



An Analysis of Slang Words in Facebook Used By Eleven Grade Students at SMAN 12 Pandeglang

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ABSTRACT

The researcher used a qualitative descriptive method with a data collection technique in the form of a questionnaire through student worksheets. The results of the study showed that there were a total of 18 (eighteen) slang words commonly used by students in grades XI.5 and XI.7 of SMAN 12 Pandeglang. In grade XI.5, there were a total of ten slang words. Seven of the data were included in the category of slang patterns in the form of words, three data in the slang pattern in the form of abbreviations. No data was found for the type of slang pattern in numbers, phrases, and in sentences. Then in grade XI.7, a total of eight slang words were found. Two of them were slang patterns in the form of words, six data were found in the slang pattern in the form of abbreviations. No data was found for the type of slang pattern in numbers, phrases, and slang patterns in sentences. The positive impact of using this slang language is that students become more creative. Regardless of whether this slang language is disturbing or not, as long as it is used in the right situation, the right media, and the right communicator. The use of slang can also make it difficult for language users to use it properly and correctly. The use of slang on Facebook is very dynamic, because every student has the creativity and ability to create a new slang word. Therefore, research on slang can continue to be carried out from time to time as a sign that language tends to change.

Keywords:

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INTRODUCTION

In this world, language has an important meaning because everyone uses it to communicate. Each country has its own unique language. However, of the many languages in the world, English is a language that can be used to communicate in all countries. Therefore, we need to study English, especially in the field of education. Studying English means reading lots of textbooks related to English. The general function of language in people's lives: 1) Language as a means of self-expression since childhood, humans use language as a means of expressing and expressing themselves to their parents. In the early stages of development, children's language develops as a tool for self-expression; 2) Language as a communication tool, language is used to convey certain intentions so that other people can understand.

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Basic kinds of languages

According to Arif (2021) "one of the most important aspects of language is the aspect of language function. In general, the function of language is as a communication tool, it can even be seen as the main function of language." The word communication or in English communication comes from the Latin word *comunicatio*, and comes from the word *comunis* which means "same". The meaning is the same. If two people are involved in communication, for example in the form of a conversation, then communication would occur or last as long as there is a common meaning of what is being discussed.

The difference in the function of language as a means of self-expression and a means of communication lies in its purpose. The first is simply to express yourself to be known by others. As for when communicating, the use of language is adjusted to the person being spoken to, with the aim that the intent of the language is easily conveyed; 3) Language as a tool of social integration and adaptation, when adapting in a new social environment, everyone would choose the language used depending on the situation and conditions faced. This is so that he can easily adapt and integrate with the social environment; 4) Language as a tool of social control, language can be very effectively used as a tool of social control. Thus, the use of good language can be applied to individuals or communities, especially students at the high school level.

The development of communication and information technology that has been present and growing rapidly in Indonesia has created a language phenomenon. The language phenomenon that often appears in the lives of teenagers today is the use of slang. Basically, the use of slang has violated the rules of good and correct grammar. Slang is one of the various languages that have become a characteristic of teenagers in communicating with their friends on social media such as Facebook.

Basic kinds of slang words

One of the dynamics of language used that appears on social media today is the used of slang words as a reflection of current language development. This phenomenon is interesting to discuss, especially regarding the purpose of using slang words or why slang words is widely used when using social media. According to Chaer & Agustin (2018:195), "slang is an unofficial language variation, not yet standard, seasonal and usually used by groups of teenagers." Then completed by Chaer & Agustin (2018:2), "slang is created and used by certain social groups to interact internally so that others don't know about it." Furthermore, Izmaylova et al, 2017 "slang is usually used by teenagers who represent certain social groups who have the desire to express their aspirations as a form of self-affirmation, self-expression and self-realization."

Most of the young generation today used slang in their conversations, both between close friends, both verbally and in writing. A slang term is a words or phrase used by young people or urbanites to show that they follow the latest trends. Slang terms often appear on social media or in daily conversations, be it on the TikTok, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook applications. There are several patterns of slang that we need to know, some of which are in the form of words (words), numbers (numbers), phrases (phrases), sentences (sentence), and abbreviations (Abbreviation). For more details, as shown in the table of slang patterns below. (Source: Journal of English Educational Study (JEES), Vol. 4 Issue 1 May 2021. An Analysis Of Tenth Grade Students' Difficulties In Comprehending Recount Text)

Slang words is part of the language used by young people to communicate, often considered as a form of connection between generations, where parents feel they do not understand the language used by their children. "However, slang terms can also be a form of self-expression for young people, who want to show that they are part of a particular community by using language that is in accordance with the latest trends in used on Facebook social media" (Chaer & Agustin, 2018:2).

