



AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORD FORMATION PROCESS OF ENGLISH SLANG IN THE VENOM FILM SCRIPT: LET THERE BE CARNAGE (2021)

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Abstract

Slang Word is almost used in every conversation among young people and extends through many media and it was created and is now used largely by young people and teenagers. This is due to the fact that people react to new trends and terms more quickly and more frequently than before. Slang words can be found in movies, because slang words are informal words that, from year to year experience new slang vocabulary increases. This research is An Analysis of The Word Formation Process of English Slang in The Venom Film Script: Let There Be Carnage (2021). The purpose of this study was to find out how many Slang Words and the characteristic groupings of Slang Words found in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* and the Word Formation Process experienced by Slang Word. This study uses the theory of Yule (1985) and Allan and Burridge (2006). The data instrument used in this research is in the form of data collection and making a table of indicators to clarify the theory applied to this research. The method used is descriptive research by collecting and explaining the meaning of the Slang Words found. The data found are the Slang Word Characteristics there are Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, and Acronym. The Slang Word data found underwent a word formation process, there are Compounding, Borrowing, Coinage, Blending, Conversion, and Derivation. The results of this study found 44 words that belong to the characteristics of Slang Word, with the most dominant Fresh and Creative, namely 20 words (45.45%) and the least data, namely, Acronym 1 word (2.27%). From the Slang Word data it was found that only 25 words underwent a Word Formation Process with dominant compounding of 15 words (60%) and data of at least 1 word Derivation (4%).

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A. INTRODUCTION

Word formation is a part of Morphology. In linguistics (specifically morphology and lexicology), word formation refers to the ways in which new words are formed based on other words or morphemes. According to Mulyana (2007), the term morphology is derived from English morphology, meaning the branch of linguistics that studies the grammatical arrangement or parts of words. According to Plag (2003), the word formation process is the process of making and forming a new word from other words. A word is made and created by a new or existing word using the guidelines in the word formation process. Word formation is a study that studies new words from a language which is a combination of words from old words. One of the branches of Word Formation is Slang Word.

Every year, new slang appears by a group to add to the characteristics of their language. Slang itself is used to communicate from one human to another in a group who understand that Slang Word. Same with the language itself, the use of language in everyday life has become an absolute thing in communicating to convey one's intentions and goals to others. Slang is informal vocabulary that is widely used in conversation by people who know each other well. It is a non-formal or casual spoken language created and used by people in a particular community. Slang words can change meanings, have multiple meanings simultaneously, and usually come from social groups. They are used instead of colloquial terms among younger speakers and other groups with special interests. The use of slang is usually in the form of shortening or omitting one or more letters in a word or even changing sounds and meanings. Burke in Abadi (2010) states that slang includes “secret” words or sentences used in everyday conversations, books, magazines, televisions, movies, or slang. . Slang words can be found in movies, because slang words are informal words that, from year to year experience new slang vocabulary increases.

Besides Words, it is often used in the daily language of young people and teenagers. In addition to direct conversation, Slang Words are also often found in music, reading, songs, and also films. Slang is very often used in films. According to Hornby (2006) Movie or film means a series of moving pictures recorded with the sound that tells a story. The film is an actualization of the development of people's lives at that time. The function of slang in films is to bring out the social and cultural side of one's identity, as in the film *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* which is an action film that can be analyzed by the presence of slang used in the film script. Slang Words can be found in social media and films. Where young people and teenagers often use the Slang Words, they get between social media and the films they watch.

Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021) is the object of research on Word Formation in Slang Word. This film is a film that is intended for teenagers to adults who use new words or terms today and also scientific language that can be inserted into the types of Word Formation Process and Slang Word. Word

Formation analysis has a special analysis, it is Slang Words. The researcher take these 2 studies which aim to count and describe how many words founded from the Formation of Slang Words and Words in the movie *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*.

