

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of study

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Language cannot be separated from us, because it is so important in every aspect of human life, such as: technology, education, sciences, politics, economics, art, etc. In art for example: namely song. The songs have the imaginative quality and specific characteristic of the language use, such as denotation and connotation. English songs are used to express human feelings. It is necessary for listeners especially Indonesian to comprehend the content of the English songs than the others. Now, all of the people like music or song, from the young till adult, especially English ones. Most of them would like to collect the English song cassettes or CD. They are interested in improving English mastery through English songs which are popular right now.

In this thesis, the writer chooses the song as object of the research. Song is a short musical composition which is sung by human voice, and has a certain lyric. Lyric is expressing the writer's emotions, usually briefly and in stanzas or recognized forms (Concise Oxford English Dictionary, 11th Edition Revised).

The meaning of a lyric can either be explicit or implicit. Some of lyrics are composed in poetical composition which makes it similar with poetries that there are many words written using figurative languages. Most of the authors express their ideas of reality, social life in their point of view, and their experiences through their own imaginative and intense perception of their own world. The authors purpose to makes a good response from the listeners. So, the song can make the listeners more interested in hearing it such as in Harris Jung's song.

The writer chooses Harris Jung's songs, because this is one of the most popular and bestseller album in this year of Ramadhan month and this song was

Harris Jung is British-Muslim recording artist who won the Awakening Talent Contest in 2013, leading him to sign a record deal with Awakening Records. Through Awakening, he released his first official music video for the song "*SalamAlaikum*" as part of his debut album Salam. There are many messages delivered in his songs, the concept of songs in this album mostly about religious song, which describes the greatness of Almighty Allah and the Prophet Muhammad as well as the love a child to the parents. And the language that is used to convey the messages in the song is figurative language, so the listener will be interested in listening song to obtain the purpose and the messages delivered in the song.

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1.2 Review of Related Research

The first review related to this research, the title is “Analysis on Figurative Language Used in English Translation of Bukhori Hadith” which has been researched by Dina in 2008. In her graduating paper, she classified the figurative language expression based on Perrine theory’s and applied pragmatic context to describe the implicature. After analyzing the data, the researcher found the types of figurative language used in Bukhari Hadith which can be identified as simile, metaphor, personification, and allegory. She also found that the implicature used in English translation of Bukhori Hadith covered the explanation, description and also reminder. All of the implicature in her study belongs to the conversational implicature.

The third review related to this research, is “A Semantic Study on Figurative Language Used in the Westlife’s Album”. By Agustin Dwi Ningrum in

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is similarity between this research and this previous study in the research design and objectives in the last previous study. The difference between this research and the last previous study are objective in song album.

ALAM” by Harris Jung’s

the background of the study, the writer would like to

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- of figurative language use

Specifically, the purposes of the research are:

- A study on figurative language is very interesting and challenging because it is one of the aspects of the language used. This study gives both theoretical and practical contribution. Theoretically, the result of the study is expected to be useful and develop the information of semantic study, especially in figurative language. Practically, the result of this study are expected to be useful for the writer herself or give a valuable knowledge and further information for any readers in general and also being an alternative references for other researchers especially in conducting the same research.

The scope of this research focuses on semantic study, especially in figurative language that is classified in eleven kinds: they are simile, hyperbole, personification, metaphor, symbol, litotes, synecdoche, metonymy, paradox, oxymoron, and irony. To avoid the broadening of discussion, the writer limits the

1.7 Definitions of key Terms

Figurative Language: A figure of speech may be said to occur whenever a speaker or writer, for the sake of freshness or emphasis, departs from the usual denotations of words. (X. J. Kennedy, 1979:487) it means that figurative language is a word or phrase that departs from everyday literal language for the sake comparison, emphasis, clarity, or freshness.

Lyrics: Is a composed for singing (Oxford Dictionary 1995:703).

SALAM: The first one of Harris Jung's that was released on 18 September 2015 in Jakarta.