

## ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS FOUND IN MOVIE “SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME”

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**Abstract**— *The use of slang is not only found in society but can also be found in song lyrics and conversations in films. This study has two aims namely (1) to identify the types of slang words used by the characters in “Spider-Man: No Way Home” movie. (2) to analyze the types of meaning of slang words found in “Spider-Man: No Way Home” movie. This study used qualitative method and applied two theories, i.e. (1) the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) to analyzes the types of slang, (2) the theory proposed by Leech (1981) to analyzed the types of meaning. The result shows there are two types of slang word found, those are primary slang with total of 33 data and secondary with total 3 data. In addition, the meaning of the slang words used in the utterances of the movie characters can be categorized into several types: conceptual, connotative, social, affective, reflected, collocative and thematic. Social meaning held the highest in the first percentage total with 27 data, affective meaning with 6 data, followed by conceptual with 2 data, and lastly connotative meaning with 1 data on each meaning. Meanwhile the types of meaning that did not found are reflected, collocative, thematic meaning.*

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### 1. Introduction

Language is main factor in the evolution of human life as a means of communicating, conveying ideas, and understanding one another. Linguistics is the learning of language and tries to understand language from a scientific point of view. Sociolinguistics is a branch of linguistics that deals with tongue as a social and cultural phenomenon. In community groups, we often encounter the use of certain words, phrases or sentences which only certain people can understand. Usually, the use of a word that is not in accordance with the grammar or a change in the structure of the word, such as slang words. Slang is informally used by members of certain social groups or ethnic groups, such as teenagers, so the purpose of its use is slightly different from the usual colloquial (Fishman, 1971) argues that the use of slang is very temporary, unofficial language, does not have a precise and definite definition, and can only be understood by certain groups of people or the community where the language originates. Slang is one of the languages that created in aim to enhance the communications within the society and something that everybody can recognize but nobody can define (Dwiyanti, 2021). Slang words can also be found in literary works such as novels, films, songs, short stories, and social media platforms (Wulanningtyas, 2021). The aim is to develop general English knowledge, to provide additional thoughts on problems in slang sentences, to find out the provisions for using slang. The researcher used the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) to analyse the types of slang, and the theory proposed by Leech (1981) to analyse the types of meaning. This analysis hope to improve understanding about slang and also to understand types and functions of slang language used by the characters in “Spider-Man: No Way Home” movie, to develop general English knowledge, to provide additional thoughts on problems in slang sentences, to find out the provisions for using slang. Provide additional thoughts, especially in the film that not only uses formal

language but there is a popular non-formal language known as "slang". Slang is a type of language consisting of words and phrases that are regarded as very informal. According to (Mattiello, 2008) slang is a socio-cultural practice in which the speakers are privileged for social purposes to be at the same level as their audience. It can facilitate social intercourse, and inducing friendliness or intimacy. Slang is a very informal language which consist of a word or phrases, and more common in speech than in writing.

## 2. Literature review

The writer is aware that this research on slang words is not the first of its kind. The author will provide evidence from earlier research that addresses current topic to demonstrate its originality. The initial study conducted by Anenda Putri Adati (2019). Slang in David Ayer's "Suicide Squad" is the name of her study. Anenda Putri Adati additionally makes use of theories by Bloomfield and Guth that are connected to the definition of slang and the language itself. Her investigation revealed that there are two slangs in the abbreviation, ten in comical mispronunciation, eleven in abbreviated, eight in interjection, eleven in metaphorical, and eighteen in nickname. Anenda's article has similarities and differences with this study. The similarities between Anenda's thesis and this study is the method that used, namely descriptive qualitative method. The differences between Anenda's thesis and this study are in the theory and the data source. In Anenda's article, the theory used are by Bloomfield and Guth. But in this study, two theories the Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory of slang words and the Leech (2008) theory of meaning types are put to use (1981). The movie script for David Ayer's "Suicide Squad" served as the data source for Anenda's analysis. In this study, "Spider-Man: No Way Home" was used as the data source.