From the explanation of the background of the study, the researcher concluded that the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* is a serial film which is an object for research on Slang Word and the Word Formation Process where the film script uses informal language and words that are characteristic of Slang Word are found and experience the Word Formation Process. There are several other studies that discuss Slang Word and Word Formation Processes, including Dita Novianti (2017), Winda Ratnanila (2014), Debora Primingtyas (2016), Ratnila (2014), and articles from Hafiza, M. & Noor Rosa, R .(2020). Based on the 5 studies above, the similarity of the previous research is about analyzing Movie Script using the Word Formation in Morphology study. In this study, we will focus on determining the dialogue scripts that are included in the types of Word Formation in Morphology. Where the researcher also categorizes whether the Slang Words found in the Film Script of *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* belong to 5 types of Slang Words, consisting of Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, Acronym and Clipping.

B. RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses descriptive research, because this research collected and explain what words are included in the types of word formation and explain why these words are included in one of the types of word formation in the film script *Venom: Let There be Carnage (2021)*. Then, collect the slang words and explain the meaning of the words found in the script for *Venom: Let There be Carnage (2021)*. According to Gay (2012) it is stated that descriptive research is the research involves gathering data to test hypotheses or to answer questions about people's opinions on a topic or issue. The descriptive method is used to provide a systematic description of the research. In this study the researcher analyzed a film script with types of word formations in morphology.

In this analysis, the researcher collects data by reading the film script and also re-watching the film to match the script data. Researchers began to collect Slang Word data and group the data based on the characteristics of the Slang Word. After that the data that has been grouped based on the characteristics of the Slang Word will be re-grouped based on the Word Formation Process. To make it easier to group data, the researcher created an instrument about the characteristics of Slang Word and Word Formation Process. Characteristics of Slang Word are divided into 5 characteristics, they are Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, Acronym, and Clipping. After the Slang Word data is collected based on its characteristics, the data is analyzed in the Word Formation Process which divided into 9 types, they are Compounding, Blending, Clipping, Back-formation, Acronyms, Coinage, Borrowing, Conversion, and Derivation.

C. RESULT

3.1.Data Description and Analysis

In this chapter, researcher explain the data that were collected.

Table 4. The Data of Slang Words

No.	Characteristics of Slang Word	Number of Words	Percentage
1	Fresh and Creative	20	45,45%
2	Flippant	15	34,09%
3	Imitative	8	18,18%
4	Acronym	1	2,27%
	Total	44	100%

From the data table above, the data found Slang words in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script. From the table, the number of Slang Word data found is 47 words, each of which is classified and grouped based on the characteristics of the Slang Word.

Table 5. The Data of Word Formation Process

No.	Word Formation Process	Number of Words	Percentage
1.	Compounding	15	60%
2.	Borrowing	3	12%
3.	Coinage	2	8%
4.	Blending	2	8%
5.	Conversion	2	8%
6.	Derivation	1	4%
7.	Total	25	100%

From the table above, there are 25 of the 44 Slang words that underwent the Word Formation process. 19 Slang words Word does not experience the Word Formation Process. Of the 25 words of Slang Word, it is classified based on the Word Formation Process group.

3.2. Analysis of Slang Word

a. Fresh and Creative

The researcher found slang words which include the Fresh and Creative characteristics in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. The slang words found in this film script are words created by creative people and understood by certain groups of people.

Datum 4 :

Frances : “Brockalicious. **Bling-a-ling**. Now, whose finger were you meant for?”

“**Bling-a-ling**” is a type of Slang Word creative which is creative from that means shiny. From the transcript this word leading to shiny jewelry such as rings, necklaces or bracelets that are shiny. “**Bling a ling**” is Fresh and Creative because the Slang word is new and the origin of the word “Bling” is “Blink”. The word “**Bling a ling**” refers to something that sparkles. In the transcript, the following sentence says “for whose finger”, so the word “**bling a ling**” refers to a ring that shines.

Datum 32 :

Venom : “Look at the size of you. **Puny**. How dare you? I guess this is goodbye.”

Eddie : “Oh, yeah. Finally something we agree on.”

“**Puny**” is creative modification word from Mini or Small. In the Cambridge dictionary, **puny** is a synonym for weak or small. In this transcript the Slang Word means very small size. “**Puny**” includes the characteristics of Fresh and Creative because the word is modified from the word “mini” which sounds like it is funnier and newer. This new Slang word is a creative creation of an existing word.

b. Flippant

The next of Slang Word founded in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* is Flippant. The combination of two or more words that have no connection to each other's denotative meanings constitutes this slang word feature.

