

The Comparative Study of English Slang in Ariana Grande Song Lyrics on “Thank U Next and Position” Album with Rich Brian Song Lyrics on “1999” Album.

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ABSTRACT

The use of slang has developed in various literary works, one of which is in song lyrics. This study examines the word formation of slang in Ariana Grande's song lyrics from the album *"Thank U Next and Positions"* with Rich Brian's from "1999". The focus of the study is the type of word formation in slang and the comparison between the two singers. This study uses a descriptive qualitative method in analyzing song lyrics as the object of study. The theory used is George Yule's word-formation theory to describe the type of slang and Diane Borstein's theory to describe the relationship between slang and song lyrics through a tree diagram. The study results showed that there were 22 slang data categorized based on the type of word formation. In Ariana Grande's song lyrics the dominant type of word formation is blending with 4 data because it is more popular and efficient to use in the United States. Meanwhile, in Rich Brian's song lyrics there is no dominant type of word formation because rappers tend to use various forms of slang.

Kata kunci: Word Formation; Tree Diagram; Comparative; Ariana Grande; Rich Brian.

Pendahuluan

Language is a tool for communicating with other individuals using words. The existence of language is essential for human life because almost every human activity always uses language. The use of language in human life is done intentionally to achieve its goals. Jesus Martinez del Castillo (2015) states that language is intentional, that is, you can speak or be silent, speak this way or that way, according to your goals and intentions. Through language from one person to another a conversation is formed. From time to time the use of language is growing due to several factors. According to Rosa (2023), human language always develops with several factors such as social life and human needs for language. This language development creates its language style so that a new language style will be born. This new language style will continue to develop so that it can be accepted by some groups of people called slang.

Slang is formed from a language that creates new forms in terms of pronunciation, word forms, and new meanings. According to Septa (2023), slang is a language that has unique terms, where new terms and new meanings are created. It is not an officially recognized language in the dictionary and is more effective than standard English in describing physical exercise, gender, and formal matters in everyday conversation. In linguistic studies, slang is categorized as a sociolinguistic study because newly formed vocabulary arises due to changes in the cultural, social, and political climate in a country. According to DO Saliveya (2018)

Agha (2015, p.306) states that slang is an ideological framework for reasoning about language that defines a class of deviant language registers. This states that the slang standard deviates from the formal form although the meaning used remains the same. Each country has its slang terms in its language. One example in Indonesia is the use of slang LOL which comes from the abbreviation laughing of loud often used in funny circumstances but in this case, deviates from the formal standards in the English dictionary.

Slang itself is currently growing very rapidly and is popular on social media, besides that slang is not only popularly used on social media but can be found in several literary works

such as movies, songs, and novels. Slang words are often created by singer in their song for musicians the use of slang words is intended to facilitate and lighten the use of words that are too long and group the words into homonyms so that it is pleasant to hear. There are various types of songs that use slang such as pop, rap, R&B and so on. Each song certainly has its own story to describe, the composer needs the right and good words in order to convey the content of the story as well as the nuances of the song. Slang can express and shape a song to be comfortable to hear so that it becomes popular to be used in everyday conversation. Some examples of slang that are often used are gonna, gotta, till, and others.

Therefore, this study focuses on the type of word formation using the theory of George Yule (2010). Previous study entitled *an Analysis of Word Formation of Slang Words used in Bad Boys for Life Movie* by Mahdi Annafra Maulana, Rusdi Noor Rosa (2023) explains the analysis contained in slang by classifying the types of word formation. There are seven types of word formation processes found, namely coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, derivation, and multiple processes. According to Rosa (2023), there are so many studies of word formation types using George Yule's theory of word formation types. The statement can be assumed that George Yule's theory related to the type of word formation process is very effective. The difference from this study is in terms of objects in the form of song lyrics, besides that in the concept of this study there is a comparison between two different singers which aims to analyze whether there are differences between the use of slang according to the type of word formation according to George Yule's theory.