The writer of I Putu Agus Ari Purnama's second study (2019). "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" is the title of her study, Analysis of Slangs Used by Characters in Movie Script. He identified and categorize slang words according to their categories and also detailed the context and scenario in which the slang was used in the script for the film "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell." He applied Holmes' idea of context of situation for varieties of slang (2013). and the theory of Allan and Burridge (2006). According to the study, the characters in the script for the movie I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell use four different varieties of slang. There are four elements that make up the situational context. The context of each slang word or phrase in the "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" movie script determines its meaning. Additionally, the interpretation of meaning is crucial to the study. Both similarities and contrasts exist between this study and Ari Purnama's article. The descriptive qualitative method utilized in both this study and Ari Purnama's article is what makes them similar. The idea and the data source are different between Ari Purnama's essay and this study. The Allan and Burridge (2006) theory for slang categories and the Holmes theory of situation context are both used in Ari Purnama's thesis (2013). But in this study, two theories the Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory of slang words and the Leech theory of meaning types are put to use (1981). The study by Ari Purnama used "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" as its data source, while this study used the movie script for "Spider-Man: No Way Home"

From earlier study, the writer will evaluate the slang in the script for the movie "Spider-man: No Way Home" and carry on with earlier slang research. The objective of this research, which has a different focus, is a sociolinguistics analysis of the slang employed in the script of the movie "Spider-man: No Way Home." In the screenplay for the movie "Spider-man: No Way Home," the researcher examines the many slang terms and their definitions

## 3. Method

The research information from the movie "Spider-Man: No Way Home" was studied. An American superhero movie is called Spider-Man: No Way Home. Jon Watts directed this motion picture. 2021 release date. The 27th movie released in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is "Spider-Man: No Way Home." It premiered on December 13, 2021 in Los Angeles at the Fox Village Theatre, and was released in theaters across the United States on December 17, as part of Phase Four of the MCU. "Spider-Man: No Way Home" is also officially released in cinemas throughout Indonesia on December 15, 2021. This study uses a qualitative method. Data collection techniques through several steps. In collecting data, this study used the observation method and the steps were as follows: first, downloading the film from the internet and then watching the film and listening to the characters' words repeatedly to find slang words from the conversations between the characters in the film. the film while recording all the utterances between characters that contain slang and

finally classifying the data that has been collected according to the theory of slang types by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) and the theory of seven types of meaning by Leech (1981).

#### 4. Result and Discussion

The findings and data analysis are presented in this chapter. According to the categories of slang terms offered by Kipfer and Chapman (2007), this research data analysis is divided into sentences. The analysis also shows the categories of meaning in the movie "Spider-Man: No Way Home" based on the theory put forth by Leech (1981).

### RESULTS

NO	TYPES OF SLANG	TOTAL DATA	PERCENTAGE
1	Primary Slang	33	91,7 %
2	Secondary Slang	3	8,3 %
Total		24	100%

The data can be divided into primary and secondary slang based on the table above. The number of primary slang words in "Spider-Man: No Way Home" is 36, with 3 secondary slang terms. Primary slang was most frequently used in the film. The primary slang words mostly used in the movie conversation because this movie is made similar to everyday life, meanwhile the used of secondary slang words rarely used in the movie because the target market of movie is not for showing the life of the main character in social group. primary slang usually become the mostly used one because easier to use and understand by bye the viewer.

There are also seven types of meaning of slang words that can make the viewer easy to understand about the slang words. The seven characteristics of slang words proposed by Leech (1981) which are conceptual, connotative, social, affective, reflected, collocative and thematic. These types of meaning of slang words were describe in the table below.