Datum 13 :

Eddie : “I have a deadline! Will you...”

Venom : “Food...!”

Eddie : “**Goddamn** it! Fine!”

Goddamn is a term made up of the words “God” and “damn” that cannot be understood word for word. The reason for this is that the slang word **Goddamn**

has a unique connotation when combined. Even the word **Goddamn** is used to express an angry emotion. "**Goddamn**" is a Flippant characteristic because "**Goddamn**" is two words combined into one word and a new meaning.

Datum 17 :

Venom : "Now, pay attention. Bingo!"
Eddie : "**Holy cow**."
Reporter : "Would you say your friendship with Cletus Kasady is what allowed you to solve this decades-old mystery?"

The Slang Word "**Holy cow**" is a word used when surprised or expressing something unexpected. The slang word "**Holy cow**" cannot be interpreted word for word. "**Holy cow**" is a Slang Word that belongs to Flippant. "**Holy cow**" is a word that is combined and gives birth to a new word and meaning.

c. Imitative

The slang word found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* transcript is Imitative. Which is where Imitative is imitating other words or a combination of two words that result in a different meaning.

Datum 10 :

Cletus : "You and I are the same."
Eddie : "No. No, we're not."
Cletus : "Twisted insides, mean **daddies**."

"**Daddies**" is the imitative slang characteristics that imitates the best word daddy. This slang word has a different meaning from the original version. The original English word "**Daddies**" means to Father more than one father. But as a Slang Word, "**Daddies**" in the transcript film means strong person. Daddies here describe tough adult men.

Datum 33 :

Dan : "Excuse me?"
Anne : "Eddie needs Venom."
Dan : "She just called me a **pussy**."
Ms. Chen : "He said he didn't need him, that life was better without him."

The Slang Word characteristic of Imitative is "**Pussy**". This word is a slang word that has many meanings. One of the meanings of "**Pussy**" is cat. However, the Slang Word in the transcript of the film means that "**Pussy**" means "spoiled". "**Pussy**" is included in the Imitative Slang Word characteristics

because it is a word that has a different meaning in every situation in a conversation.

d. Acronym

Furthermore, the researcher found several words including acronyms from slang words found in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. This Slang Word character is which shortens the word by taking the first letter of words or the initial of the groups.

Datum 12 :

Cletus :“I wanted your friendship .”
 Eddie :“I’m sorry, Cletus.”
 Venom : “**Fuck** this guy.”

“Fuck” includes the characteristics of the Acronym Slang Word. According to parekampunginggris.com that "Fuck" stands for "Fornication Under Consent of The King" where this is a permission letter if you want to have sex with the king of England in ancient times.

3.3. Analysis of Slang Word Formation Process

a. Compounding

According to Yule (1985), compounding is the combination of two separate words to produce a single form. Compounding is a word formation process by combining or stringing two words into a new form. In the script for the film *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*, a Slang word is found that uses the Word Formation Process, this is Compounding.

Datum 27 :

Eddie :“Kiss, hug, kiss, hug. Smiley face. Ew.”
 Venom :“Nutjob.”
 Eddie :“You know, I-I should be there.”
 Venom : “Uh, no, it’s a bad idea.”

“**Nutjob**” is a word that includes the Word Formation process Compounding. This word is a combination of two words namely "**Nut**" and "**Job**". If you separate the meaning of the word, it has its own meaning. "Nut" which means nuts and "**job**" which means work. However, when combined it becomes "**Nutjob**" which means wasted work that expresses annoyance.

Datum 28 :

Venom : “It’s over with the doctor! That is the voice of a woman who just got brutally dumped.”
 Eddie : “Stop.”

Venom : “Don’t you want to look your best?”
Eddie : “Just leave me alone. You are always **nitpicking**.”

The Slang Word found in the transcript of this film which experienced Word Formation Process Compounding is "**Nitpicking**". "**Nitpicking**" is a combination of "**Nit**" and "**Picking**". When these words are separated, they have their respective meanings. "**Nitpicking**" is a word used to express annoyance towards people who are too spoiled and talkative.

b. Blending

Blending is the process of forming a combination of two words by eliminating other parts of the word. In the script for the film *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*, a Slang word is found that uses the Word Formation Process, this is Blending.