This study will also analyze tree diagrams to illustrate the relationship between word formation in slang and song lyrics. This tree diagram analysis is also found in previous study entitled *A Syntactic of the Sentence Structure in Motivational Quotes using Tree Diagram for English Learning* by Diah Ayu K, Akhmad Haqiqi M & Zuhad Ahmad (2023) this study aims to determine the types of sentences that often appear in motivational quotes and use tree diagrams to analyze sentence structure. The tree diagram theory used is from Noam Chomsky which consists of simple sentences, compound sentences, complex sentences, and complex compound sentences. The difference in this study is that the theory used comes from Diane Borstein who only classifies three types of sentences, namely simple sentences, compound sentences, and complex sentences. The object of study in the form of song lyrics compared from two different singers is one of the differences from previous studies.

Based on the explanation above, this study focuses on English slang because its use is increasingly popular and is used in all literary works, one of which is in songs. According Coleman (2012) said that slang creates frictions, misunderstandings, and pretended misunderstanding between nations as well as between generations. Slang itself can make a person or even a generation misunderstanding both in word form and meaning. Therefore, this study focuses on slang to find out the unique form of slang words and only a group of people understand it. The object of this study is song lyrics from two Ariana Grande albums and one Rich Brian album using linguistic morphology studies, namely the theory of George Yule regarding the types of word formation and Diane. D Bornstein to analyze morphosyntax which will show the relationship between slang words and sentence structure and can determine the type of sentence form.

The use of morphological linguistic studies is due to the distortion in the formation of slang in terms of word formation so there are changes in the types of word formation. By analyzing the slang words used in songs by Ariana Grande and Rich Brian, it can identify the forms of word formation of the slang words used then use a tree diagram to analyze how the relationship between word formation and song lyrics in the form of sentences. The result of this analysis is

to find out the form of sentences formed and the position of slang words on a tree diagram which will later be compared between Ariana Grande and Rich Brian's albums.

This study focuses on two singers whose use of slang in their songs is famous and has its uniqueness. This study took two albums from Ariana Grande and one album from Rich Brian. Taking two albums from Ariana Grande because the use of slang in each song is fairly repetitive and sometimes in one song a little slang is used, therefore this study took two albums to find more varied slang and the characteristics of the slang often used by Ariana. As for Rich Brian, this study took one album because there are still very few albums created by Rich Brian, and some albums that have been studied focus on slang as well. In addition, the use of slang in each of Rich Brian's songs is quite varied and numerous, so in this study, one album is enough to find the characteristics of slang that Rich Brian uses most often and then can be compared with the slang in Ariana Grande's album. This study will analyze the types of slang on each song in the album and compare Ariana Grande with Rich Brian. The albums analyzed are Ariana Grande's Thank U Next and Positions albums and Rich Brian's 1999 album.

Metode Penelitian

This study uses a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. The study discusses the comparison of word formation slang contained in Ariana Grande's album, namely Thank u Next and position with the album Rich Brian 1999. Creswell J. W and Creswell J. D (2018: 279) explain that the qualitative method has an influential function in interpreting information. The qualitative study focuses on analyzing descriptions of a text that produces specific meanings, not numbers. Seixas, Brayan V (2016: 87) explains that Qualitative description represents the methodological category that has the least level of inference among the qualitative methods, one that allows “the reading of lines, as opposed to reading into, between, over or beyond the lines.

This study chose to use the descriptive qualitative method because it is very effective in analyzing slang word formation and comparing data from slang word formation. It is considered effective because this study focuses on the analysis of English slang whose data collection does not require interviews, observations, or questionnaire data where only analysis is carried out on the lyrics of Ariana Grande and Rich Brian. In addition, in determining English slang, it is necessary to understand the implicit meaning of the song lyrics whether the word is included in slang or not so that it does not require quantitative data. Qualitative descriptive itself does not require interviews with certain individuals and does not require samples to be tested in the laboratory and proven to certain individuals. This method aims or focuses on collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and comparing forms of slang word formation found in Ariana Grande's song lyrics on the Thank u Next album and Position with Rich Brian on the 1999 album.

