

Slang Words in “The Warriors” Movie

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Abstract

This research deals with Slang words in “The Warriors” movie. The purpose of this study was to determine the type and meaning of the slang used in “The Warriors” movie. The data source is taken from the script of The Warriors movie. The Warriors movie classified as American action movie released in February 1979 and directed by Walter Hill and written by David Shaber. The research design used in this research is descriptive qualitative research. This research is described one by one slang words are found from the film The Warriors by using dictionaries and theories related to slang. From the analysis, there are two types of slang, namely society slang and public house slang. There are 9 word of society slang and 4 word of public house slang. Then the slang word in the form of words and phrases are classified and analyzed. These findings suggest that there are several slang words and phrases in The Warriors that have been classified into a type of slang. Some theories used in analyzing the data were taken from Partridge (1950). This study is expected to contribute to the reader to find out about slang clearly. This can help readers speak English fluently. And it can too is expected to enrich new English vocabulary used in everyday conversation.

Keywords: Slang words, movie, The Warriors, types of slang.

Abstrak

Penelitian ini berkaitan dengan kata-kata slang dalam film “The Warriors”. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui jenis dan makna bahasa gaul yang digunakan dalam film “The Warriors”. Sumber data diambil dari naskah film The Warriors. Film Warriors diklasifikasikan sebagai film aksi Amerika yang dirilis pada Februari 1979 dan disutradarai oleh Walter Hill dan ditulis oleh David Shaber. Desain penelitian yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Penelitian ini mendeskripsikan satu persatu kata-kata slang yang ditemukan dari film The Warriors dengan menggunakan kamus dan teori-teori yang berhubungan dengan slang. Dari hasil analisis, ada dua jenis slang, yaitu society slang dan public house slang. Ada 9 kata slang masyarakat dan 4 kata slang rumah umum. Kemudian kata slang yang berupa kata dan frase tersebut diklasifikasikan dan dianalisis. Temuan ini menunjukkan bahwa ada beberapa kata dan frasa slang di The Warriors yang telah diklasifikasikan ke dalam jenis slang. Beberapa teori yang digunakan dalam menganalisis data diambil dari Partridge (1950). Penelitian ini diharapkan dapat memberikan kontribusi kepada pembaca untuk mengetahui tentang bahasa gaul dengan jelas. Ini dapat membantu pembaca berbicara bahasa Inggris dengan lancar. Dan juga diharapkan dapat memperkaya kosakata bahasa Inggris baru yang digunakan dalam percakapan sehari-hari.

Kata Kunci : Kata-kata slang, film, The Warriors, jenis-jenis slang.

1. Introduction

Language is one of the most powerful emblems of social behavior. In the normal transfer of information through language, we use language to send vital social messages about who we are, where we come from, and who we associate with. It is often shocking to realize how extensively we may judge a person’s background, character, and intentions based simply upon the person’s language, dialect, or, in some instances, even the choice of a single word. Given the social role of language, it stands to reason that one strand of language study should concentrate on the role of language in society

(Trudgill, 1995). Sociolinguistics has become an increasingly important and popular field of study, as certain cultures around the world expand their communication base and intergroup and interpersonal relations take on escalating significance (Wolfram, 1991). The basic notion underlying sociolinguistics is quite simple: Language use symbolically represents fundamental dimensions of social behavior and human interaction. The notion is simple, but the ways in which language reflects behavior can often be complex and subtle. Furthermore, the relationship between language and society affects a wide range of encounters from broadly based international relations to narrowly defined interpersonal relationships.

Slang word is one of assortments of language in sociolinguistics. Slang is vocabulary that is used between people who belong to the same social group and who know each other well. Slang is very informal language. It can offend people if it is used about other people or outside a group of people who know each other well. We usually use slang in speaking rather than writing. Slang normally refers to particular words and meanings but can include longer expressions and idioms.

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According to Eric Partridge in his books *Slang, "Today and Yesterday"*, he states that "The differences kinds of slang are numerous, and I purpose to treat of only the twenty four most important: after all, there are limits" (Partridge, 1950:148).

