

# AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS IN THE BASKETBALL DIARIES MOVIE

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## Abstract

The objective of the problem was to analyze the types of slang words and the their meanings contains in the film The Basketball Diaries. This type of research was descriptive qualitative, it systematically described the data of slang words found in the film. The research discussed 2 types of slang words, namely primary and secondary with their meanings. The film consisted 9 scenes. The findings that researchers obtained in the film ever were 63 slang words which were primary slang and 39 slangs words which were secondary slang and the meanings contained in them such as callstoaction, insulting words, expressing opinions, mentioning drugs and describing a person's character.

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## INTRODUCTION

According to Kusumawardhani (2021) Semantics as part of linguistics study, in which the that means of the semantics is the study of that means and sentence and language. Semantics is the examine of meaning and linguistic semantics because the look at of which means in to date as it is systematically encoded within the vocabulary and grammar of herbal languages. According to Dr. Leany Nani Harsa (2014:1.3) said that Semantics is a branch of linguistics that research the nature of the that means of individual words, and the meaning of words, and the meaning of words grouped into terms and sentences. According to Sopha (2021) state that semantics is the observe of meanings. It is defined as the meaning or courting of meanings of a sign or set of signs and symptoms particularly: connotative meaning . Consistent with Kreidler (2002: 3-24) semantic is the systematic look at of which means, and linguistic semantic is the observe of the manner languages arrange and specific meanings. Semantics is one of the grammar; phonology, syntax and morphology are other elements. It is impossible to discover semantics without also managing syntax (and vice versa) due to the fact the 2 are closely interrelated: meaning of a word of a sentence is greater than the meanings of the phrases it includes, and the that means of a word regularly depends in part at the agency it maintains-what words occur within the same sentence. One part of semantic analysis, is concerned with describing the sorts of expressions which commonly accompany diverse verbs-what roles those expressions play with recognize to the verb and to each different-the two, what, where and when.

According to Habibiloyevna (2021), slang isn't always language or dialect, it could be said as a code that product through converting the present language to the commonplace one. In opinion of Lumendang (2020) Slang is jargon that is applied among individuals who have a place with a similar collection of human beings and who understand each other well. Slang is a pretty informal language. It can outrage individuals in case it's miles utilized by others or outside a gathering of folks who do not have a clue approximately one another well. According to Putu Aristya Dewi (2017:239) slang is considered a completely informal phrase or expression that is typically utilized in our every day conversations. Many people like children, young

adults, and adultshas its own kind of slang. Slang is due to the reality it's miles less complicated to understand but can nonetheless deliver a deep affect to the listener. And regular with Chapman (1987) in Dewi (2017:239) says slang emerged from the specific languages of subcultures and it has little to do with the precept purpose of language and it's a ways the most nonlinguistic form of language. Slang is the topics that everybody can apprehend and no man or woman can define. The uses of slang via the young adults are in spite of the reality that being counted on for innovation on growing new slang.

The researcher wants to conduct the research about slang in the movie entitled *The Basketball Diaries*. "*The Basketball Diaries*" tells the story of the life of Jim Carrol, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, a teenager who was initially respected as a talented basketball athlete in high school. However, his life changed drastically when he fell into drug addiction. Jim and his friends including Mickey, played by Mark Wahlberg, become involved in the world of drugs, causing their lives to descend into chaos. The film shows Jim's struggle with drug addiction, loss, and a haunting inner battle. From confrontations with the police to prison experiences, Jim faces the tragic consequences of his life choice. However, in this darkness, there are also efforts to restore and hope to rise from destruction. "*The Basketball Diaries*" provides a poignant and emotional look at the gritty life of the streets and the hardships of battling addiction.

The reason why researcher examine slang words in *The Basketball Diaries* movie is that it can provide a deeper understanding of the social and cultural context faced by the characters in the story of the movie. Slang words are often used to reflect certain environments and social groups. In the case of this film, the use of slang words can reflect street life, drug addiction, and typical teenage language at that time. By analyzing the use of slang words, research can reveal the dynamics of communication between characters, provide insight into social relations, and create a better understanding of the feelings and experiences faces by the main characters. Therefore, an appropriate research title could be "*Analysis of Slang Words in The Basketball Diries Movie*"

## METHOD

According to Williams (2007) says that research is at instances mistaken for gathering records, documenting records, and rummaging for information research is the manner of gathering, analyzing, and deciphering information in an effort to understand a phenomenon. The research technique in that defining the goal, coping with the data, and communicating the findings occur inside established frameworks and according with present hints. The data source for this research was taken from dialogue in the 100 minute film *The Basketball Diaries*. The type of research used is descriptive qualitative, because the researcher wants to systematically describe the slang wrods data in the film "*The Basketball Diaries*". Qualitative descriptive research aims to describe or describe an event using words. According to Sahir (2021: 6) states that qualitative research methods are the nature of research that describes an event with accurate data that is systematically thorough. The method in qualitative research is research based on information sources as research objects. The researcher tried to find several slang words in a film that were related to dialogue between actors. Slang words are slang that is often used by teenagers to interact with each other. The aim of this research focuses on the types of slang words used by the actors in the dialogue in the film. In each dialogue, the actors often use slang words so that they can be categorized according to the type of slang word.

