



WORD FORMATION ANALYSIS OF ENGLISH SLANG WORDS IN ANT-MAN AND THE WASP MOVIE

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Abstract

This study aimed to determine the frequency of slang words in the film Ant-Man and The Wasp, as well as the word formation processes of slang words. This study was descriptive qualitative. This study employed George Yule's theory of word formation processes (2010). The researcher identified seven types of word formation in the slang words of the Ant-man and The Wasp script: blending, borrowing, clipping, multiple-process, compounding, conversion, and coinage. The data was collected from slang words found in the script of the movie. This study indicated that clipping was the most frequent form of word formation, representing for 29.60% of all occurrences. It was followed by coinage and blending, each representing for 22,53% of the total. It was then followed by compounding and borrowing at the same rate of 8.45%, as well as conversion at the rate of 7.04%. With a mere 1.40 percent as a result, multiple-process is the least frequent.

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A. INTRODUCTION

Language is a prominently identifying characteristic; language makes every group of people feel like a distinctive element from some other group (Ferdinand de Saussure, 1857-1913). A member of a language's society often comprises of a variety of people with diverse social status and the background of cultural (Yuwono, 2007: 5). While Chaer (2014: 56) said that languages as a way of communicating are varied. Language diversity refers to versions of such language used in different contexts, conditions, or to meet particular demands.

Language variation is variety of language that used by people as the tool of communication. There are numerous language variations throughout the community. There are some communities that having their own language used in their daily life and can be understood by the members of their group. Each

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community has their own characteristics of language that influenced by their culture. Standard language refers to language used in formal situations, while non-standard language refers to language used in informal situations.

There are some kinds of language varieties that used in informal context(non-standard language), one of them is slang. According to Harrared (2018), slang is a type of informal vocabulary that is frequently used in conversations between people who know each other well. This language variation helps people communicate with the intent to keep the conversation private in order to create closeness in the real world or even the virtual world. He states that using slang can create closeness, it can be seen these days that a lot of young people use slang in daily life, particularly in casual contexts. to make their friendship more comfortable. Slang easily found in a lot of media such as social media, TV Show, radio, movie and so on.

According to Coleman (2014), Slang is a very colloquial language that is considered to be below standard educated speech and consists of either new words or existing words used in a particular context. Slang has spread quickly, becoming very common in language or daily conversation. Slang not only spreads quickly, but it also persists in creating and expressing between people. In addition, According to Yule (2010), persons who do not belong to established higher-status organizations are more likely to use slang. He goes on to explain that slang, or colloquial speech, refers to words or phrases that younger speakers and other groups with specific interests use in place of more popular ones.

Nowadays, slang is almost used in many conversations of teenagers or young people. Therefore, anything about trend involved teenagers or young people included slang, young people also contributed of the development of slang. As mentioned before that slang can be found in a lot of media such as movie.

Ant-man and the wasp is an American movie that was released in 2018, it is a science fiction/adventure/action/comedi film that was directed by Peyton Reed and written by the writing teams of Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers. The script of this movie is interesting to be studied, because there are a lot of slang found in the dialogue of this movie.it can be seen by the conversations between the characters that often contain slang words. The usage of slang in the film is caused by a variety of factors, including the need to simplify the film's characters, to communicate easily, expressively, and spontaneously, that way to show their motions such as anger, passionate passion and humor sense. So that, the film does not appear incredibly boring and the viewers is not bored, and because slang utilized in the film typically becomes popular in real life. In other words, many people know more about slang in the movies that they watched, Occasionally, however, there are members of the audience who do not get the meaning of slang language or the formation of slang phrases in the film. Therefore, this study will explore how slang words were created, in order that those who are watching or not may be informed about how slang words are formed and can also comprehend their meaning. This research will investigate the characteristics of slang used in

the film and identify the formation of these words. Besides, there has been no previous research about this movie. This movie has won several awards, such as Teen Choice Award, Visual Effect Society Award and many more.

There have been various research projects related to slang word formation in many areas such as social media (Fathonah, 2018; Sherilliya, 2019; Budiasa, Savitri, & Dewi, 2019), song (Raodhatul, 2019; Runuk, 20; Haspo & Rosa, 2018), magazine (Bimantara, 2012; Kusuma and Mardijono, 2013; Gemilasari & Haviz, 2013), television and movie (Wahyuni & Rosa, 2013; Bonita, 2021; Hafiza & Rosa, 2020; Fanny 2020). there are some researchers who choose movie as their object, the previous researchers mostly used the movies with romantic and comedy genres, but in this research, the researcher choose movie in different genre (science-fiction movie), this movie is interesting to be studied because this movie consist of scientists, heroes, villains, and civilians. The movie is a combination of people in different profession that made researcher curious what slang will be appeared in it. So, the researcher wanted to see what kind of slang that appeared in sci-fi movie that contained some professions in one movie. Besides, there has been no previous research about this movie. According to Yule (2010), there are ten processes of word formation. These processes consist of, borrowing, compounding, coinage, backformation, clipping, blending, conversion, acronym, derivation, and multiple process.

