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# **ABSTRACT**

This study aims to identify, classify, and analyze the types of meaning based on the expression of a word, phrase, and sentence. All data were taken from the lyrics of The War album by EXO music group and analyzed based on Leech's (1981) theory in meaning. This research uses a descriptive qualitative method. The results of this study show that in English song lyrics there are expressions of word groups, phrases, and sentences from the results of data analysis obtained in words there are 6 data, in phrases there are 3 data, and in sentences there are 9 data of English song lyrics. Meaning can also be found in song lyrics. This is evidenced by the many types of meaning identified, namely affective meaning, thematic meaning, conceptual meaning, collocative meaning, and reflective meaning. The results of the analysis revealed data on affective meaning song lyrics appeared 7 data, on thematic meaning appeared 7 data, on conceptual meaning appeared 2 data, on colloquial meaning appeared 1 data, and on reflective meaning appeared 1 data. Affective meaning and thematic meaning are more often found in the meaning of song lyrics in the album The War by EXO music group. This is because it is easier for EXO to convey their feelings, messages, and emotions in song lyrics with explanations and emphasis for the language in the song lyrics they sing so as to create a deep emotional connection for fans and listeners.

**Keywords:** *Meaning, Semantic, Song lyrics. EXO*

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