2. Literature Review

2.1. Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics (often called a functional linguistics, and a cross disciplinary study) of which terms was first coined in 1950's to try to bring together the perspectives of linguists and sociologists to bear on issues concerning the place of language in society, and to address the social contexts of linguistic diversity.

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2.2. The Definition of Slang Words

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3. Method of The Research

3.1 Design of Research

The design of this study used descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive research asks question about the nature incidence, or distribution of variable; it involves describing but not manipulating variable. A descriptive research declares something naturally, so the researcher just can measure way already exist. There were two basic reasons why the writer used a qualitative method. First, the data collections in this study are mostly in to the form of the description and explanation.

Second, the data is not randomly taken. The writer used slang term that is occur in The Warriors movie as the data analysis because they are chosen to yield the findings.

3.2 Data Collection

In this research the writer uses descriptive qualitative method. Qualitative research is the research study that investigates the relationship, the activity, the situation or the material (Fraenkel and Wallen, 1990:502). For collecting data the writer will analyze and observe the types of slang words which related to this aim of study. Therefore, this study used classified as documentary analysis.

3.3 Data Analysis Procedure

Moleong (2002:52) stated that analyzing is called as a process of organizing and arranging the data into pattern, category and a set of basic classification. Therefore, in this research the researcher uses the descriptive qualitative which used to analyze types of slang by Partridge (2004:204).

4. Findings and Discussion

Based on the researcher's classification the slang, in this study has found two types of slang that is used in The Warriors movie. They are society slang and public house slang. For more description, below are analyzing of two types of slang.

Types of Slang Words

1) Society Slang

Society slang is commonly used in daily speaking which related to the society, one of the kinds of special vocabulary which can be changing with the new trend. The characteristic of society slang are hovers, joyously or jauntily.

Based on the statement above, the words that is categorized into society slang are, no sweat, waste, turf, fucking, bullshit, chick, shut up!, ain', and shit!.

1. No Sweat

The place is on the station of the Coney Island. This word said by Cleon, when Cleon talk to Swan when the Warriors go to the Bronx for an important meeting.

The conversation below:

Swan : We ain't even been to The Bronx before.

Cleon : No sweat, this conclave's gonna be a real big item, every gang in the city is gonna be there.

The word "no sweat" means "don't worry". From the quote conversation above, it can be assume that the word "no sweat" means "don't worry". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge, when Cleon says every gang in the city has attended in their meetings. Then, the researcher categorizes this word in society slang because it closely related with society. This word is appropriate with the characteristic of society slang.

2. Waste

This conversation started when Ajax wants to kill some people on the streets but Cleon remembered that he was a soldier in this gang. This word said by Ajax. He talked his warlord gang when he wants killing people on the street.

The conversation below:

Ajax : Maybe we'll get to waste a few heads along the way.

Cleon : You just soldier and keep your mouth shut.

The word "waste" means "to kill or murder". This meaning has taken from the dictionary.com. In this quote conversation, it can be assumed that the word "waste" means "to kill". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. Where Ajax said his warlord gang when he wants killing people in the street.

3. Turf

This setting is at the platform of The Riffs hangout when Cyrus did the speech.

The quoted Cyrus' speech below:

The problem in the past has been the man turning us against one another. We have been unable to see the truth, because we've been fighting for ten square feet of ground. Our turf, our little piece of turf. That's crap brothers. The turf is ours by right, because it's our turn. All we have to do is keep up the general truce. We take over one borough at a time. Secure our territory, secure our turf, because it's all our turf!

The word "turf" means "the neighborhood over which a street gang asserts its authority". From the quoted speech above, it can be assume that the word "turf" means "the neighborhood ". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. Where Cyrus did the speech about the gangs against the police.

4. Fucking

This setting is at the graveyard, this word said by Vermin when he can't go to Coney Island because it's far from there.