Hasil dan Pembahasan

A. Analysis of the Type of Word Formation.

1. Coinage

According to Yule (2010), coinage is told about the invention of totally new terms. Usually, the use of this coinage prefers to mention the brand name rather than mentioning the goods.

Datum 1 : Netflix

“ He finna act a dog so he get the bald kitty Netflix or Hulu “ by Ariana Grande feat Doja Cat, Megan Thee Stallion Lyrics in 34+35.

This data about Netflix is considered slang because one unit of lyrics contains an element of metaphor where to determine slang you must know the context of one sentence. The lyrics of this song talk about romantic sexuality from the word act a dog which means aggressive or wild like a dog which here refers to a man trying to chase a woman or tease her. In addition, the meaning of bald kitty here also refers to a vulgar metaphor for a woman's intimate organs. Hence, the meaning of Netflix or Hulu refers to the slang Netflix and chill which is a code for doing romantic or sexual activities.

The meaning of Netflix and chill according to Ghani (2023) is a code for two people who will go home and do other sexual acts from the statement and the lyrics of the song Netflix can be categorized as slang. Netflix slang is a word from a streaming product for watching TV shows and movies. Therefore Netflix can be categorized as coinage because the taking of this word comes from a product to become slang so that the word formation here is taken from the word a product rather than the word TV streaming service. The word Netflix is also a new word that is not found in any English dictionary.

Datum 2 : Maserati

“ When I pull up in that Maserati” By Rich Brian lyrics in Dat \$tick

The meaning of this lyric is about how society treats someone. Determining slang, especially in the form of coinage, requires an understanding of the overall meaning. This lyric means that the singer took out a Maserati where this Maserati signifies a brand or luxury product that is finally recognized by the public because it has a famous brand. The word Maserati is slang because there is a change in the meaning of use where it is used as a luxury object that can be recognized by the public rather than its original meaning, which is a car.

The word Maserati has only one morpheme without any additional prefixes or suffixes. The word Maserati means an Italian luxury car brand founded by Alfieri Maserati according to the Urban Dictionary. The word Maserati is taken from the creator's last name. It is said coinage because it uses a brand or product name instead of using a luxury car directly.

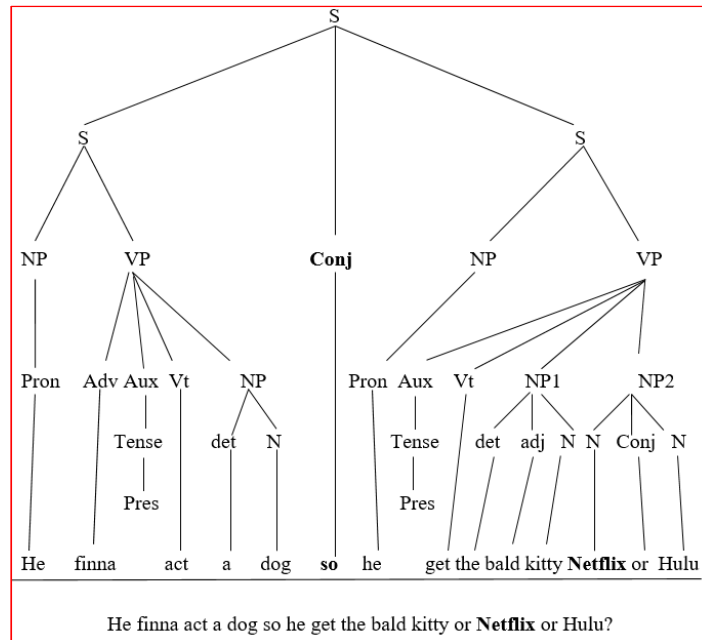
B. Analysis of the similarities and differences in Morphosyntax

This study focuses on the differences in the use of slang in the lyrics of Ariana Grande and Rich Brian's songs. The comparison between the two singers will be seen from the tree diagram to analyze more specifically each word in the song's lyrics. The results that will be found are the location of the English slang and the form of the sentences that will be compared between Ariana Grande and Rich Brian.