Aziz (2022) Data collection techniques are techniques or methods used to colect data which will then be studied by researchers. This data collection technique is carried out so that the data and theories contained in the reseacrh are valid, accurate, and in accordance with the reality. The steps of the data collection in this research used are as follows:

1. Read and watch the entire data source in the film *The Basketball Diareis* repeatedly.

2. After the dialogue in the film has been read and watched repeatedly, the data obtained is in the form of words suspected of containing slang words, the captured and analyzed.
3. Collect data based on books, journal, website and other supporting sources related to this research.

According to Soendari (2005) data analysis techniques are the process of compiling, categorizing data, looking for patterns or themes, with the aim of understanding its meaning. The analysis carried out was qualitative in nature based on facts found in the film *The Basketball Diaries* and then the data was analyzed in relation to the research problem. The steps of the data analysis in this research used are as follows: Analyze the forms of slang in the *Basketball Diaries* movie.

1. Watch and capture words in the form of slang words in *The Basketball* movie.
2. Record and collect data related to research.
3. Find the meaning of slang words from the dialogue in *The Basketball Diaries*.
4. Draw research conclusions.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Results

The types of data can be categorized into primary slang and secondary slang. In line with Chapman (2007:8) slang is divided into 2 kinds, namely primary slang and secondary slang. Number one slang is slang which can be interpreted as general phrases used to express the emotions of users in everyday life. Secondary slang is slang that is taken into consideration to be words used to explicit some thing in a secret manner that best limits the wide variety of individuals who understand the meaning of the phrase. In the movie *The Basketball Diaries* there are 63 primary slang words and 39 secondary slang words. Under the writer describes several slang words and their meanings.

**Table 1.1 List of Slang Words**

Minutes of The Film	Slang Primary	Slang Secondary
0:01 – 10:00	21	4
10:01 – 20:00	5	13
20:01 – 30:00	6	2
30:01 – 40:00	4	5
40:01 – 50:00	9	5
50:01 – 60:00	8	5
60:01 – 70:00	6	3
70:01 – 80:00	2	-
80:01 – 90:00	2	3
90:01 -100:00	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>39</b>

## Discussion

- a. "Go fuck yourself, you son of a bitch. Bastard!" the sentence uses slang in a rude and aggressive way, which is included in the primary slang type. The slang used in it is "go fuck yourself," which is a very rude and vulgar form of expressing anger or dissatisfaction with someone. "Son of a bitch" is also slang, used to refer to someone in a very rude and derogatory way. "Bastard" is a word used vulgarly to demean someone. This entire sentence contains high emotional intensity and is not appropriate for use in formal or official situations.
- b. "The guy's a pervert" in the sentence above the slang word used is "pervert", which is included in the primary slang type. This term refers to someone who has inappropriate or obscene sexual tendencies or behavior. Using the word "pervert" in this context could be considered rude or impolite, especially in formal or formal situations. This term is more commonly used in everyday conversations between friends or in informal contexts to express disapproval or criticism of someone who is considered to have habits or behavior that are not in accordance with social ethics.
- c. "Bullshit." in the sentence, "Bullshit" is a slang word used to express disbelief, disagreement, or disappointment with a statement, situation, or event. This term is often used to express that someone considers something to be nonsense, a lie, or unreasonable. In informal contexts or everyday conversation, "bullshit" is often used as an expression of strong emotion, and can be considered rude or impolite depending on the context and how it is said. Typically, this word is used to express disagreement or disappointment in a sharp and direct way and this slang is included in the primary slang type.
- d. "Scouts are sniffing you out already." in this sentence the slang term used is "sniffing you out." This term means that observers or talent scouts are examining or scouting carefully to assess someone's abilities or potential. The use of "sniffing you out" is a figure of speech for secretly or closely investigating or identifying someone's character, abilities, or qualities. This term is often used in contexts such as the entertainment industry, sports, or even the professional world to refer to the process of searching for undiscovered talent or potential. So, this sentence implies that talent scouts have started to take someone seriously, perhaps because they see certain potential or abilities in that person and this slang is included in the secondary slang type.
- e. "Fifteen bucks? I'll give you quarter. Let Pedro suck your tits." in the sentence above, there is secondary slang, namely "suck your tits", which is not common and is used in limited circumstances, for example by people in the narcotics sphere. The slang term "suck your tits" is a rude and impolite phrase that refers to a sexual act that is considered vulgar. This phrase uses the words "suck" which means to suck or suck, and "tits" which is a slang term for a woman's breasts. In the sentence, "suck your tits" is used in an insulting or threatening manner, with the aim of expressing a negative judgment or showing disrespect towards someone. Use of this phrase is often considered rude and inappropriate in formal or polite conversations, and is more often used in very informal conversations or very informal contexts and this slang is included in the secondary slang type.

## CONCLUSION

After analyzing the dialogue in the film *The Basketball Diaries*, it can be concluded that there are two types of slang contained in the dialogue, namely primary slang and secondary slang. The type of slang words that are often used in the film *The Basketball Diaries* are primary slang. It was found that there were 63 types of primary slang and 39 types of secondary slang. Primary

slang is more dominant than secondary slang because in this film the actors use more harsh words which are very commonly used in everyday life, especially among teenagers. And the meanings contained in it include calls to action, insulting words, expressing opinions, mentioning drugs and describing someone's character.

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