of data, technique of collecting data and technique of analyzing data.

Chapter IV : This chapter contains the full report of study. It explains about finding and discussion.

Chapter V : This chapter contains the conclusion and suggestion. This last chapter of the paper discusses about the conclusion from the writer toward the result of the research, as well as the suggestions concerning the research.

1.6 Definitions of Key Terms

- Colloquial :Colloquialisms are words and phrases which are not suitable for formal correct English but which are used in everyday speech by all speakers of modern English. (Gatherer. 1985: 80)
- Nicki Minaj :NickiMinaj is a singer from New York well known as the Queen of Rapper. (Bioraphy.com)
- Song :Inmusic, a song is a composition for voice performed by singing or alongside musical instruments. (Wikipedia.com)
- Lyric :Lyric is an element in poetry, not a type, rendering human emotion in language; attention to subjective experience in songlike fashion seems to be key all definition of lyrics. Reginald Shepherd. Ed (2008: 1).
- Album :An album is a recording originally issued in gramophone format, followed by the vinyl format, and has then been issued in other formats such as Compact Cassette, Compact disc, and increasingly in digital formats such as MP3, AAC, ALAC, or FLAC.(Wikipedia.com)
- Pink Fiday :*Pink Friday* is the debut studio album by American recording artist Nicki Minaj, released on November 19, 2010, by Young Money, Cash Money and Universal Motown. (Wikipedia.com)

Pinkprint :*The Pinkprint* is the third studio album by American recording artist Nicki Minaj, released on December 12, 2014, by Young Money, Cash Money and Republic Records. (Wikipedia.com)



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