Datum 10 :

Detective Mulligan : “Is this some kind of joke to you, Eddie? Because I’m not laughing.”
Venom : “Yeah, you could do with a laugh.”
Eddie : “**C’mon**, man. These things, they just take a little time, all right?”

The Slang Word "**C'Mon**" is the Word Formation Process of Blending. "**C'mon**" is the result of a blend of "**Come**" and "**On**" which means "**come on!**". "**C'mon**" is the missing part of the word "**Come**" which is "**-ome**". So as to produce a new Slang Word word that has a shorter spelling of the word.

c. Coinage

According to Yule (1985) common process of word information in English is coinage, that is, the invention of totally news terms. Coinage is usually formed from the brand name of product which is a common term used in the public. In the script for the film *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*, the researcher found the word which use the Coinage process.

Datum 38 :

Venom : “**Crapola!** Another one bites the dust. Look at all these weirdos. My kind of people.”
Stranger : “Nice costume.”

"**Crapola**" includes the process of coinage word formation. "**Crapola**" in the script of this film means "Wow". "**Crapola**" comes from a product like cookies. In this film "**Crapola**" is categorized as a Slang Word because of its use to communicate with people around.

d. Borrowing

Borrowing is a word formation process in which the word is taken from a foreign language. According to Yule (1985), borrowing is taking over words from other languages. Borrowing is actually the process of borrowing words from a foreign language.

Datum 22 :

Venom : "Uh, no, it's a bad idea."
 Eddie : "I mean, I-I-I put him there."
 Venom : "Actualy, he put himself there when he decided to be a complete **lunatic.**"

"Lunatic" is a Slang Word that comes from the Borrowing Process of Word Formation. According to a journal written by M.A Riva (2011), the term **"lunatic"** comes from the Latin word *lunaticus*, which originally referred to epilepsy and madness, as diseases thought to be caused by the moon. **"Lunatic"** has the meaning of a word for a person who has a mental illness, which was used by doctors in the past but is now offensive. **"Lunatic"** means a person who has serious problems with himself.

Datum 23 :

Cletus : "Mano a mano, Brock. You know how I spent my endless days?
 I spent them thinking about how you only told one side of the story. You didn't write about the part where Cletus was abused by Mommy, Daddy and Granny!"

"Mano a mano" is a found Slang word that includes the Process of Borrowing Word formation. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary (2023) **"Mano a Mano"** is a word of Spanish origin in which it has the literal meaning of **"hand to hand."** **"Mano a mano"** is used when fighting alone or alone. So that the Slang word found is a word that has undergone a process of borrowing from a foreign language.

e. Conversion

Conversion is a process of changing the function of words without reducing. In the conversion process, the word function can be changed without changing the original form of the word.

Datum 7 :

Cletus : "Hi, baby. I... don't want you to freak out, okay? Um, I'd like you to meet... **Carnage.**"
 Frances : "That is so hot."

"**Carnage**" is a word process from the Conversion Word Formation Process. "**Carnage**" is a verb which means killing, but in this research object "**Carnage**" is the name of the virus which is male.

f. Derivation

Derivation is a process of creating a new word by using affix which the new word will have a different meaning and a different word class from its base. There is a Slang Word in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script which uses the Word Formation process, this is Derivation

Datum 39 :

Eddie : "What was that?"

Venom : "**Unhand me!**"

"**Unhand**" is a Word Formation word from Derivation. "Unhand" comes from 2 words namely "**Un**" and "**hand**". Derivation is a process of creating a new word by using affix. "**un**" is an affix that is combined with the noun "**hand**". If it is separated, it has its own meaning and if the 2 words are combined, "**Unhand**" then has a new meaning, that is "let go".

D. DISCUSSION

4.1.Characteristics of Slang Word appeared in *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*.

There were 44 Slang Words found in the film script for *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. The researcher found 4 characteristics of Slang Words found in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. Among them are Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, and Acronym.