1. Coinage

Datum 1: Netflix

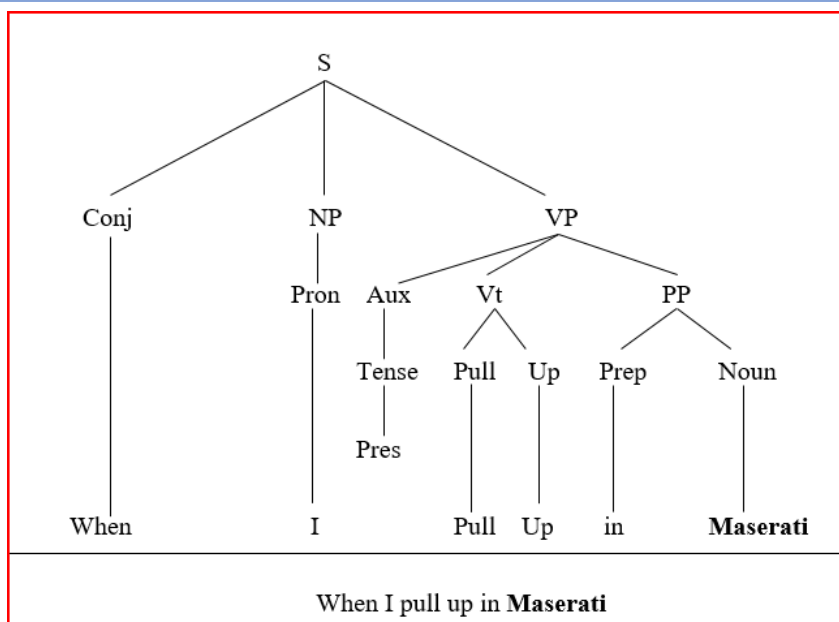
Based on the lyrics that contain this slang, we can look further through a tree diagram to see the relationship between slang and the sentence structure in it.



In the form of a tree diagram, there are S consists S conj S. Based on this diagram with the lyrics He finna act a dog in it so he get the bald kitty Netflix or Hulu? There are two different sentences because there is a coordinating conjunction, namely so, so this sentence is categorized as a compound sentence. In the first sentence, NP and VP consist of Np as P (He) then VP is broken down into four parts, namely adv(Finna), Aux (Present), Vt,(act), Np there are two forms det(a) and Noun(dog) then connected by coordinating conjunction, namely so, accompanied by a second sentence containing Np, there is P(he) and Vp, divided into six branches, namely Aux(Present), Vt(get), Np which contains det(the), adj(bald), and N(kitty). Then there is N(Netflix), Conj(or), and N(Hulu).

Datum 2 : Maserati

Based on these lyrics, the sentence form of the lyrics containing this morphology can be further expanded using the tree diagram method.



In this tree diagram form, there are S consists Conj, NP, and VP. Based on the diagram with the lyrics " When I pull up in Maserati contains Subordinating conjunction, namely when, then NP consists of pronouns, namely I, then VP consisting of three, namely Aux, Vt, and PP. In Aux, it describes the tense used in this sentence, namely present. In Vt, there is a Pull Up while PP contains Prepositions, namely in and Noun, namely the slang word Maserati. The relationship between slang in this tree diagram can be seen that the word maserati is a Noun in the Preposition Phrase section which indicates a place or area in this sentence. This sentence is categorized as a dependent clause type because there is a subordinating conjunction in the form of when. This sentence cannot be categorized as a complex sentence because it requires an independent clause but in this lyric, there is only a dependent clause.

