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As an English Literature student, the writer found analyzing figurative language and its meanings in song lyrics to be highly engaging. Hence, the writer chose to analyze the lyrics from this album using the theory of types of figurative language. In addition to identifying the types of figurative language in the songs, the writer also interpreted the meanings behind the figurative language found.

The writer acknowledges that this paper is far from perfect and welcomes feedback, recommendations, and criticism from readers. The purpose of the research is to help readers better understand the types of figurative language and their meanings in song lyrics. Additionally, the writer hopes the research can inspire future studies with similar themes.

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## Abstract

The aim of this research is to identify the types of figurative language and their meanings in the lyrics of the album "What Do You Really Know?" by Reality Club. Reality Club is an indie rock band from Jakarta, Indonesia. Their lyrics stand out because they use beautiful words, strong images, and interesting ideas. They often write poetic lyrics full of figurative language. Their album "What Do You Really Know?" shows a darker side of the band, different from the happier style of their earlier songs. It talks about growing up, life experiences, and both the good and bad parts of life. This study employs a qualitative descriptive method. The analysis of figurative language is conducted using Kennedy's types of figurative language theory. There are 8 types of figurative language according to Kennedy namely, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, irony, allusion, metonymy, and symbol. First, the types of figurative language present in the lyrics are analyzed, followed by an interpretation of their meanings. The lyrics in the album contain metaphors, personifications, ironies, and hyperboles. However, similes, allusions, metonymy, and symbols were not found. The results reveal that the use of figurative language primarily focuses on the emotional condition of the speaker in the lyrics, with several themes also revolving around relationships or love. The findings shows that the album primarily focuses on the theme of growing up, and the light and dark aspects of life, focusing on feelings of loss, anger, and frustration.

Keywords: *Figurative Language, Lyrics, Meaning, Reality Club.*



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