AN ANALYSIS OF ABBREVIATION IN TWITTER STATUS OF HOLLYWOOD POP SINGERS

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Abstract

Abbreviation is the process of cutting one word, some parts of the word and the combination of words into words in the new form. Abbreviation is used by all kinds of people who share situations of interests and it is often used in informal situation. The use of abbreviation is not only found in daily conversation, discussion, or speech, but also found in online interaction in social media. This study aims to find out the types and the meaning of abbreviation words and types internet language in Twitter used by Hollywood pop singers. This research used Schendl (2001) and Weakly (2006) theories about five types of abbreviation words. This study is descriptive qualitative research. The data were taken from tweets that have been posted by Hollywood pop singers on June 2019. The result showed that from 47 data that have been collected, there were four types out of abbreviation that have been found from five types of Schendl an Weakly abbreviations. They are clipping (14,9%), initialism (34,0%), blend (10,6%), contraction (40,4%) and acronym is not found from the data. From the finding it can be concluded that the type of abbreviation which is dominantly used by the singers in Twitter is contraction.

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A. INTRODUCTION

Language as means of communication holds an important role in every human interaction. By language, we can convey ideas, opinions, disseminate information and language is as a form of interaction in society. Language is divided into two types namely verbal language (verb) and writing language (nonverbal). In communication there are also different styles either in written or

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verbal language. However, in human daily interaction, verbal language is used more spoken because it can express directly easily to the interlocutors. Through language, people can understand what other people want and think.

Nowadays, we can see the use of abbreviations almost in every part of human life. That is why people want to deliver their ideas more practice and short. Abbreviations found in various studies and dictionaries in their attempt to classify the various types of shortened form. Abbreviation is one of the forms of language variation. That is why people want to deliver their ideas more practice and short. In general, abbreviation is a shortened form of a word or phrase, for example, *DM* for *Direct Message.* According to Kridalaksana (2009:162-177) abbreviation is the process of cutting one word, some parts of the word and the combination of words into words in the new form. Abbreviation is used by all kinds of people who share situations of interests and it is often used in informal situation. Abbreviation is the shortening process of a word but still bear the same meaning. The use of an abbreviation is not only in daily conversation, discussion or speech also can be found in online chat in social media.

People have started abbreviating words due to the limited number of characters permitted in a single message or tweet. Until 2019, one tweet could include no more than 140 characters and 20 characters for a username. This number doubled to 280 characters, yet the tradition to abbreviate is still a trend these days. People want to save their efforts and time for typing especially when it's made on the go.

B. RESEARCH METHOD

This gives delineation about how the writer will do this research especially about methodology that will be done. Method is defined as a way or technique done in research Schendl (2001:28) and Weakly (2006). The design of this research was a descriptive quantitative research because it describes phenomena of language used in Twitter. Descriptive research tries to describe, interpret and research the current problem clearly based on the accurate data. In this research phenomenon described the language used on status on Twitter. The data of this study were abbreviations found in Twitter.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Research Finding

The writer analyzed these data by using the theory of abbreviation by Schendl (2001:28) and Weakly (2006). According to Schendl and Weakly there are five types of abbreviations. They are acronym, clipping, blends, contraction and initialism.

a) Initialism

Initialism is a types abbreviation which always written in capital. Initialism is similar to acronym but is not pronounced as a word. It gives the name for something that is still pronounced separately.

Here are some acronym words found in Twitter:

No.	Initialism	Full Form	Frequency
1.	ETC	Et Cetera	1
2.	LOL	Laugh Out Loud	14
3.	VIP	Very Important Person	2
4.	IDK	I Don't Know	2
5.	RN	Right Now	3
6.	DM	Direct Message	1
7.	TBH	To Be Honest	1
8.	LA	Los Angeles	2
9.	ILY	I Love You	1
10.	LMFAO	Laughing My Fucking Ass Off	2
11.	OMFG	Oh My Fucking God	1
12.	NZ	New Zealand	2
13.	BTW	By The Way	1
14.	RT	Retweet	1
15.	LMAO	Laughing My Ass Off	2
16.	HBD	Happy Birthday	1
	Total	37	

The word LOL

LOL is the acronym word for *Laugh Out Loud.* The letter "*L*" means "*laugh*", letter "*O*" means "*out*" and letter "*L*" means "*loud*". LOL is an expression when people got something funny. Also in Indonesia, they also used this English word when they want to express that they want to laugh.

The word LMFAO

LMFAO stands for *Laughing My Ass Off*, the letter "*L*" means "*laughing*", letter "*M*" means "*my*", letter "F" means "fucking" letter "*A*" means "*ass*" and the letter "*O*" means "*off*". Many people say or text this word when they find something particulary funny. Sometimes, when a person finds something extremely funny, they say LMFAO.

b) Blend

Blends are formed from the part of existing words and a combination of the parts of two words. Here are some blends found in Twitter:

No.	Blends	Full Form	Frequency
1.	Y'ALL	You + All	10
2.	BOUTTA	About + To	1
3.	TRYNA	Tying + To	1
4.	GOTTA	Going + To	1

5.	WANNA	Want + To	2
	Total	15	

The word Y'ALL

Y'ALL in the data above is considered as slang word because it consists of the words you + all. There is a process of blending in forming the word *y'all*. Word formation of *y'all* which comes from two words: *you* and *all, all* is taken as a complete word, while the part of *you* which is taken is /y/. Therefore, the word *all* experiences changes, in which all of the word constituents are removed except /y/.