The conversation below:

Cowboy : Okay, what are we going to do now?

Swan : We're going back.

Vermin : You mind telling us how? Fucking Coney Island must be fifty to a hundred miles from here.

From the quoted conversation above, the word "fucking" means "express anger or something rude". This meaning has taken from the dictionary of slang. After analyzing it, the researcher categorizes the slang word "fucking" into Society slang because this word has characteristic such as rude meaning and it is often used daily conversation. The researcher think that Vermin is unhappy so expresses his anger by saying "fucking" and the word "fucking" itself is a type of vulgar word.

5. Bullshit

This setting is in under subway. This word said by Cochise when the Warriors hide under the train to avoid the attack of the Turnbull A.C.'s.

The conversation below:

Ajax : Come on, what kind of chicken shit crap is this?

Cochise : Yeah, come on man, we're here, what are we waiting for?

Fox : A train would help, unless you wanna go up there and get japped on an open platform.

Cochise : Bullshit man, there ain't nobody on the street.

Ajax : He's right, we're acting like faggots.

Swan : Just keep talking.

The word "bullshit" means "indirection, hoax or nonsense". This meaning has taken from the dictionary.com. Based on the quoted conversation above, this study assumed that the word "bullshit" means "speak insincerely". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. This word categorized into society slang because it is appropriate with the characteristic of the society slang.

6. Chick

This setting was in the tenement near the station. This word said by Swan when he wants to love the one he likes.

The conversation below :

Mercy : You gonna jump me?

Swan : Maybe we ought to put a train on you. You look like you might even like it.

Mercy : Fuck you!

Swan : Real tough chick.

The word "chick" means "a term used to refer to a girl or young woman". This meaning has taken from the dictionary.com. This quoted conversation, it can be assumed that the word "chick" means "a girl or young woman". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. This word categorized into society slang because it is appropriate with the characteristic of the society slang.

7. Shut up!

This setting was in the station. This word said by Swan when he must be calm and keep silent to waiting the train.

The conversation below :

Vermin : How much longer we gotta wait? We might be here forever! I'm sick of waiting for trains.

Swan : Vermin, sit down and shut up!

Vermin : Okay, okay!

The word "shut up!" means "to stop talking; become silent". This meaning has taken from the dictionary.com. This quoted conversation, it can be assumed that the word "shut up!" means "to stop talking". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. When Vermin must be calm and sit down. This word categorized into society slang because it is appropriate with the characteristic of the society slang

8. Ain't

This dialogue happened between Cochise and Rembrandt in the Union Square station, when Cochise found the woman in the big city of Union Square and Rembrandt reject it.

The conversation below:

Cochise : Hey hey hey, now look at what you find here in the big city.

Rembrandt : Hey you guys, we ain't got time.

From the conversation above, the word "ain't" belong to society slang because based on the theories the word that come from the habitual society of main characters and used in their daily conversation. "Ain't" became slang words Because based on the theory said that slang is informal language that used by social group. And from these movie the main characters used these word to confirm that something true or not.

9. Shit!

This setting was in the Lizzies flat. This word said by Rembrandt. When he was surprised to hear the Lizzies were armed

The conversation below:

Lizzie : So you're the famous Warriors, the guys that shot Cyrus.

Rembrandt : Shit! The chicks are packed, the chicks are packed.

The word "shit!" means "anything bad, poor, inferior, unpleasant". This Meaning has taken from the dictionary of slang. Based on the conversation above, this study assumed that the word "shit!" means "an expression of worry". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie and used in their daily conversation based on the theory of slang by Eric Partridge. This word Categorized into society slang because it is appropriate with the characteristic of the society slang.

2) *Public House Slang*

In the chapter two has been description that public house slang has some characteristics and the characteristics of public house slang are genial, cheery, materialistic but nor gross or cynical.

Based on the characteristic of public house slang, the writer categorizes the words are, guys, buddy, baby, and dude.

1. Guys

This setting was in the graveyard. This word said by Rembrandt. When Rembrandt and others talk about finding the train. And Rembrandt called them guys.

