

## **THE MEANING OF SEMANTIC ANALYSIS WITHIN SONG'S LYRICS "A HEAD FULL OF DREAMS" ALBUM BY COLDPLAY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This research is intended to analyze the meanings of semantic and moral values found in songs lyrics in the album by Coldplay. The result of this research is expected to be valuable research in enlarging the knowledge of semantics field especially in analysis of song. In this case the meanings and moral values found in the Coldplay's Album songs lyrics. In this case, the researcher collects the data in following steps. Firstly, collecting the script of song lyrics taken from the internet. Secondly, assembling data from the sources. Thirdly, reading all the data sources. Lastly, classifying the lyric based on the lexical meaning and moral values and classified them according to the research focus.*

*After analyzing the data, the lexical terms found in this song contains 6 denotations, 5 connotations, 1 ambiguity, 10 antonyms and 11 synonyms. Furthermore, there are many kinds of figurative languages found in some lyrics of the song such as simile, hyperbole, personification, symbol, metaphor, apostrophe, synecdoche, paradox and antithesis, etc. Specifically, the figurative language which found in lyrics a head full of dreams album , there are 1 metaphor, 2 similes, 2 symbol, 2 hyperboles and 1 irony. Then, the five song lyrics in a head full of dreams album by Coldplay tell us about human social life which contained about love, sadness, happiness, spirit and adventure of life.*

**Key Word:** *Semantic, Analysis on Songs Lyrics A Head Full of Dreams, Album by Coldplay.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The meaning of word, phrase, and sentence is very important to be analyzed because it can make something more understandable to be communicated to others and some people have their own perspective about semantic. For this reason, practically the researcher expects this study to give an obvious description to be a contribution and an additional knowledge to understand the meaning and moral value of semantic.

Semantics is the part of linguistics that is concerned with meaning (Sebastian, Understanding Semantics, Arnold, 2002, p. 31). Lexical meaning is a term that is equivalent to term 'word meaning', and it has another technical term, 'lexeme' is dictionary-words. The noun 'lexeme' is, of course, related to the words 'lexical' and 'lexicon' that has the same meaning as 'vocabulary' or 'dictionary' (Fatimah, 2009, p. 16). The term "Lexical meaning" interpreted as the meaning of lexemes depends upon the meaning of the

sentence in which they occur. Lexical meaning covers among other things the discussion about, they are:

First, denotation is the meaning of a word that refers to the real world. Second, connotation refers to the personal aspect of meaning, the emotional association that the word arouses. Third, ambiguity is often said to be a double or ambiguous meanings. Fourth, synonym is an expression (can be words, phrases, or sentences) are more or less the same meaning with the meaning of other expressions (Abdul, Pengantar Semantik Bahasa Indonesia, 2002, p. 895). Fifth, antonyms is two forms with opposite meanings (George, The Study of Language, 2008, p. 117).

Figurative language or language style is an attractive language which is used to increase the effect by introducing and comparing an object or certain matter or more general soothing else. Metaphor is the figurative speech, which compares one thing to another directly (Peter, 2002, p. 12). A comparison of one thing with another is always explicit because the words "like" or as are used (Dennis, Language and Diction in Linguistics, 1996, pp. 62-63). (Macmillian, 1984, p. 187) says simile is direct comparison between things, which are not particularly similar in their essence. Then, symbol is a thing (could be an object, person, situation, or action) which is to stand for something else

more abstract. Next, hyperbole is one kind of figure of speech which is very common and it is often found in daily life. Besides, irony is a figure of speech when an expression used in the opposite of the thought in the speaker's mind, thus conveying a meaning that contradicts the literal definition.

When individuals understand where they find meaning in their own lives they understand a little more about themselves (Steger, 2009, p. 681). The song is one of literary work most commonly refers to works of creative imagination, including poetry, drama, fiction, nonfiction, journalism, and song (Srudji, Romlah, & Rahayu, 2014, p. 4). So, every lyric can express a direct personal feeling of or for singing (words of a song) and have the moral value to give the reader more understand how is the content actually have in that song. The definitions above show that moral value is consist of symbols that have written and meaning, to deliver information to the listeners or readers.

## **METHOD**

The studied materials in this study are a text of lyrics while the objective is to interpret the meaning. In qualitative research the term variable is not used, and instead the inquirer seeks to gather information on a single concept (Creswell, 2012, p. 128). In addition, In qualitative research, inquirers do not

compare groups or relate variables. The collected data is gathered by researcher in form the lyric script from five songs in a head full of dream album then analyzed automatically by the researcher. The aim of instrument is to support this study, it is because instrument is used to obtain the data of research. The instrument of this research is the writer herself because there are no other instruments which are more important to be used to obtain the needed data as she becomes a researcher and an instrument.

