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ABSTRACT

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This study aimed to describe the figurative language interpretation found in Disney song lyrics. The data were collected from the internet with five song titles selected from different movies involving; *Lead the Way (Raya and the Last Dragon), Carried Me With You (Onward), Nobody Like U (Turning Red), Loyal Brave, and True (Mulan), and Part of Your World (The Little Mermaid)).* This research was qualitative research in which the researcher analyzes the interpretation of five types of figurative language involving: metaphor, simile, personification, irony, and hyperbole. The findings in this study indicate that there are 41 figurative languages with the division of metaphor 11 data, simile 2 data, personification 4 data, irony 3 data, and hyperbole 21 data. It can conclude that hyperbole was the type of figurative language that mostly found in Disney song lyrics. This research also has produced an infographic as the result to readers, especially teachers and students to understand the analysis of figurative languages.

Keywords: *Figurative Language, Disney theme songs, metaphor, simile, personification, irony, hyperbole.*

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Literature is a written or oral work that is close to human life. In a literary work, the writer can express all their imagination in opinions, experiences, advice, and feelings. Mays (2018) says that writers can bring the feelings of readers or listeners to feel more alive and make them feel an experience that the writer also feels is different from literary works with other writings. Berthoud et al., (2020) said that literary works are like a time machine. Readers or listeners can explore the writer's thoughts from hundreds of years ago. They also say that literature can give us a view of the world and an opportunity to understand the culture, way of thinking, and living habits. Some types of literary works that can easily find in our daily involve fiction and non-fiction stories, poetry, plays, folklore, and song. Usually, the stories written are used as inspiration or deliberately written for movies, just like what the Disney company did.

The Walt Disney Company is a multinational entertainment company that produced many famous movies. The company released many movies, video games, and web portals. In this research, the researcher will focus to analyze the figurative language in Disney movie songs. According to Griffiths (2006), there are two types of meaning, the sender's meaning and sentence meaning. Sender's meaning is the meaning that the sender wants to convey to the recipient, but it is personal. Recipients do not immediately understand what it is meant by the sender until the recipient must think harder to understand. While the sentence meaning is meaning

that is easy to understand because the sender uses simple language and conveys the meaning explicitly so that the recipient does not need much effort to understand it.

These two types of meaning are known as figurative meaning and literal meaning. The commonly found in song lyrics is figurative meaning. When creating a work, the lyricist sometimes explains its meaning implicitly. So, this situation makes the reader feel a little hard to understand the sentence. Figurative language is words that have a different meaning than their literal meaning. On the opposite, in the literal sense, a word is interpreted directly according to the dictionary interpretation. To find out the true meaning of a word or sentence that has a figurative meaning, listeners or readers must engage their imagination to interpret its meaning. “These figures of speech could be considered as spices in cuisine” (Ashtiani & Derakhshesh, 2015). A work that uses figurative language will produce a more beautiful and meaningful work.

From this study, the researcher intended to help teachers who have difficulty finding songs as learning media. In addition to help teachers, hopefully this research can be used for university students to understand the figurative language, so that they can increase their creativity and ways of critical thinking. The researcher selected songs with moral values that considered appropriate to teenage life. The writer selected five songs, from the movie soundtrack that has educational value. It was hoped that students would be motivated by the messages contained if one day they were interested in watching a movie from the songs. The song lyrics chosen by the writer are five songs from Disney movie. The five songs chosen by the researcher are: Lead the Way (Raya and the Last Dragon), Carried Me With You

(Onward), Nobody Like U (Turning Red), Loyal Barve and True (Mulan), and Part of Your World (The Little Mermaid)

As previously mentioned, a song can be considered a literary work. This because the lyrics are also considered poetry. A song is poetry set to motion (Israel, 2013). A song lyric is a poem conveyed by singing and accompanied by beautiful and appropriate instruments. Therefore, song lyrics are one type of literature. The song is an arrangement of tones that form a rhythm and has lyrics so we can sing it. If a song does not have lyrics, it is just an empty instrument that cannot sung. Sitorus and Herman (2019) state that lyrics are word arrangements composed with words and language played by lyricists to convey their messages and emotions to their listeners. Songs with appropriate instruments and lyrics can bring the listener's mind and imagination into the imaginary world created by the songwriter. The benefits of the song are not only to entertain the listener, but song can also provide motivation, advice and become a learning medium. Wijaya et al., (2018) states that creative ideas in teaching can increase student learning motivation and motivation in learning is very important. English popular songs can be used to motivate students to learn and facilitate the learning process by reducing pressure on students.