No.	Types Of Meaning	Occurrences	Percentage
1	Social	27	75 %
2	Affective	6	16,67 %
3	Conceptual	2	5,56 %
4	Connotative	1	2,77%
TOTAL		36	100%

According to the presented table, the movie "Spider-Man: No Way Home" contained only 4 different sorts of meaning. The first percentage showed that social meaning accounted for the majority a total of 75% with 27 expressions followed by affective meaning 16,67% with 6 occurrences 5,56% with 2 data and connotative meaning 2,77% with 1 data for each meaning. Meanwhile, reflective, collocative, and thematic meaning are the sorts of meaning that were not discovered.

### DISCUSSION

The study discussed the analysis of slang words from the film "Spider-Man No Way Home" in this chapter. Given that the "Spider-Man: No Way Home" movie script served as the study's primary data source, readers should expect to encounter several teen slang terms in this chapter. The data analysis for this study was split into two parts: the first portion focused on the forms of slang, and the second part on the several ways that the language in the film "Spider-Man: No Way Home" could be understood.

#### Primary Slang

Slang that is used exclusively by a subculture is called primary slang. Even while it is natural and pure to them, it is still only an option for the rest of us, something to be chosen rather than required. Many teen talks



and the dialect used by urban street gangs. Primary slang examples are yo man, what's up, c'mon dude, bastard, wanna etc. General slang used by different members of a speech community in everyday conversation can also be referred to as primary slang.

#### **Data 1**

Peter : So, uh.. who's coming with me?

Electro : Well, I'm in. But... if this goes sideways, **imma** fry you from the inside out.

"Imma" is short for "I'm going to." This word is frequently used in everyday talks, movies, chats, and phone calls. This slang is regarded as primary slang since it is frequently used in everyday speech and is clear to most listeners.

The word "imma" is categorized as social meaning. Imma is a non-standard language in English which is actually in the form of "I am going to". Its use in informal sentences or can be used with equivalent interlocutors.

#### **Data 2**

Electro : You're not trying to save me

Webb-verse Spider-Man : I am

Electro : you ain't even the **shit** no more

The word "shit" is classified as a primary slang because it is frequently used in conversation, song lyrics, and movie dialogue, and because people may easily comprehend what it means. An expression of shock, contempt, or disappointment is "shit."

The exclamation "shit" is classified as affective meaning, which is why many people find it insulting. "Shit" is used in the exchange above to indicate anger or irritation.

#### **Data 3**

Green Goblin : Poor, Peter. Too week to send me home to die.

Peter : No, I just want to kill you myself

Green Goblin : **Attaboy!**

The phrase "attaboy" is classified as a primary slang since it is frequently used in films and everyday discourse and has an easy-to-understand connotation. An expression of appreciation or encouragement is "attaboy".

The word "attaboy" is categorized as social meaning, is a phrase condensed from "that a boy" that is said when one has done a good job on something.

#### **Data 4**

Peter : how did you just do that?

Matt Murdock : I'm really good lawyer

May : we're **gonna** need a safer place to live

The phrase "gonna" is categorized as a primary slang because it is frequently used in everyday speech or dialogue in films, and because its meaning is well understood. The word "gonna" is a mispronounced abbreviation of "going to"

The word "gonna" is categorized as social meaning because Its use in informal sentences or can be used with equivalent interlocutors. Gonna is a non-standard language in English which is usually found in conversation among society.

#### **Data 5**

Spider-man : Doctor Connors? Welcome back, sir.

Dr. Strange : well, I'll be **damned**. Did you just open the portal?

Ned : yes—yes, sir. I did.

The word "damned" is categorized as primary slang, frequently used in ordinary speech, movie dialogue, and song lyrics; as a result, it is regarded as the most common slang because it is so widely understood. "Damned" is a cursed, accursed, and pitiful term.

The meaning of the term "damned" is classified as affective meaning. A phrase you can use in every circumstance. You can simply interject "damn" into any conversation and everyone will immediately understand what you're talking about.

#### Data 6

Peter : hey,um.. this is gonna sound really crazy, but uh.. this isn't your universe  
Electro : another universe?  
Peter : uh-huh  
Sandman : what?!  
Electro : that's what I was feeling. The power, it's different, I like it  
Sandman : easy, **buddy**  
Peter : it's actually my fault that you're here  
Electro : like the universe? Or the woods? I hate the woods  
Peter : I meant the universe, sir.