Based on the tree diagram that has been described, it can be concluded that coinage type slang has differences in the tree diagram. In the Rich Brian tree diagram, the Maserati slang is in the PP or Preposition Phrase section with the Noun form in this type, but because there is a preposition at the beginning of the slang, this is categorized as PP, while in the lyrics of Ariana Grande's song, the Netflix slang is in the VP or verb phrases because the word Netflix is still in the verb group.

In addition, when viewed as a whole sentence in the lyrics of Ariana Grande's song, there are coordinating conjunctions that function to connect two independent sentences, namely the conjunction so, so this sentence can be categorized as a compound sentence while in the lyrics of Rich Brian's song contains a conjunction in the form of subordinating which is a marker that this sentence is dependent. This problem, can be categorized as the lyrics of Rich Brian's song are a type of dependent clause sentence without an independent clause so that it is not included in a complex sentence, let alone a simple sentence because it must be an independent clause for this type. Therefore it can be concluded that although both are coinage types, if developed further in the tree diagram, differences in structure and types of sentences produced can be seen.

Kesimpulan

This chapter is the last in this study entitled "The Comparative Study of English Slang in Ariana Grande Song Lyrics on "Thank U Next and Positions" Album with Rich Brian Song Lyrics on "1999" Album. There are 22 slang data seen in terms of word formation types whereas in Ariana Grande there are 11 data as well as Rich Brian, which is also 11 data. Ariana Grande data based on word formation types contains 1 form of coinage, 1 form of borrowing, 1 form of compounding, 4 forms of blending, 3 forms of clipping, and 1 form of acronym. For Rich Brian, there is 1 form of coinage, 2 forms of borrowing, 2 forms of compounding, 2 forms of blending, 2 forms of clipping, and 2 forms of acronym.

In addition, the data is developed again through a tree diagram to see the relationship between slang and the overall form of sentences in the song lyrics where this study produces the position of slang on the tree diagram and the form of sentences after being analyzed through the diagram. Where it is found in the Ariana Grande data there are 2 forms of NP or Noun Phrase, 5 forms of VP or verb phrase, 2 forms of AV or Adverb Phrase, and 2 forms of AD or Adjective Phrase. Then for Rich Brian data where there are 5 forms of NP or noun phrase, 1 form of VP or Verb Phrase, 2 forms of AD or Adjective Phrase, 2 forms of PP or Preposition Phrase, and 1 form of CN or conjunction.

The sentence form through Borstein's theory which states that there are three sentence forms, namely simple sentence, compound sentence, and complete sentence. In Ariana Grande's data, there are 7 forms of SS or Simple sentence, then 2 forms of CP or compound, 1 CX or complex form, and 1 dependent clause. For Rich Brian, there are 4 forms of SS or Simple Sentence sentences, 2 forms of CP or Compound Sentence sentences, 4 forms of CX or Complex sentences, and 1 dependent clause.

It can be concluded that Ariana Grande and Rich Brian have similarities and differences when viewed from each component found. In terms of word formation type, Ariana Grande is more dominant in the blending type, describing that blending words are very popular both among singers and people in the United States. In addition, this word is easier to pronounce because it is shorter and when singing these lyrics, the pronunciation is more in tune with the melody being sung compared to other types of word formation. While Rich Brian has almost all types of word formation equally so none are dominant because Rich Brian is a rapper who mostly uses various types of slang from various types of word formation. For a rapper, the use of various types of slang is popular because in singing a song, rappers must sing quickly and have word forms that are by the popular language style at that time.

From the position on the tree diagram, Ariana Grande is more dominant in verb phrases because each form of slang used is categorized as an action or activity carried out in the lyrics of her song, while Rich Brian has more noun phrases because the slang used is mostly in the form of subjects or objects so that it is included in the Noun Phrase. In terms of sentence type, it turns out that both singers are the same, namely simple sentences because in one song lyric, there is only one subject and object, and does not even have one of them. In addition, most of the song lyrics found in slang do not have a conjunction form to connect other clause forms.

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