

Chapter I

Introduction

1.1 Background of the Study

Language is a communication system humans use to express thoughts, feelings, ideas, and information through symbols like words, sounds, and gestures. Language has specific structures and rules that allow people to understand each other. This system includes not only spoken and written language but also sign language and other forms of communication, like body language or codes.

According to Sedivy (2014:24), Language is a system of communication that uses sounds, words, and grammar, allowing humans to share thoughts, ideas, and feelings with others. It is a unique ability of humans, closely connected to cognitive, neurological, and social processes.

As stated by Enfield (2014:18), Language is a communication system that uses symbols like words, sounds, and gestures to share meaning. It helps people express their thoughts, emotions, and experiences and connect with others socially and culturally. Language is also complex and changes over time, varying between different cultural and language groups and reflecting their values, identities, and histories. It is learned, and how it is used and understood is influenced by social and contextual factors such as gender, age, education, power, and beliefs.

In communication, both spoken and written, people often use idioms, metaphors, or expressions in their sentences. The use of idiomatic expressions is very important to make listeners or readers more interested in what they read

or hear. Idioms are commonly used in everyday communication to convey something implicitly or indirectly from the speaker to the reader. For example, "give in" is an idiom that means "to surrender." This idiomatic meaning is not related to the literal meanings of the words "give" and "in."

According to Enfield (2014:378), idiomatic expressions are phrases or expressions with a specific meaning that cannot be understood by looking at the literal meaning of the words or phrases that make them up. Idiomatic expressions are often used in everyday conversations and have a certain figurative meaning, which can be confusing for foreign speakers or language learners. They are also an important element in effective communication in a language.

The concept of idioms is often used in everyday conversation and writing. Idioms usually consist of short words but are used in the right context and situations. Using idioms in conversation can make spoken sentences feel more lively. As Ayto (2009:2) says, idiomatic expressions are an integral part of language because they contribute to the meaning and complexity of language in everyday use.

One way idioms are used in sentences can be found in song lyrics. According to Margulis (2023:168), in music, idiomatic expressions are often used by composers to express the characteristics of certain instruments or musical styles. For example, "bending notes" on a blues guitar or "flutter tonguing" on woodwind instruments like the flute. These idiomatic expressions

become part of a specific musical identity and are used to create expressions that cannot be achieved in any other way.

Songs are a way to express feelings and ideas that contain many interesting things behind the lyrics. The lyrics are written in the language used by the songwriters to convey their feelings. Sometimes, the lyrics can be hard to understand or interpret. Songwriters often include many expressions in the lyrics, and most of these expressions are idioms.

According to Rahayu (2019: 1), a song is a type of poetry that can be sung or conveyed with a melody, containing various expressions from the performer. Many people can sing a song, but unfortunately, many of them do not fully understand the meaning of the song they are singing. The meaning of a song is very important for enjoying it.

In expressing their experiences, songwriters use wordplay and language to add charm and uniqueness to their lyrics or poetry. This language play can include vocal games, language styles, or deviations in word meanings, and it is enhanced by melodies and musical notation that match the song lyrics. As a result, listeners become more engaged with the composer's thoughts (Awe, 2003).

Songs today are rapidly evolving with modernization. This development is seen in the creativity of songs that express themselves with easy-to-remember lyrics, making them popular with the public. One example is the band Bon Jovi, a rock group that has been around since 1983.

The writer chose Bon Jovi's "*Crush*" album because Bon Jovi is one of the most famous rock bands in the world, and their songs, especially those from the "*Crush*" album, are very popular across various generations. By making the "*Crush*" album the subject of research, the writer can reach a broader and more relevant audience. Several of Bon Jovi's albums often contain interesting idiomatic expressions. By analyzing the idiomatic expressions in the lyrics, the writer can explore how language is used to convey complex and emotional meanings.

Idiomatic expressions reflect culture and human experiences. By analyzing the lyrics of songs from Bon Jovi's album "*Crush*," the writer can highlight how personal and social experiences can be expressed through unique language, providing insight into the social and cultural context behind the songs.

This research also contributes to understanding how idiomatic expressions can be used in learning English. By understanding their use in music, the writer hopes to help language learners appreciate and understand everyday language better.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

In the process of communication, especially through song lyrics, the use of idiomatic expressions is an important element that can enrich the meaning and expression of language. However, understanding idiomatic expressions often becomes a challenge, particularly for English language learners. This is because the meaning of idioms cannot be interpreted literally, but instead requires a deep understanding of context and culture. Songs by the legendary

rock band Bon Jovi, especially in the "*Crush*" album, are known to contain many interesting and complex idiomatic expressions. Unfortunately, the use of idioms in this album has not been widely analyzed from a linguistic perspective, either in terms of their types or meanings. A lack of understanding of idioms found in song lyrics may lead to misinterpretation or a loss of the emotional message intended by the songwriter. Therefore, it is important to identify and classify the types of idioms used in the lyrics of Bon Jovi's "*Crush*" album, and to interpret their meanings through a linguistic approach. This analysis will not only help clarify the messages within the lyrics but also contribute positively to English language learning, particularly in understanding vocabulary, language style, and the cultural context reflected in idiomatic usage.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The writer limits the problem into finding the meanings of each idiomatic expression and the types of idiomatic expressions found in the song lyrics of Bon Jovi's album *Crush*.

1.4 Research Questions

Based on the background statement above, the writer formulates two research question as follows:

1. What are the type of Idiomatic Expression present on Bon Jovi's song lyrics in the "*Crush*" album?

2. What are the meaning of Idiomatic Expression found on Bon Jovi's songs lyrics in the "*Crush*" album?

1.5 Objectives of the Study

In relation to the problems mentioned above, the goals of this study can be stated as follows:

1. To identify the types of Idiomatic Expression of Bon Jovi's song lyric in the Crush Album.
2. To Anlyze the meanings of Idiomatic Expression Bon Jovi's song lyrics in the Crush Album.

1.6 Significance of the Study

This research is expected to serve as a reference and an additional source of knowledge about idiomatic expressions in songs, and to be beneficial for both the writer and general readers who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the variety and meanings of these expressions. By analyzing various forms and interpretations of idiomatic expressions found in song lyrics, this research can provide more detailed information about the content and intent of the songs, thus helping readers gain a broader understanding of the lyrics and their artistic value.