The word BOUTTA

BOUTTA in consists of the words about + to. There is a process of blending in forming the word *boutta*. Word formation of *boutta* which comes from two words: *about* and *to, about* is taken as a half word *bout*, while the part of *ta* (tə) which is taken is /ə/. Therefore, the word *to* (tə) experiences changes in vowel, in which all of the word constituents are changes to become / ə /.

c) Clipping

Clipping of word usually spelled with a final period when they are still regarded as abbreviations. Clipping are often but not always informal. Some become the standard forms and the full forms are then regarded as formal or technical. Here are some clipping words found in Twitter:

No.	Clipping	Full Form	Frequency
1.	TIX	Ticket	4
2.	CUZ	Because	2
3.	LIL	Little	2
4.	THO	Thought	1
5.	AUS	Australia	1
6.	PIC	Picture	2
7.	OBVI	Obvious	1
	Total	13	

The word AUS

AUS is categorized into clipping word, because *Aus* is formed from process of cutting six last letters of *Australia*. Process of cutting first six letters from *Australia* becomes *Aus* constituted process of making new word. Process of cutting *Australia* become *Aus* is categorized into back clipping.

d) Contraction

Contraction is the best last type of abbreviations. Contractions are abbreviated form in which letters forms the middle of the full form have been omitted. Contractions come in two forms, shortened form of a word that ends in the same letter as the word itself and short way to write two words as one by writing the two words together, leaving out one or more

letters and replacing the missing letters by an apostrophe. Here are some contraction words found in Twitter:

No.	Contraction	Full Form	Frequency
1.	It's	It is	5
2.	That's	That is	2
3.	Here's	Here is	1
4.	Don't	Do not	4
5.	I'll	I will	2
6.	I've	I have	1
7.	I'm	I am	13
8.	Can't	Cannot	2
9.	Wouldn't	Would not	1
10.	There's	There is	1
11.	Didn't	Did not	1
12.	You're	You are	2
13.	They're	They are	1
14.	U	You	17
15.	UR	You're	7
16.	N	And	1
17.	W	With	1
18.	BC	Because	4
19.	PLS	Please	1
	Total	67	

The word BC
Because is also omitted and become BC. BC is formed by removing the vowels of word "*Because*", vowel "*e*" is removed.
The word DON'T
A common contraction of "do not" used when one participates in don't speak where the words take on the form of "did you know…"

2. Discussion

From the table above, it can be said there are five types of abbreviation were found in tweets by Twitter users. There were 0% acronym, 14,9 % clipping, 34,0% initialism, 10,6% blend and 40,4% contraction. In tweets, there will be a lot of abbreviated forms of words or phrase because there is limitation of letter that can be typed for one time tweet. Furthermore, this condition makes people modifies the words into shortened simpler form. Construction dominate the other types of abbreviation which were found in tweets in Twitter because half of data

were classified as constructions followed by initialism 34,0%, clipping 14,9%, blend 10,6% and then acronym 0%.

Based on the explanation above, the result of this research shows that contruction is the most used abbreviation in the Twitter Hollywood singers pop account. There is a difference in this research with the research that has been done by Kurniadi (2018) before. In Kurniadi's research, entitled Abbreviations found in "Toram Online", there are only five types of abbreviation that have been found. There were 20% clipping, 20% omission, 50% initialism, 5% logogram, and 6% nonstandard spelling. Initialism dominate the other types of abbreviation which were found in "Toram Online" because half of the data were classified as initialism and followed by clipping and omission where the two types share 20% each and then logogram and nonstandard spelling 5% each.

Other research that has been done by Paramitha (2018) entitled Types of abbreviation in Instagram resulted that there are five types of abbreviation which have been found. They are clipping, blending, and acronym, initialism and contraction. Among those types, initialism is the highest abbreviation found with 41%, followed by blending with 32,5%, acronym with 15%, clipping with with 9% and contraction 2,5%. There are some types of shifting abbreviation forming process construction in Instagram. The percentage of shifting abbreviations blend 28.6% and initialism 71.4%. However, in this research, initialism is the highest and the range is not far. Only 0.25% of the range from the highest (initialism: 71,4%) to the second (blending: 28,6%).

D. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on research finding and discussion it was found that there are many abbreviations that are used in social media of Twitter. There are five types of abbreviation in Twitter: clipping, initialism, blend, acronym and contraction. All types of abbreviations are used in the social media, to express funny things and etc.

In Twitter contains of abbreviation which those abbreviations can be divided in to five types. They are clipping, initialism, blend, acronym and contraction. However it can be found some abbreviations which are not included to the types of abbreviations above such as in internet language. In Twitter there are five types of abbreviations. They are acronym 0%, clipping 14,9%, initialism 34,0%, blend 10,6% and contraction 40,4%. In Twitter, generally uses of abbreviations in writing word in one of writing style. Abbreviations are useful to minimize space which is provided to explain the words to the reader or users. Then abbreviation is also used attract the user attention.

This paper analyzes about the types of abbreviation that is used in Twitter. There are many types that can be studied from abbreviation, such as function, kinds and form. In this paper the writer only sees about the types and formation from abbreviations in social media. This paper is not perfect yet therefore, so th

writer suggest others conduct the relevant studies about abbreviation in different topic. Besides it is hoped that users of Twitter follow the rules of abbreviation processes before abbreviating some word. The writer only do a research on an application, in the future it is possible to other researcher to do a comparison between two applications on Twitter accounts.

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