

# SLANG WORD ANALYSIS IN THE RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET MOVIE

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### ABSTRACT

This research aimed to analyze the types of slang word that found in Ralph Breaks the Internet (2018) movie. The research method is qualitative approach, which is the researcher analyze the movie based on the theory by Allan and Burridge (2006) about the slang words that used as references. Technique of analyzing the data is by watching the movie and then transcribe the dialogue from movie. The results of the research showing there are four types of slang word that found in the Ralph Breaks the Internet movie. Moreover, there are 50 slang words types that the researcher found based on the Allan and Burridge theory included fresh and creative (24), immitative (17), flippant (7) and clipping (2). The most dominant of slang word is fresh and creative, which means there is so many new vocabulary from old words used or actually a brand new word that spoken by its character. The meaning of slang words that found in the movie is various, but those slang words are mostly used in informal situations. In conclusion, the meaning of slang words that found various in movie but they are mostly in informal situation.

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### INTRODUCTION

Language is a tool to communicate and socialize with others. With language, people can express their feelings and ideas more properly and help to build good or better relationships between humans and society. This is supported by Putri (2020) who claims that a language can deliver ideas more accurately and helps bind the good relationships between users and society. Language develops based on the needs and wants of the humans who use the language itself. Sari (2021) states language always develops because of social conditions and people's needs from time to time. Every person has abilities to create new words, combine two different words to form the new one, and use old words in a new way. These cases may happen when someone deals with the language choice and people needs extra effort of thoughts to figure out the meaning. Language variation can be classified into standard and non-standard varieties. Standard varieties usually used by formal things such as school, news media and government. In contrast, non-standard varieties are usually used in any informal situation. One example of language variations that exist in American English is slang.

Slang language is an informal or non-standard vocabulary complexity that was created by the society that sends an alternative social meaning. According to Putri (2020) slang describes words or phrases that are used instead of more everyday terms among younger speakers and other groups with special interest. Nowadays, slang usage is growing up more faster than a normal and standard language. It is because by using the

slang word, people can deliver their own thoughts more easily, because the user of the slang word will be confident. By learning slang words, people can freely create a new word, and slang word can prevent misunderstanding between the language learners. Therefore, it makes the research of slang words is increased because it gives the ideas for the researcher to do the research on slang language.

One of the many media that uses slang word is movie. There are so many people loves movie, the conversation in the movie is also possible to happen in real conversation. Sudiyanti (2018) states that in making a movie, social condition of the society is included by the producer in taking a scene for a movie. However, people are often misunderstanding about what the characters in the movie means because they are often using unfamiliar words. This is encourage the researchers to analyze and determine the conversation that happens and the slang words used in the movie.

Slang also becomes the privilege of the youth and is considered uncommon by older person in general. In addition, slang indicates the identity of a particular group. Panjaitan (2017) states that slang words are considered to be a variation of language which is mostly used by teenagers. Situmorang (2020) added that slang is generally used as a means of communication among a group of teenagers during a certain period. This is because adolescents have their own language for expressing self-expression. Based on that states, it can be conclude that slang words are came from the society who wants to express their emotions and creativity with the new words which allows the other people to use it too. Therefore as time goes by, slang words is not only just used by some society or community but also commonly used by the teenagers. Teenagers is often using slang word on their daily conversations without anyone to understands the meaning. It may caused by what they watch, listen to, and becomes their daily words that are often spoken in conversations.

The use of slang words usually can be found in American culture products, especially the American movies. In making films, social situation of the general public is usually included by producers in their movies. Therefore, the language usage in the movie is various based on what condition of the movie themes. In this research, the researcher takes the movie "Ralph Breaks the Internet". Ralph Breaks the Internet is the movie that was released in 2018. This movie has reached a high rate in Box Office since this movie nominated on the Oscar award for the best animated feature film. The content of this movie is it shared positive messages with educational value so that many teachers often show the film as one of the media learning, especially for acquiring new languages and enhancing listening comprehension. Beside of that fact, most of the language used in this movie are slang words and it makes the audience can't understand the meaning of words easily. Therefore, the researcher interest is to analyze and determine the meaning of the slang language that used in the movie.

Based on above, there are several questions that formulated by the researcher: (1) What are the types of slang that found in the movie Ralph Breaks The Internet? And (2) What are the meanings of slang that used in the movie Ralph Breaks The Internet? The scope of the research is only focused to analyze the slang word types that spoken by the characters in Ralph Breaks the Internet movie based on the Allan and Burridge (2006) theory. There are six types of slang words that Allan and Burridge (2006) formulated, namely Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, Acronym, and Clipping.

