



## SLANG WORDS FOUND IN NICKY MINAJ'S SONGS

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### Abstract

This research aims to identify types of slang words and calculate the types of slang words that often appear in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics. This study used Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory of slang words to analyze the data. This research obtained data from transcripts obtained from the internet. The researcher searched for and collected the three required song lyrics which contained the data the researcher needed. The researcher read the song lyrics intensively, that is, the researcher analyzed the research and focused on the data. Based on the analysis found, researchers found 40 slang words in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics. Researchers found 20 slang words with the clipping type (50%), ten slang words with the fresh and creative type (25%), one slang word with the flippant type (2.5%), three slang words with the imitative type (7.5 %), and six slang words with acronym type (15%). The most dominant type of slang word in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics is clipping.

**Key words:** Slang word, language variation, song

### A. INTRODUCTION

Sociolinguistics is the study of the relationship between language and society and sociolinguistics is used to formulate theories about language change (ibid.). Language and society are interconnected. When we communicate with other people, we almost always find differences in the way we pronounce words, the choice of words we use, even the intonation, even though we communicate in the same language. Moreover, the differences will be visible when communicating with people from different regions. Sociolinguistics includes language variations.

Language variations, there is standard and nonstandard English. The variety of language used in formal settings is known as standard language, while non-standard language is used in informal settings. Slang refers to the non-standard use of words in the language of a particular social group.

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Slang is one of the language choices used by people in a particular group or community in an informal context or situation (Putra, 2018). Slang is a fresh vocabulary created by members of social groups. Individuals frequently employ a particular term, phrase, or speech in conversation. Whether from a formal or informal setting, especially when speaking casually, everyone communication differently. Humans often use slang and informal language.

Music has several genres, such as jazz, blues, rock, funk, hip-hop, etc. In hip-hop, rap music is one of the elements of hip-hop music. If we usually listen to this genre, the vocal technique used is fast words. Singers of this genre are called rappers. The hip-hop song genre is another form of media that has significantly contributed to the global spread of slang phrases. Slang words are often used in song lyrics, especially rap songs, to add to the appeal of the music. Nicky Minaj is a rapper who frequently uses slang terms in her lyrics.

The researcher found several previous studies using the theory of Allan and Burrige, researcher found several previous studies that used Allan and Burrige's theory, but the song lyrics used were different. The first research was done by Priva Oktaliana (2020) with her research entitled *English Slang Word used in Doja Cat Song Lyric on the Album Hot Pink*. This research aims to identify the different categories of English slang phrases and explain why these words are used in the song lyrics on the album Hot Pink by Doja Cat. This study used a descriptive qualitative research design. The Allan & Burrige (2006) theory is applied in this research. Based on the previously performed analysis. The research results on several English slang terms can be ranked from highest to lowest: Fresh and Creative, Imitative, Flippant, and Clipping. According to data analysis, the dominant slang word category is Fresh and Creative

The second research was done by Diajeng Ayu Retno Adi Pamungkas (2023) with her entitled *Slang Word Used in Olivia Rodrigo Song Lyrics in The Album of Sour*. The major goal of this study is to identify the different slang terms that can be found in song lyrics and to determine their types, meanings, and usage patterns. The theory of Allan and Burrige (2006) is employed in this research's qualitative descriptive analysis to examine the use of slang words in song lyrics. 48 data points on slang words discovered in music lyrics were included in the study's findings. The types are fresh and creative (41.6%), flippant (27.3%), imitating (12.5%), and clipping (18.5%). From these results it can be concluded that the dominant types of slang words are fresh and creative.

In this research, researchers analyzed one of Nicky Minaj's songs that went viral on social media accounts and after analyzing it again there were three songs that had a lot of slang in the song lyrics, namely Plain Jane, Super Freaky Girl, and Starship. So if we look at previous research, researchers have not found research that uses the theory of Allan and Burrige (2006) in analyzing Nicky Minaj's songs.

**B. RESEARCH METHOD**

This study was descriptive qualitative technique that related on the instruments used in the research. The researcher used descriptive qualitative methods to research, analyze, and identify the types of slang in Nicky Minaj's songs.