In Indonesia, song have long been a learning medium for junior and senior high school students. It is written in the syllabus on KD 3.11 and 4.11 for grade 9 and KD 3.7 and 4.7 for grade 12. In this indicator students are asked to capture the meaning and convey the moral message contained the song lyrics. The students would be given an understanding of figurative language to achieve the indicators.

Several previous studies have examined the analysis of figurative language for Disney songs. A study from Nurcitawati et al., (2019) described the types of figurative language, their functions, and the implied meanings contained in the lyrics of Disney songs from Frozen and Tangled. The result from the study showed there were five types of figurative language including idiom, hyperbole, personification, simile, and alliteration. Another study conducted by Yusuf and Amelia (2018) used the lyrics of the song Fall for You from Secondhand Serenade. The research aims to examine the types of metaphors and their meanings. The results obtained are seven types of meaning contained, namely conceptual, connotative, social, affective, reflective, connotative, and thematic meanings. The difference between the two studies and this study lies in the object used by the researcher. In the research of Nurcitawati et al., (2019), researchers used song lyrics from the movies Frozen and Tangled; meanwhile, in a study written by Yusuf and Amelia (2018), the object of the lyrics of the song Secondhand Serenade with the title "Fall for You" also focuses on the analysis of metaphorical expressions. On the other hand, this study analyzed five songs from Disney movie songs: Lead the Way (Raya and the Last Dragon), Carried Me With You (Onward), Nobody Like U (Turning Red), Loyal Brave and True (Mulan), and Part of Your World (The Little Mermaid). Moreover, this study not only analyzed the figurative languages in this Disney movie songs, but also produced on infographic as the result in order to make students and teachers in understanding the analysis of figurative language.

1.2 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The problem in this research was formulated in these questions:

1. What types of figurative languages are found in five Disney movie songs?
2. What is the interpretation in each figurative languages found in five Disney movie songs?

1.3 RESEARCH PURPOSES

The purposes of the study are:

1. To find the figurative languages used in five Disney movie songs.
2. To identify the figurative languages used in five Disney movie songs.

1.4 RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE

1. The students

The researcher hopes that this research can increase students' knowledge in understanding figurative language and hopes they can easily understand the meaning of the original lyrics to take the moral message.

2. The Teacher

The researcher hopes that this research can will be reference for the teachers to teach especially in song material, therefor the students did not feel bored in learning and help teachers to achieve learning indicator. As well as being a learning resource for teachers to better understand figurative language.

3. Other Researcher

For other researchers in the future, the researcher hopes that this research can will be reference for those who are also interested in researching figurative language.

4. English Language Education Study Program

The researcher hopes that this research can help students to understand figurative language well. In addition, researcher also hope this research can also help students to increase their knowledge in the field of literature, increase creativity, and learn how to communicate in society.

1.5 RESEARCH TERMINOLOGY

To avoid misunderstanding unfamiliar terms in this research, the researcher attempts to list the specific terms as follows:

1. Figurative Language

Figurative language is the language used to convey meaning that deviates from written or spoken and is a little complicated to interpret. In this study, the researcher will analyze types of figurative language that are commonly found and become student learning material, involving Metaphor, Simile, Personification, Irony, and Hyperbole.

2. Disney Movie

Disney movies are movies released by the Walt Disney Company, which are mostly family-oriented and suitable for all ages.

3. Disney Movie Song

In this study, researcher used five Disney movie songs as source of data. The titles of the five movies are Raya and the Last Dragon, Onward, Turning Red, Mulan, and Safety. In this study, the researcher took one theme song from each movie. The five theme songs are Lead the Way, Carried Me With You, Nobody Like U, Loyal Brave and True, and Part of Your World.

4. Song Lyric

Song lyrics are the vocal components of a song, expressing the message, feeling stories and, theme. They are essential for communication and connecting the artist or performer to the listener. Lyrics can be poetic, plain, or abstract depending on the style and genre. The song lyrics that the researcher will analyze are song lyrics used as the theme songs to a Disney movie.