### **RESEARCH METHOD**

The researchers conducted a descriptive qualitative research. Descriptive qualitative

research is used because there is no statistical formula involved in this research. Qualitative is descriptive, tend to use inductive analysis approach, processes and meanings (subject prespective) more highlight, because the data is described and analyzed in words.

In collecting data, the researcher doing several steps to determine the slang words found in the dialogue of the movie. First, watch the Ralph Breaks the Internet Movie, and then collect the data of slang words found by transcribing the dialogue from the movie.

To analyze the data that has been collected, the researcher used content or document analysis. Document analysis focuses on analyzing and interpreting recorded material to learn about human behavior such as public records, textbooks, letters, films, tapes, diaries, themes, reports, or other documents. The researchers conducted a several procedures to analyze the data, which are: (1) Classification: After collecting the data, the researchers classifying the data of slang words based on the theory, whether the slang words is fresh and creative, immitative, flippant, acronym or clipping and the most dominant of it that found in the movie; (2) Reduction: The researchers reducing the data that is not important, the data only taken for slang word; (3) Description: After classifying the data, the researchers is describing the slang words that found in the movie included the types of slang word and its meaning, and; (4) Conclusion: The researcher conclude the findings of the analysis of slang words that found in the movie Ralph Breaks the Internet with its meaning and determine the most dominant slang words.

#### RESULTS

After watching the movie and matching with the dialogue script for several times, the researcher analyzed and classified the slang words that spoken by the character in "Ralph Breaks the Internet" movie using theory by Allan and Burridge (2006) which means that will be 5 types of slang words, namely fresh and creative, flippant, immitative, acronym and clipping. The data that has been analyzed as follow:

Types of Slang	Total	
Fresh and Creative	24	
Flippant	7	
Immitative	17	
Acronym	0	
Clipping	2	
Total	50	

Table 1Types of Slang found in the Movie

Word or Phrases	Evidence	Meaning	Types of Slang
Stench-Vessel	06:03	Stinky guy	
Gang Way	10:09	Make way	
Pigloo	11:29	Pillow and Igloo	
Quick word	13:45	Have a talk	
Darn toothin'	14:19	Very agree	
Buddy	15:21	Good friend	
Scamps	16:37	Naughty child	
Donnybrook	17:38	Mess	
Query	22:48	Question	
Moolah	28:26	Money	
Smog	31:43	Smoke and Fog	
Shocker!	32:10	Grumbling	
HQ	34:42	Head Quarters	
Chumbo	37:36	Fat guy	Fresh and Creative
Doof	43:23	Stupid	
Dope	44 :27	Impressive	
Fella	50:41	Person	
BFF	52:50	Best Friend Forever	
Gee-whiz	59 : 59	Jesus	
Pal	50:29	Friend	
Fella	1:32:30	Person	
Heyo!	1:32:32	Hello	
Dad joke	1:33:24	Silly joke	
Adoo-adoo	1:38:00	Goodbye	
Glitch	06:23	Internal mistake,	
		usually found in	
		technology terms	
Ladylove	04:30	Beloved person	
Goof-off	03:50	Wasting time	
Dunno	01:46	Do not know	
Bellyaching	11:55	Complaining	
Buttload	30:44	A lot	
Dummy	38:35	Dumb	
Gonna	51:25	Going to	
Family-Friendly	51:50	Suitable for a	
r uning r nondry	51.50	children	Imitative
Bonkers	47:43	Crazy	minutive
Weirdos	1:07:30	Weird people	
Welldos	1.07.50	wend people	
Peeps	1:08:10	For calling a group	
P~		of people	
Ditch	1:18:08	Throw away	
Pied-piper	1:22:52	Provoke	
Sweetie	1:22:32 1:42:03	Beloved child	
Wanna	38:39	Want to	
vv a1111a	50.57		

Here are the findings of slang words and their classification and its meaning: **Table 1.2 The Finding of Slang word and its meaning** 

Lame	52:26	Pathetic	
Drinks on the house	16:54	Free drinks	
Start Churning Butter	17:12	Get ready	Flippant
Holy cow	21:08	Amazed by something	
Buzzcoat	44:57	Interrupting	
Man in the mirror	1:25:25	The twins	
Stinkbrain	1:38:03	Stupid	
Dead-end	38:03	Blocked Road	
Comfy	55:46	Comfortable	Clipping
Tech	59 :06	Technician	

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the data above, the researcher tries to analyze and classify the slang words that found in the Movie "Raplh Breaks the Internet". After the researcher search the meaning from dictionary and understanding the context in the movie, the researcher has found only 4 types of slang words based on Allan and Burridge (2006) theory, that is fresh and creative, immitative, flippant and clipping.