After classifying the slang words, the researcher described the dominant slang term used in those songs.

$$\frac{N \times 100}{T}$$

= N: number of parts

T: Total number

**C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**1. Research Finding**

40 slang words that were found in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics. The slang words that were found were classified based on the types of slang words that can be seen in following table:

No	Types Slang	number of words encountered
1.	Creative and fresh	8
2.	Flippant	1
3.	Imitative	3
4.	Acronym	6
5.	Clipping	20
Total		40

Based on the table above for types of slang words, the researcher found five types of slang words in Nicky Minaj's song lyric. There are 20 slang words with clipping type: *'Till, 'Cause, Payin', Slippin', Sliddin', 'Lone, F'd, Causin', Tearin', Sellin', Buggin', Pitchin', Poppin', Yo', Eyein', Somethin', Comin', Runnin', Eatin', and Followin'*. There are ten words for the Creative and fresh type: *Bitches, Hoopty, Pussy, Nigga, Gyal, Ass, Momma, Trife, Daddy, Afro*. There is one word for flippant namely, *A ho*. There are six for words with acronym type: *A G, BOLO, ASAP, RIH, TMZ, and BET*. And there are three words for imitative type: *Gonna, I'ma, and Ain't*.

The researcher analyzed the data (slang words) by using the theory by Allan & Burrige (2006). The researcher found five types of slang words in song lyrics. They were clipping, acronym, fresh and creative, imitative and flippant.

### 1. Clipping

When a word is partially or entirely eliminated while retaining its meaning, the term "clipping" is used. Clipping is the process of shortening a word into its parts (Mattelio, 2008).

#### **The first song “Starship”**

I'm on the floor, floor, I love to dance  
So give me more, more 'til I can't stand  
**slang ‘till**

'till is slang word clipping type. 'till is the title one spelling of *untill*. This slang is usually used in informal communication, such as social media chat. It is used to communicate simply with friends or close ones because the base word is too long to say and type. The word *till* is classified as a clipping word. The word 'till omits the first part of the word from them. It is shortened by clipping some letters, which is easier to say.

### 2. Acronym

In Nicky's song lyrics, researcher found acronym of slang words type. Acronym is a type of slang word which shortens the word by taking the first letter of words or initial of the word groups.

#### **The first song “Starship”**

And if you a **G**, you a G-G-G

My name is Onika, you can call me Nicki (Woo)

#### **Slang: A G**

The slang *A G* belongs to the acronym process because a word is formed by combining the beginning letters of each word to create a shorter and typically quicker word to refer to "A Gangster". In this process, there is no special change to create to word *A G*. it only shortens the base word "A Gangster" by taking first letter *A*, *G* and omitting the others letters.

### 3. Fresh and Creative

The researcher found the fresh and creative slang words type in the song lyric. This type of slang word is the creative vocabulary made by people through their creativity and imagination when they unexpectedly communicate with their community. This slang word is totally a new innovative and informal word

### The first song “Starship”

Have a drink, clink, found the Bud Light  
Bad **bitches** like me is hard to come by

#### Slang: Bitches

*Bitch* is a derogatory slang word for someone, usually a woman. this word is said to a woman or girl whose behavior they think is very unpleasant. When applied to a man or boy, bitch reverses its meaning and is a derogatory term for being subservient, weak, or cowardly.

#### 4. Imitative

This type of slang is a derivative of a base word with its own meaning. In addition, this type is also the combination of two different words that produced different meaning.

### The first sing “Starship”

Let's go to the beach-each, let's go get a wave  
They say, what they **gonna** say

#### Slang: Gonna

The word *gonna* consist of two separate forms to produce a single new term. To combine it into a new word, they are omitted and changed the last part of the word “going”, “ing”, and changed into “gon”. Then, the second the last par of the word ‘to’ has changed into “na”. so the word “gon” and “na” are combined to prodoce a single new tem “gonna”.

#### 5. Flippant

Flippant is a word or phrase formed from two or more words that form a new meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the word that forms it.

### The second song “Super Freaky Girl”

Oh, woah, elegant bitch with a **ho** glow  
If it ain't big, then I won't blow

#### Slang: a ho

From the data above the slang word is *a ho*. This word is formed from two words, namely *ass* and *hole*. The two words are combined into a new meaning that is differs from the literal meaning of the words that form it. *Asshole* is a vulgar slang word. Besides its literal meaning, it is common word for a jerk or idiot. If a speaker calls someone an *asshole*, he/she is probably doing something

stupid, annoying and mean. *Asshole* are most often labeled male it can take any form.