Certainly, there are some researchers who choose movie as their object, the previous researchers mostly used the movies with romantic and comedy genres, but in this research, the researcher choose movie in different genre (science-fiction movie), this movie is interesting to be studied because this movie consist of scientists, heroes, villains, and civilians. The movie is a combination of people in different profession that made researcher curious what slang will be appeared in it, also the setting time of the movie with previous studies is different with this movie such as *Pitch Perfect Movie* has setting time in 2011-2012, and *straight outta Compton* movie has setting time in 1980s, while this research used *Ant-man and the wasp* movie with the setting time in 2017. So, the researcher wanted to see what kind of slang that appeared in sci-fi movie that contained some professions in one movie. Besides, there has been no previous research about this movie. The research found numerous slang terms in the movie Ant-man and the Wasp. The researcer wants to analyse and study the various types of slang word formation employed in the film Ant-Man and the Wasp. Based on Yule's theory, the researcher concentrated solely on the types of word formation processes of slang words and slang words used for the film Ant-man and The Wasp.

B. RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher used descriptive research method. According to Williams (2007), descriptive research is a method for determining the current state of a phenomenon. According to Nassaji (2015), the goal of descriptive study is to represent and categorize the phenomenon. As the descriptive research, the

researcher aimed to analyze the conversations that contained slang words found in *Ant-Man and The Wasp* movie and also get the understanding of the word-formation of slang words appeared in social communication.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Research Finding

The researcher found seven types of slang word-formation in *Ant-man and The Wasp* movie script. They are coinage, blending, clipping, compounding, and borrowing. There are 16 slang words that classified as coinage type of word formation process. There 21 slang words belong to clipping type, clipping process occurs 29,60%. For the blending type there 16 slang words, they are *she'd, he'll, grandma, gonna, gotta, outta, we'd, I'd, wanna, they'd, ID'd, coulda, ain't, that'll, wassup, and gotcha*. There are 6 words classified to the compounding type. Also 6 slang words that classified into conversion type. And for the multiple processes type, there is only one word that classified on this type, it is the word *bud*.

Analysis of Slang Word

1. *Paxton: All right. Oh, get on the inside of this. Hey, three days. Seriously... I'm proud of you, **buddy**.*

Scott: Thank you.

Slang: Buddy

The researcher found word “**buddy**” in the script which is this word is a kind of slang word. “**buddy**” is totally new term, this word is one of informal way to call a friend. The slang word **Buddy** in the dialogue is a word that is formed used coinage process of word formation. Besides, this slang word is listed in urban dictionary. This word belongs to coinage process.

2. *Hope: Guys.*

*Scott: Hope, please, we need to focus, all right? We gotta find that lab already. **Jeez**.*

Slang: Jeez

Jeez is a shorter form for Jesus. The word formation process that used here is clipping because, this process is done by reducing some letters of the word, nevertheless the meaning of the word has not changed. This word belongs to clipping process

3. *Scott: Oh, no, you can't do that. You can't. It never leaves the house. It's too important. This is the best birthday present you ever got me. I'm so touched you think I'm the world's greatest **grandma**.*

Slang: grandma

Grandma is a slang word that belongs to blending process of word formation because it comes from the word “**grand mother**”. In this case, the word “ma” comes from the word “mother” by taking the first syllable and change it to word “ma”. This kind of slang word commonly used in informal situation because it is simple and easier to say. This word belongs to blending process

4. *Bill Foster: Actually, I do. Back in the day, I was Hank's partner on a project called Goliath.*

*Hank: Excuse me? You were my partner? The only thing more tiring than going that big is putting up with Hank's **bullshit**.*

Slang: bullshit

The slang word “**bullshit**” is the combination of two words which are “**bull**” and “**shit**” which means nonsense or lies. These words are combined and created a single new word by compounding process.

5. *Kurt: Like **Baba Yaga**. Baba Yaga, the witch. They tell stories to children to frighten them. You know **Baba Yaga**?*

Slang: baba yaga

The word “**baba yaga**” is including to borrowing word formation process because this word comes from Russian language. The word “**baba yaga**” means “ghost”. The word “**baba yaga**” is fully borrowed without adaptation. This word belongs to borrowing process.

6. *Scott: I'm sorry about **Germany**. They just showed up. They said it was a matter of national security. That Cap needed help, so...*

Slang: Germany

The first word that classified into conversion type is “**Germany**”. The word Germany here is not refers to a country, but in the dialog between Scott and Hope, the word “Germany” is refers to the incident in Germany that led to their disagreement. As seen in this case, the function of word “**Germany**” is changing without any reduction of this word. This word belongs to conversion process.

7. Paxton: *All right. Oh, get on the inside of this. Hey, three days. Seriously... I'm proud of you, bud.*

The researcher found only one word that classified into multiple processes type. It is the word “**bud**”, this word is consist of two processes of word formation they are coinage + clipping. The word “**bud**” is coming from word “*buddy*” which this word is classified into coinage, and then the word “*buddy*” reduced to “**bud**” which is this process classified into clipping process. So, the word “**bud**” is a kind of multiple processes in word formation because consist of two processes coinage + clipping.