#### **Fresh and Creative**

The type fresh and creative is a type where the slang word has a brand new vocabulary, cleverness imagination, informal variety and can be an up to date words or even old words that people do not know. Based on that definition then the researcher has analyzing the fresh and creative types from the movie.

The slang word buddy can be found in the movie at minutes 15:21, when Ralph asking Felix (Ralph friend) about drinking beer when he is waiting for Vanellope

Ralph : Hey, Felix. Since when do you drink root beer?

Felix : Since tonight.

Ralph : Yeah, I hear you, <u>buddy</u>. Hey, listen, this one was supposed to be for Vanellope. I guess you can have it. Doesn't look like she's coming.

The slang word buddy is categorized as fresh and creative because there is no comparation for the other types of slang word such as flippant, immitative, acronym and clipping. This word also is completely new vocabulary. In the movie context, the word *buddy* means a closer friend.

#### Imitative

The imitative of slang word means the word that comes from copying the word of normal English Language, uses the normal English word in different meaning, or combines the two of different word to create a new word. As the example below.

This slang words appears at 11:55 when Ralph tries to cheer up Vanellope because her game is broken.

Vanellope : I can't believe I don't have a game anymore. I mean, like what am I gonna do all day?

Ralph : What? Come on, are you kidding? You sleep in, you do no work, and you go to Tappers with me every night. I've literally just described paradise.

Vanellope : But I loved my game.

Ralph : Oh, come on., you were just <u>bellyaching</u> about the tracks being too easy!

As the explanation about the imitative slang word above, one of the way to classifying this slang word is combining two different words to make a new word. The word is from belly that same mean as stomach and aching which means sick. However, the word *bellyaching* in the movie shows that the meaning of it word is complaining about something.

#### Flippant

The flippant type is a type of slang that word that used is different from the meaning. The key to grouping slang word into flippant is when slang form consists of more than two words and does not have any relationship to the denotative meaning.

The slang word dead end can be found at 38 : 03 when Ralph and Vanellope trying to escape for stealing a car from an online racing game in the internet.

Ralph : Kid, there's a fire! You see the fire there? That's a <u>dead end! Dead end!</u> Vanellope : Not for me! Bye-bye, Shanky!

*That's the stuff! Ralph* : *Good job, kid!* 

The word dead end can be classified to flippant because it is not contain a denotative meaning or the real meaning. The word dead end in the common terms means by two word, dead means death and end is similar to over. However in slang terms, and based on the theory, *dead end* means a blocked road.

## Clipping

Clipping is the types of slang word where some parts of word has been deleted but still has the same meaning as the original word. The deletion of some parts of the word in slang expression is one of the form of the usage of imagination and effort to reach certain point in communication.

The slang word of comfy can be found at 55:46 when Vanellope is convicing the princesses that she is a princess too.

Princess Rapunzel : Best outfit ever. Princess Ariel : I want one too, you guys. Princess Cinderella : I'll get my mice on this. Princess Cinderella :So this is love. All hail Princess Vanellope, the Queen of <u>comfy.</u>

The word *comfy* can be classified to clipping because comfy is from word comfortable, which means it has deleted some parts of the letter and still have the meaning.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the findings and the discussions, and also regarding the first and second research question that formulated, the researcher conclude that there are 4 types of slang word that appear in the Ralph Breaks the Internet movie, those are fresh and creative, immitative, flippant, and clipping. The data that has been analyzed by the researcher found about 50 slang words that appear in the movie, which is 24 fresh and creative words, 17

imitative words, 7 flippant words, and 2 clipping words.

The meaning of those words are variety, as explained in the discussions. However, the dominant purpose of the usage slang word in the movie can be categotized to informal situation. As the example, the word *buddy* that means closer friend purposes to express the relationships. People in their daily conversations are often using the word *buddy* instead the word *friend* to express their relationships.

## SUGGESTION

Based on the conclusions above, the researcher suggest that this research can be the one of the references for the another researcher who interested to take a slang words as a research. And also, for the language learners, this research hopefully can give the information about slang language and increasing vocabulary.

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