Based on three Nicky Minaj songs, namely *starship*, *super girl*, and *plain jane*. The researcher found 40 slang words with their respective types. There are 20 slang words with clipping type (50%): *'Till*, *'Cause*, *Payin'*, *Slippin'*, *Sliddin'*, *'Lone*, *F'd*, *Causin'*, *Tearin'*, *Sellin'*, *Buggin'*, *Pitchin'*, *Poppin'*, *Yo'*, *Eyein'*, *Somethin'*, *Comin'*, *Runnin'*, *Eatin'*, and *Followin'*. There are ten words for the Creative and fresh type (25%), namely *Bitches*, *Hoopty*, *Pussy*, *Nigga*, *Gyal*, *Ass*, *Momma*, *Trife*, *Daddy*, *Afro*. One word for flippant (2,5%), is *A ho*. There are six for words with acronym type (15%): *A G*, *BOLO*, *ASAP*, *RIH*, *TMZ*, and *BET*. And there are three words for imitative (7,5%): *Gonna*, *I'ma*, and *Ain't*.

Based on the data above, the researcher found clipping type is the dominant type of slang word which appeared in the lyric song Nicky Minaj. It is because there are 20 data of clipping found with a percentage of 50%.

## 2. Discussion

The findings from this study regarding the types of slang words are that there are five types of slang words found in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics. They are fresh and creative, frivolous, acronym, imitative, and clipping. Types of slang words are classified based on the theory of Allan and Burridge (2006). One type of slang that is rarely found is the flippant type.

This research has similarities and differences with the study done in the first research, *An Analysis on The Use Of Slang Language In Nicky Minaj's song Lyrics* by Vera Seprina (2017). This study aims to categorize the various slang terms used in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics and identify their meanings. This study used a descriptive qualitative methodology. The researcher focuses on the theories of Eric Partridge and other pertinent sources to analyze the relationship between the theory and the statement. Based to the study's results, society slang is the type of slang that appears in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics the most frequently, and its connotations are sexuality-related. From these findings, the researcher compared this research with previous research whose research used different but similar theories but had the same object, namely researching Nicky Minaj's songs.

In the findings of the dominant type of slang words, the researcher found that clipping is the most dominant type of slang word in Nicky Minaj song. The findings of the types of slang words often used differ an the first research, namely *An Analysis On The Use Of Slang Language In Nicky Minaj's Song Lyrics* by Vera Seprina (2017), this research uses a different theory, so the results are different. Based on the study's results, society slang is the type of slang that appears in Nicki Minaj's song lyrics the most frequently, and its connotations are sexuality-related.

The second study was English Slang Word In Doja Cat Song Lyrics, An Album Hot Pink by Priva Oktaliana. This research uses the same theory, namely Allan and Burrige (2006), but the results of the dominant slang type are fresh and creative, while the dominant type of slang word that appears in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics is clipping.

#### **D. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

In the type of slang word the researcher can conclude that the researcher have analzing is, based on Allan and Burrige (2006) type of slang words there is five type namely, clipping, acronym, imitative, fresh and creative, and flippant. And the istance slang word that the researcher found in Nicky Minaj lyrics of song is Gonna (going to), ain,t (are not), somethin' (something), payin' (paying) and others. This thesis uses descriptive qualitative analysis. The writer chooses this approach because it focuses on discussing, analyzing, and searching for slang words. Descriptive qualitative research is used to analyze words or phrases. This approach can be used to solve the first statement problem. The totally of clipping 20 slang word, creative and fresh 13 slang word, flippant one slang word, and acronym six slang word.

The most dominant song slang word in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics is clipping, which is when a word or more with one syllable is reduced to a shorter length. In this study, the type of clipping that appears in the lyrics is the word "lone" which is considered a truncated word because it originally came from the word "until" which is shortened from "until", nowadays young people prefer to use pieces of "until" instead of "until".

The researcher has some advice for more researchers looking to tackle the same morphological problem as this research. It is advised that the following researcher investigate slang terms more thoroughly from a different angle. For the upcoming linguist, many facets of a slang word can be researched, including its phonetics, meaning, and other factors.

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