

# **Chapter I**

## **Introduction**

This chapter contains the beginning of study which was conducted, starting from the planning stage, formulation of the problem, restrictions and using of the other research problems. In this chapter, it is clearly specified and regulated descriptions of the problems to make reader knows the research, which is an important beginning as an opening. A more detailed explanation will be explained below.

### **1.1 Background of Study**

Language is used by people for understanding the meaning from one person to the other. According to Benson and Voller, language is a linguistic system of communication (1997: 199). The other definition of language is from Hornby in the OALD abbreviation from a Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, "language is a system of communication in the speech and writing that is used by people of a particular country or area or language is used by humans of a system of sounds and words to communicate" (1995: 862).

As social human being, people have to interact with other using language. By language people can communicate, so that they can understand each other. Every human being has their own personality and consciously or not they show the characteristic of their personality in language. The language that is used by people represent their social class in society. Whereas, for a social group language is more necessary as a social identity than a system.

According to Kridalaksana (1982-1983), “*bahasa adalah sistem lambang bunyi yang arbitrer yang digunakan oleh para anggota kelompok sosial untuk bekerja sama, berkomunikasi dan mengidentifikasi diri.*”, or it can be said “language itself is a system of arbitrary vocal symbol used by a social group for cooperation, communication and identification”. There are many kinds of languages in the world. But, as we know that English represents the first International language that used when people want to go abroad.

That is the reason, why English become important part in every aspect of social life. The importance of the English language is naturally great. English has spread across the country even not only in England but it become the national language in United States too.

Language is not simply a means of communicating information but also very important means establishing and maintaining relationship with other people, Trudgill, *Sociolinguistics : An Introduction*, (1947). Language has a characteristic flexible and dynamic which will create new possibility in communication, so it impossible that language just can stop in one word and one meaning because language can change as fast as the grown of human life itself, Victoria Fromkin & Robert Rodman, *An Introduction to Language*, (1974). There are many kinds of language in the world. But, as we know that English represents the first International language that used when people want to go abroad.

English also becomes language of standardization for many countries to become their national language. According to Wardhaugh, *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, (1986) it has been divided into two parts, Standard English and Non-Standard English. Standard English is variety of English that is usually used

in printing and speaking which is normally taught in school or in deliberate manner also spoken by educated people.

According to Spolsky, *Sociolinguistics*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), Standard English has colloquial as well as formal variants. On the other hand, non-Standard English is properly using in particular situation and cannot be used in formal situation and usually spoken by uneducated people. There are many kinds of non-Standard language, one mark of non-Standard English that is used on informal style is slang.

Slang is a secret language held by some community groups that are not owned by other groups. According to Chaer dan Agustina (1995), “ *Slang adalah variasi sosial yang bersifat khusus dan rahasia.*” Or it can be said “Slang is a social variation that is privileged and confidential ”. That is, this variation is used by certain circles which are very limited, and may not be known by the outside group.

In application, current slang can be found in the conversations of the teenagers and young children. Young people are the most creative and most easily saturated with the establishment, it also affects the use of everyday language. Peoples always want a refresher language and most want an intimate and friendly atmosphere in talking with each other.

They consider that language as a vehicle for discussion and at the same strengthens relationship is the most effective communication tool for those who also are characteristics for the group. They create their own language structure that is different from the existing structure of language. Which such a variety of language is more fluent conversation, more intimate and is in accordance with an informal situation.

Slang is expressed spontaneously and is not bound by a lot of grammatical norms. Variety of such language is not so systematic, interspersed with many regional languages and local dialects. The use of slang also can be found in teen literature or movie for teenager.

To analyze slang words, the writer chooses *The Secret Life of Pets* Movie (2016) American computer-animated film produced by Illumination Entertainment. for the research material, which is about the life of pets and their employers in apartments. The writer feels excited to analyze this movie because it has interesting and entertaining story, also there are some slang words or phrases in conversation used by character that we can be understood easily. A long time a comedy animation is not familiar in the western.

There are most like a family genre, animation genre, and a adventure genre. However, it is a push for the movie to make a new something for to changed the peoples view. This is a slingshot for a familiar genre at the era. He wants make a differences genre. Then, a slang words grow up to the world of the a family genre.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Language become the important part in life, social human being communicate each other through language. But recently slang words appeared in society, especially teenagers, they often use it to communicate to their friends and most of words them use it in their daily conversation. As long as slang words appeared, there is a lot of slang words that is always being used, yet sometimes there is people cannot understand what the meaning of it.

Therefore, according explanation above, the researchers try to analyze what type slang words and the meaning of slang words that often used by teenager that represented by The Secret Life of Pets Movie.

### **1.3 Research Questions**

Based on the background study and identification of the problem, the problem in this research for reasearch questions and problem likes.

- 1.What types of slang words are used in The Secret Life of Pets Movie?
- 2.What are the meaning of the slang words that used in the movie?

### **1.4 Objectives of the Study**

Based on the problem statements, the objectives of the study is as follow:

1. To find out the slang words used in The Secret Life of Pets Movie.
2. To find out the meaning of slang words in The Secret Life of Pets Movie

### **1.5 Limitation of the Problem**

This study analyze the type slang words and meaning of slang words in The Secret Life of Pets Movie (2016). This research only focuses on analyzing the study of slang words on The Secret Life of Pets Movie. Which has function to give information, make something clear, and explain something on the movie.

### **1.6 Significances of the Study**

Basically, the significant of this research is to increase the study about sociolinguistic especially about slang words. Also to understand the type of slang

words that used in The Secret Life of Pets Movie that published in 2016. By knowing the theory and the meaning of the slang, it will help the readers to increase the knowledge.

The writer expects that the study will give the benefits especially for English Literature Pasundan University student, also for those who want to do the similar research. Moreover, in this study the student can apply their knowledge and comprehension in the appropriate daily conversation, especially in informal occasion. This study is expected to give a contribution to further research regarding the study of slang words, specifically English slang words. It is also expected as a step to understand wants to more research and analyze about the slang words and what a shape, can be used to add collection of information for English Department Pasundan University students who want to know and study about language especially about slang words in script movie and listening the movie.