The conversation below

Cowboy : Hey Ajax lighten up.

Vermin : Big boy, Swan's war chief.

Cochise : We better stick together.

Rembrandt : Hey you guys, the train's right over there. Come on, hurry up, let's go.

Swan : Lets move.

The word "guy" means "an informal term for a youth or man". This meaning has taken from dictionary of slang. Based on the quoted conversation above, the word "guys" means " a boy or a person". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, when Rembrandt finding the train. And Rembrandt call them guys. This word categorized into public house slang because it appropriate with the characteristic of the public house slang.

2. Buddy

This setting was in the inside of train. This word said by Ajax. When Ajax and the other Warriors celebrate that the Warriors running away from the Turnbull A.C.'s. Ajax gave the fist to Cochise. And Ajax call them buddy.

The conversation below:

Cochise : Yeah, well we made it and in an hour, it is C.I., the Big Coney!

Ajax : Yeah, give me that fist buddy.

Swan : When we get there, that's when we've made it.

The word "buddy" means "friend". This meaning was taken from the Oxford dictionary of slang. Based on the conversation above, it can be agreed that the word "buddy" means "friend". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, where Ajax call Cochise using buddy. This word categorized into public house slang because it appropriate with the characteristic of the public house slang.

3. Baby

This setting was in the tenement. This word said by Ajax. When Mercy follows The Warriors but then gets grabbed by Ajax.

The conversation below

Swan : Okay, what have you got in mind

Mercy : Well maybe I'm lookin' for some real action.

Vermin : Well what about me, I got the big one!

Ajax : I'll give it to you baby.

Swan : Let her go!

The word "baby" means "a loving call to someone". This meaning was taken from the urban dictionary. Based on the conversation above, it can be agreed that the word "baby" means "a loving call to someone". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, where Ajax call Mercy using baby. This word categorized into public house slang because it appropriate with the characteristic of the public house slang.

4. Dude

This setting was in the Lizzies flat. This word said by Cochise. When he hate ask a question and he asked where the men. The conversation below:

Cochise : Is this the place? Hey, I hate asking questions but where's your dudes? Chicks like you always got dudes around?

Lizzie : They took the night off, went up to The Bronx. Don't worry about them. They're lame. Real cripples.

The word "dude" means "a general term of address used to a man, woman, or group". Based on the conversation above, it can be agreed that the word "dude" means "a men". The meaning was appropriated with the situation in the movie, when Cochise saying dude to the Lizzies asks where are the men. This word categorized into public house slang because it appropriate with the characteristic of the public house slang.

Discussion

After analyzing the data, there were two types of slang words in The Warriors movie. 1) Society slang is generally used in

everyday speaking and connecting with society. There were 9 (nine) society slang words found in this film are: no sweat, waste, turf, fucking, bullshit, chick, shut up!, ain't, and shit!. 2) Public house slang is generally told about a word used by their community and is not cynical. There were 4 (four) public house slang words found in this film are: guys, buddy, baby, and dude. Besides these words are rarely used by actors in *The Warriors* movie.

5. Conclusions

After analyzing research findings, then the writer wants to describe some conclusions about slang language used in *The Warriors* movie that was produced by Walter Hill.

There are two types of slang word found in *The Warriors* Movie; (1) Society slang is generally used in everyday speaking and connecting with society. There are 9 (nine) society slang words found in this film are: no sweat, waste, turf, fucking, bullshit, chick, shut up!, ain't, and shit!. (2) Public house slang is generally told about a word used by their community and is not cynical. There are 4 (four) public house slang words found in this film are: guys, buddy, baby, and dude. Besides these words are rarely used by actors in *The Warriors* movie. Moreover, the meaning of slang word in *The Warriors* is based on the type of slang word used and character background and scene settings. From the analysis in chapter 4 the researcher concluded that the meaning of the slang word is based on contexts. The meaning of slang is taken from the slang dictionary and thesis reference.

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