The researcher concludes that the most dominant characteristics of fresh and creative slang words in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* are fresh and creative. Found 20 words of fresh and creative slang words with a percentage of 45.45% which is the characteristic of the most common slang words found. Based on the theory of Allan and Burridge (2006) the characteristics of Slang Words which include these characteristics are new words and are used in informal conversations. In this film object there are many new Slang Words that are found and include Fresh and Creative characteristics.

The second characteristic of the Slang Word found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script is Flippant. There are 15 Slang Words with a percentage of 34.09%. In this film script the words found are based on Flippant's characteristics, namely words that have more than one word and have new meanings. So the researcher found Slang words in the script of this film whose words include the characteristics of Flippant.

Characteristics of the next Slang Word Imitative. The slang words found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script are 8 slang words with a percentage of 18.18%. Imitative based on the theory of Allan and Burridge (2006) is 2 words that are combined to create a new word but with the same meaning. In the film script there are several Slang Words which are abbreviated and include the characteristics of Slang Words, namely Imitative.

The last one is the Acronym that is the least found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script. The Slang Word found is 1 word with a percentage of 2.27%. The least characteristic of Acronym is found in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* because the characteristic of Acronym is an informal abbreviation and there is only 1 Slang Word in this film script which includes Acronym characteristics.

4.2.Type of Word Formation Process in Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021).

The researcher found 6 Word Formation Processes from the Slang Word *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. The Word Formation Process from Slang Word, the researcher found 6 Word Formation Processes in the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)*. There were Compounding, Blending, Coinage, Borrowing, Conversion and Derivation.

Compounding is the most common Word Formation process found in Slang Words in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script, they are 15 words with a percentage of 60%. Compounding is 2 or more words combined into one word, in this film script there are many Slang Words that undergo a Compounding process.

The second slang word that has undergone a word formation process that is often found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script is borrowing, namely 3 slang word words with a percentage of 12%. Borrowing is a word formation process in which the Slang word used is a borrowed word from a foreign language with the same meaning.

Furthermore, the Word Formation processes experienced by the Slang Words in this film script are Blending, Coinage and Conversion. In the Slang Word found in the film script, there are 3 Word Formation processes with the same number and percentage, namely 2 Slang Words each from the Word Formation process with a percentage of 8% each. Blending is 2 words that are combined into a new word abbreviation and a new meaning as well. Coinage is a word formation process, which means a word taken from a brand or product name that is used in the public as a matter of course. Whereas Conversion is a word formation process in which the Slang word is an object that becomes a nickname without changing the actual meaning of the word.

The Slang Word that has the least Word Formation Process is the Derivation, which is 1 word Slang Word with a percentage of 4%. The word

formation derivation process is a new word process that uses an affix at the beginning or end of a word to create a new word with a different meaning.

There are 22 Slang words and phrases which are not created through word formation processes based on Yule's theory. Those slang words and phrases are All-you-can-eat, Bananas, Bingo, Bling-a ling, Buddy, Catsup, Daddies, Dude, Fuck, Hanging around, I get brain freeze, Kitty, Mediocre, Ming-Mong, Pal, Pariah, Puny, Pussy, Sphincter, Whoa, You bet your ass and You son of a bitch.

E. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

a. Conclusion

This research was conducted to study the discovery of new Slang words along with the formation of Slang words with the Word Formation Process and the meaning of these Slang words. The researcher found 44 Slang Words from the film script *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* and analyzed all the data found.

The results of this study have conclusions. First. In this study, 4 out of 5 characteristics of Slang Word were found in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script, the most dominant characteristics in this film script were Fresh and Creative. Furthermore, the researcher found 6 out of 9 Word Formation processes in the *Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)* film script. The most dominant process is Compounding.

The emergence of new slang words in this film is due to the interactions and situations that make these Slang Words exist so that expressions and conversations in the film are conveyed through Slang words.

b. Suggestion

Researchers have some suggestions for research with the same topic in the future. This suggestion is intended for future researchers who examine the same topic about Slang Words from a different perspective. Slang Words will always be updated according to the times, so that Slang Words can be researched in the field of linguistics, the meaning of Slang Words, the Use of Slang Words in Social, Slang Word by Gender, etc.

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