The slang "buddy" is categorized as a primary slang because it is frequently used in everyday speech and movie dialogue, and because its meaning is well understood. Buddy is a colloquial term for a friend.

The word "buddy" is categorized as social meaning. Reserved for the strongest of allies and the closest of friends; a buddy is a person whom you can call or rely upon in your greatest time of need; one who can be considered a surrogate sibling

#### Data 7

Peter : Sir?  
Dr. Strange : Now what?  
Peter : I know this is my **mess**, and I swear to you that I'll fix it, but I'm gonna need some help.

The word "mess" is regarded as the primary slang because it is frequently used in casual speech and is widely understood. The term "mess" creates a very perplexing problem: mess scenario.

In this movie the word "mess" is categorized as a connotative meaning, which is translated from English "mess" is a place where military personnel socialize, eat, and live. However, the word "mess" in this dialogue alludes to the issues that Peter has brought about.

#### Secondary Slang

Secondary slang is a word of choice that is used to express attitude as opposed to group membership. Secondary slang is less of a phrase and more of a choice in style. Secondary slang, also known as a word used to reveal information that should only be known by those who understand it, is typically used by drug users, members of street gangs, gamblers, criminals, and so on.

#### Data 8

Matt Murdock : The **Feds** are actively investigating the missing technology. I uh, understand your loyalty to Mr. Stark and his legacy. But if you were involved...  
Happy : If I was involved?  
Matt Murdock : I advise securing a lawyer

The word "fed" is categorized as secondary slang because it is used as a way of saying that the topic is information that is kept private or confidential. The word "fed" is short for "federal" and the word "fed" is slang for agents of the FBI.

The word "fed" is categorized as social meaning. The word "fed" is any federal government worker or agent, especially in law enforcement or taxation.

#### Data 9

Peter : I mean, they have crime in Boston, right?  
MJ : Yes, yes they do  
Ned : Yeah, **wicked** crime  
Peter : Yeah, so it'll be like a fresh start.

The word "wicked" is categorised as a secondary slang because the word "wicked" is New England slang (language that actually retains a lot of Old English pronunciations in New England) that adds emphasis. Synonymous with very and really

The word "wicked" is categorized as social meaning. The word "wicked" impressive: prodigious. Wicked literally means evil. In slang it means perfect or excellent. Most common North American alternatives are "awesome" and "rad".

#### **Data 10**

Green Goblin : That's some **neat trick**. That sense of yours.  
Doc Ock : Norman?  
Green Goblin : Norman's on sabbatical, honey.  
Electro : The hell?  
Peter : Goblin  
Green goblin : "No more darker half?" did you really think that I'd let that happen?

The phrase "neat trick" is classified as secondary slang since it originates from the 80s television program A-team, which is about a group of major characters who always seem to survive while everyone else dies in movies and books.

The word "neat trick" is categorized as a social meaning. The existence of several utterances or words as a dialect, indicates the origin of the speaker according to the geographical or social environment. For example the word "neat trick" these words are said when something really good happens.

#### **5. Conclusion**

The researcher came to a number of findings from the analysis employed in this study. There are 33 slang terms that are classified as primary slang words and 3 slang words that are classified as secondary slang words, the total amount is 36 slang words that the researcher discovered in this movie according to Kipfer and Chapman (2007). Furthermore, there are four of the seven types of slang word meanings found in this film, social meaning ranks the highest in the first percentage with a total of 27 data, affective meaning with 6 occurrences, followed by conceptual with 2 expressions, and lastly connotative meaning with a percentage with 1 data on each meaning. Meanwhile, the types of meaning that were not found were the reflective, collocative, thematic meanings used in this film theory proposed by Leech (1981). It can be concluded that this film is targeted for all people, not only for a group or community

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