Tabulation is process of placing data in form of table consisting of data based on the analysis needed. Tabulation is the systematic arrangement of the statistical data in columns or rows. All of the analyzed data in this study were taken from an album created by Coldplay. The title of the album is "A Head Full of Dreams". This album consists of Eleven Songs, but the writer chooses five of them. They are "A Head Full of Dreams", "Birds", "Hymn for the Weekend", "Everglow" and "Adventure of A Lifetime". The researcher copied and rewrote the lyrics from the internet and the researcher choose kinds of the moral values and meanings of semantic may appear are denotation, connotation, antonym, ambiguity, synonymy also figurative language as a study of the thesis.

The data was taken from the internet such a youtube. Then, selecting five

songs in 'A Head Full of Dreams' album which contained meanings and moral values in songs lyrics. In this case, the researcher collects the data in following steps. Firstly, collecting the data formed the script of song lyric taken from the internet. Secondly, assembling data from the sources. Thirdly, read all the data sources. Lastly, classify the lyric based on the lexical meaning and moral values and classified them according to the research focus. The researcher analyzes the lyrics which require being elaborated lexically based on the concept of lexical helped using dictionary (Online Oxford Advance Learner Dictionary, Oxford University Press). and (Dictionary.com, LLC).

## FINDING

The aim of this research is to explain the lexical meaning also figurative language in lyrics of a head full of dreams album. The lexical terms used in this song covers denotation, connotation, ambiguity, synonym, antonym, polysemy, homonym, and hyponym. Besides, after the researcher analyzed the song, it contains 6 denotations, 5 connotations, 1 ambiguity, 10 antonyms and 11 synonyms.

Furthermore, there are many kinds of figurative languages, such as simile, hyperbole, personification, symbol, metaphor, apostrophe, synecdoche, paradox and antithesis, etc.

Unfortunately, the figurative language which found in lyrics a head full of dreams album, they are 1 metaphor, 2 similes, 2 symbols, 2 hyperboles and 1 irony.

Next, the lyrics in a head full of dreams album try to tell us about human social life which contained love, sadness, happiness, spirit and struggle. In a head full of dreams album selected songs that contain lexical meaning and figurative language are helpful in understanding the song. So, it can be concluded that in analyze lyrics besides finding the lexical meaning, figurative language in lyrics, it is also understand the moral value of the song.

## DISCUSSION

The researcher found some lexical meaning also figurative language and moral value in five songs entitled A Head Full of Dream Album by Coldplay.

Denotation is a real meaning of word carried by the dictionary such as *head, stay, sleep, love, thirsty and world*. Besides, connotation is additional meaning which is not indicated in dictionary, they are *friends, eyes, lights, fly and shadow*. Another antonym is a word opposite in meaning to another, they are *alive, cold, low, ordinary, come, change, lost, start, loud, move and slow*. The other instance, the word or sentence that have more than one interpretation or having double unclear meaning is known

as ambiguity such a lyric of *I feel my heart underneath my skin*. Then, synonym is a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the language such words of *escape, keep, riot, rage, guilty, cruel, ordinary, hunger, find, shoot, and hurt*.

Metaphors directly compare two subjects are different for instance, *"like an eagle, you circle, in perfect purple"*. Next, simile is comparison of two things, indicated by some connective, usually like, as or verb such as resembles such as *"like brothers in blood and "life is short as the falling of snow"*. Besides, symbol is something that means more than it is like *"when I was so heavy"*. It describes the situation and the last lyric which indicated as a symbol is *"with a head full, a head full of dreams"*, it describes the object. Next, hyperbole is emphasizing a point with statement containing exaggeration, for instance lyric of *"still I see you, celestial"* Unfortunately, almost arises from a contrast or discrepancy between what happens and what has been expected to happen is known as irony, such a lyric of *"oh now I think I must be miles up when I was hurt, withered, dried up"*. . The five-song lyrics in a head full of dreams album by Coldplay tell us about human social life which contained love, sadness, happiness, spirit and adventure of life. In analyzing on songs the researcher found the lexical meaning which covers

denotation, connotation, antonym, ambiguity, synonymy also figurative language and the moral value through the meaning of the song.

## CONCLUSION

By the discussion about semantic analysis of song lyrics before, it can be concluded that the meaning in lexical found the most synonyms meaning in the songs by Coldplay that is as much as 11 meanings. Meanwhile, the meaning of the least one is only ambiguity. On the other hand, the meanings contained in the most commonly encountered figurative language are similes, symbols and hyperboles in which there are 2

meanings in each song. In addition, only one meaning found in every song contained in the figurative language is metaphor and irony.

Each lyric is written certainly does have a message directed to the listener and the readers. The message is directed with the intention that they get the impression after listening and reading the lyric. So, the message contained in A Head Full of Dreams Album by Coldplay lyrics indirectly conveyed through the lyrics they wrote and the lyrics of Coldplay's selected songs tell us about about human social life which contained about love, sadness, happiness, spirit and struggle.

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