The researcher identified seven distinct slang word formation processes in the *Ant-man* and *The Wasp* script. The following describes the sorts of slang term creation processes that were identified:

Table 1. Result of Word Formation of Slang in *Ant-man* and *The Wasp* Movie

No	Types of Word Formation Processes	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Coinage	16	22,53%
2.	Clipping	21	29,60%
3.	Blending	16	22,53%
4.	Compounding	6	8,45%
5.	Borrowing	6	8,45%
6.	Conversion	5	7,04%
7.	Multiple processes	1	1,40%
Total		71	100%

The study identified seven categories of slang term generation based on the table presented previously in *Ant-man* and *The Wasp* movie script. They are coinage, blending, clipping, compounding, and borrowing. There are 16 slang words that classified as coinage type of word formation process. There 21 slang words belong to clipping type, clipping process occurs 29,60%. For the blending type there 16 slang words, they are *she'd*, *he'll*, *grandma*, *gonna*, *gotta*, *outta*, *we'd*, *I'd*, *wanna*, *they'd*, *ID'd*, *coulda*, *ain't*, *that'll*, *wassup*, and *gotcha*. There are 6 words classified to the compounding type. Also 6 slang words that classified into conversion type. And for the multiple processes type, there is only one word that classified on this type, it is the word *bud*.

The researcher determined from the table above that clipping is the dominant type of slang word formation in *Ant-Man and the Wasp*. It occurred because 21 data of the clipping process were found, or 29.60%.

2. Discussion

This research was conducted on several studies with nearly identical results. Novianti (2017), Primaningtyas (2016), and Hafiza & Rosa (2020) conducted research a study of the word formation of slang words used in *Deadpool*, *Pitch Perfect*, and *Straight Outta Compton* movie Script utilizing Yule's theory. Novianti (2017) and Primaningtyas (2016) found five word-formation processes in their research, Hafiza & Rosa (2020) found six types of word formation. However, some of the types differ from one another. This finding demonstrates that the earlier research and the current study share a common characteristic. There are four distinct types of word formation that are consistent across all studies. Blending, clipping, compounding, and multiple process are the four categories. In addition, there are five differences in this comparison. In this research, 71 slang terms were found. Second, the word formation of the total number differs. Previous studies identified five or six types of word formation, but the present study identified seven types. Thirdly, prior research did not incorporate the borrowing process in their findings, as this study does. Fourth, the slang words found were distinct. In addition, the genre of each movie might influence the slang used in each movie. It can be inferred that the present study found slang words that had not been identified in earlier research.

Then, Fathonah (2018) and Sheryllia (2019) conducted research on *the word formation and meaning of slang word on meme in Facebook and Word formation in slang word meanings in caption on @lambe_Turah instagram account*. Fathonah (2018) found 33 slang words with 10 types of word formation and Sherilliya (2019) found 16 slang word with 5 types of word formation. This study identified 71 slang and seven types of word formation processes, despite the fact that previous studies utilized the same theory. 21 using the clipping process, 16 through the coinage process, the same result as coinage process, 16 slang words through the blending process, the amount of through compounding and borrowing have the same result there are 6 slang words, followed by the conversion with 5 words, and 1 word through the multiple process. It also can be concluded that these two researches are different with this current research because these two chose social media as their field of research meanwhile this current research chose movie as the field of research.

The following researcher, Bimantara (2012), analyzed *the word-formation processes of slang words used in Hai Magazine*. The focus of this research was the word formation processes of slang words used in *Hai Magazine*. Slang words are always present in magazines as written communication read by a large number of people of various ages. This research is different with current research, this research used different theory of word formation type which is Bauer (2003), also

this study used magazine as his field of the research meanwhile the current study used movie.

The previous study provided the same method for identifying slang words as the analysis of slang word formation of English slang words used in the movie *Ant-Man and The Wasp*, but the theory, object, and result are not the same. Despite the fact that several of the studies utilized the same theory, the results are varied. Additionally, the dominant type of word formation is different. In addition, each study contains a unique slang which is not found in any other study.

D. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

This research was done to investigate the slang word formations seen in the film *Ant-Man and the Wasp*. Additionally, the researcher investigated slang and word formation in the film *Ant-Man and the Wasp*. The researcher collected and analyzed 71 slang words from the film *Ant-man and The Wasp*.

The analysis of the word formation of slang words used in the film *Ant-man and The Wasp* leads to several conclusions. First, the *Ant-man and The Wasp* movie script has seven categories of slang words. Including multiple process, blending, clipping, coinage, compounding, conversion and borrowing. Thirdly, between the seven types of word formation processes, clipping was by far the most prevalent. Fourth, multiple process is the word formation that occurs the least often. There are three types of word formation processes that were not identified in this study's data. They consist of acronym, back formation, and derivation.

The researcher has some suggestions for further researcher to conduct the study with the same topic analysis to this research in morphological scope. The researcher suggested for the next researcher to explore more about slang words or word formation with different perspective. In addition, due to the fact that the findings of this study were related to morphology but general analysis, the researcher recommended that the next researcher expand the scope of this study.

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