



CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problems

The role of language in this world is very important and very influential in human development, there are many languages used throughout the world, for example English which is one of the international languages or the language used in international communication. Language is a very important means of spiritual connection in living together. As a term in linguistics, language is defined as a system of changing sound symbols, which are used by members of a society to work together, interact and identify themselves. The opinion of this short paper about language was expressed by Canagarajah & De Costa (2016: 3)

As previously discussed, English is an international language and has been widely used by many people in the world. The largest number of English users is in several large countries such as America and the birthplace of this language is Great Britain. According to Karimah Tauhid (2022: 353) English is a universal language because it is used by most countries in the world as the main language. Apart from that, English is an international language that is important to master or learn. Some countries apply English as a second language that must be mastered. after their country's mother tongue.

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In language learning we know that it cannot be separated from linguistics and society, Linguistics is the scientific and systematic study of human language. Linguistics analyzes it as a system for connecting form, meaning, and context and time Vita Lossi et al (2023: 2) there is also a science that studies language by involving society (sociolinguistics). In her book, Maria Georgieva (2014: 4) argues that sociolinguistics explores language in its relationship with society. That is, this is related to the language used for communication between different social groups in different social group situations and in sociolinguistics there is also slang or slang that follows the times or is seasonal. Slang is usually expressed in informal language, and is usually used in everyday language with close relatives, family, friends or certain groups. In this case the language used is also influenced. Slang is a variety of informal language that is usually used to communicate more easily and instantly in social groups, this opinion was expressed by Wahyu Trimastuti (2017: 64) in his journal. There are several types of slang that writers can use, namely fresh and creative, clipping, imitative, flippant and acronym. This sentence explains that slang is used by a group of people as their identity and often eliminates the rules of formal language because it is unique and free from formal language in general.

Novel is a literary work which can be fiction based on the author's work, his imagination or it can also be a true story based on the author's real experience. Currently, novels exist not only as a means of conveying messages, but also as a form of expression. Novels are not only a means of conveying messages, but also a form of expression for a character. Novels based on real stories of



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characters or authors are intended to provide stimulation and learning for readers. Finally, it is not only the message that the author gives to readers, but also the stimulation and learning from the character or author in question that provides inspiration, Audry (2022: 34).

In this case, the researcher chooses the great Gatsby novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, an old novel published April 10, 1925 which is now one of the most popular pieces of literature in the world and has become an inspiration for many writers in the world. The reason this analysis chose this novel is because it tells an interesting romantic adventure, set in the 90s. This story makes a unique impression on today's young generation, and while reading and watching the adaptation of this novel, this analysis found several English slang words that were interesting to research. Of course, this will be a challenge in itself to find and understand the elements of the word slang in the novel. Therefore, researchers are interested in making a research proposal with this title *"Exploration the Use of Slang Words in "The Great Gatsby" Novel Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald"*.

B. Identification of the Problems

There are two main types of research in the field of Education, namely: descriptive and experimental. The general questions that will be answered in descriptive research are: what, how, or why something happens Nasution (2021: 13). Based on the background presented in the research, the following two problems were identified:



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1. The analyze of the use of slang word in the novel is not classified, identified and categorized based on type
2. There is no word clear data regarding to the type of slang word
3. Lack of understanding the meaning of functions used by the characters
4. The meaning of each slang words in the the great Gatsby novel by F. Scoot Figtgerald is not clear yet
5. Readers still do not know the meaning of the slang word used in the novel
The Great Gatsby

C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the problem identification above, Researcher will limit this research to only analyzing, categorized based on type and also what is the meaning of each slang word in The Great Gatsby Novel Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald”

D. Research Questions

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the researcher can formulate the questions of research as a follow:

1. What kind of slang word that could be found and categorized in the great Gatsby novel?
2. What is the meaning of each slang word in the Great Gatsby novel?



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E. Purpose of the Research

The purpose of this research is to find out what kind of slang word is used and its meaning in “The Great Gatsby” Novel Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald”

F. Significances of the Research

Based on the purpose of the research, the significances of the research can be stated as follow:

1. For Reader

This research could tell a reader about several slang word and each means which very useful for increasing the knowledge.

2. For Researcher

The benefits of this research for researchers can contribute adding new knowledge, informing theories, and new perspectives.

3. For Institution

Supports academic programs by providing insights into slang word studies and enriching literary and linguistic education.

G. Definition of the Key Terms

a. Definition of Slang word

According to Habibiloyevna (2021: 83) Slang is a kind of use of words that are not standard in a language and sometimes the creation of new words derived from other languages. From this it can be concluded that slang is a word created by a group of people using their habits and using their own language and culture and is usually not a formal word.



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b. Definition of novel

According to Tarigan (in Pradanti et al. 2022: 2), a novel is a story that has a long plot in a book which is an imaginative story in the lives of the characters in the story. The elements that build a novel consist of two conventional elements, namely intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements.

c. The Great Gatsby Novel

Argopuro (2025: 2) state that The Great Gatsby novel F. Scott Fitzgerald's work is one of the works of American literature that remains relevant throughout time. Published in 1925, the novel depicts American life during the Jazz Age, a period marked by luxury, social change, and a clash between traditional moral values and modern materialism.