Basic Kinds of sosial media

Social media is digital media where social reality occurs and the space and time of its users interact. The values that exist in society and the community can also appear in the same or different forms on the internet. The development of Information and Communication Technology influences all aspects of life, including the media. Media can be interpreted as a tool or means of communication that can be used by every individual. Specifically Jensen & Helles (2015:16) "Social media are distinguished by their potential for many-to-many communication, drawing and feeding into one-to-one as well as one-to-many communication networks." Meanwhile, Shirky (in Nasrullah, 2016: 11), "states that social media and social software are tools to increase the ability to share, cooperate among users and take collective action, all of which are outside institutional and organizational framework." From this statement it can be concluded that social media is a means of communication that can be used as a place to find information (information sources) and in its use media literacy skills are required. Social media is also online media where each user can be free to share or participate in both information and entertainment that can support social interaction.

Social media has special characteristics that other media do not have. There are certain limitations and special characteristics that only social media has compared to other media. Social media is understood as a new form of online media. As for the characteristics of social media according to Nasrullah (2016:15), "namely, networks, information, archives, interactions, social simulations, and content by users." Furthermore Nasrullah (2015:11) mentions the special characteristics that social media has compared to other media, "one of which is social media stems from an understanding of how the media is used as a social tool in the virtual world. The characteristics of social media can be explained." The word network (network) connects between computers and other hardware devices. This network is needed because communication can occur if computers are connected, including data transfer. Information This is an important component in social media, because audiences would create representations of their identities, produce content, and interact based on information.

An Overview of Facebook Social Media

Hanafi (in JOM FISIP Vol.3, 2016:6) Facebook (FB) was launched on February 4, 2004 which was founded by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student born on May 14, 1984 and a former Ardsley High School student. The golden age of facebook begins on September 26, 2006. Then Irfan (2010: 11) added that this social network is open to anyone who has a valid e-mail address. Until September 2008, Facebook is available in more than 20 languages. Interestingly, Facebook is attracting attention from many large companies, such as News Corps, Yahoo and Google, but Zuckerberg stated that Facebook remains independent and he is not selling companies that rely on banner ads.

METHOD

This type of research solves problems using the scientific method to solve existing problems systematically. This research is a type of qualitative research and was conducted using a qualitative descriptive analysis method. According to Moleong (2019: 8-13) (in Bogdan and Biklen, 1990) whom stated the characteristics of qualitative research as follows: Natural setting, direct to data sources and researchers are key instruments; Humans as tools or instruments, as the main data collectors in conducting research; Qualitative methods, namely observation, interviews, or document review; Qualitative research carries out inductive data analysis; Theory from the basics (grounded theory); Qualitative research places greater emphasis on meaning (the data behind the research object).

The researcher is the key instrument, the data collection technique is carried out by triangulation (a combination of observations, interviews, documentation), the data obtained tends to be qualitative data, data analysis is inductive/qualitative in nature, and the results of qualitative research are to understand meaning, understand uniqueness, construct phenomena, and put forward a hypothesis. The analysis provides a detailed and in-depth explanation. This type of research is also a research method that focuses on certain cases that need to be observed, analyzed and resolved carefully.

Data collecting Technique

The data collection technique was carried out through distributing questionnaires. A questionnaire or questionnaire method is a series or list of questions that are arranged systematically, then distributed to be filled in by respondents after the completed questionnaire is returned to the researcher (Bungin, 2017:133). This research data was obtained from various sources, namely eleventh grade students of SMAN 12 Pandeglang using a questionnaire distribution method to obtain data regarding the number of Facebook social media users and how many slang words are used on students' Facebook accounts. The researcher aim in preparing the questionnaire was to see the frequency of use of slang words, including the types that are often used by students in socializing in Facebook sosial media.

Research Instrument

Research instruments have a very important function in the research process, which is used as a tool in collecting data needed in a study. Instruments or facilities used by researcher in collecting data and work are easier and the results are better, in the sense that they are more accurate, complete, and systematic so that they are easier to process. Thus, in this study using the following supporting instruments.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study was to describe the phenomenon of the use of slang by students on Facebook social media which is often used by students in grades XI.7 and XI.5 of SMAN 12 Pandeglang. Based on the research data, it was found that there were a total of ten slang languages used by students in grade XI.5 consisting of five slang words for the type of slang patterns in the form of words and two slang words in the type of slang patterns in the form of abbreviations. Then in grade XI.7 students, a total of eight slang languages were found, three for the category of slang patterns in the form of words and five for the type of slang patterns in the form of abbreviations. For further clarity, the researcher has grouped them in the following research data instrument sheet table data slang.

Tabel 4.1 Tabel Data Slang Words (XI.5)

| No. | Patterns of Slang | Class | Total |
|------------|---|-------|-----------|
| 1 | Slang patterns in the form of words | XI.5 | 7 |
| 2 | Slang patterns in number | - | - |
| 3 | Phrase shaped slang patterns | - | - |
| 4 | Slang patterns in sentences | - | - |
| 5 | Slang patterns in the form of abbreviations | XI.5 | 3 |
| Sum | | | 10 |

Tabel 4.2 Tabel Data Slang Words (XI.7)

| No. | Patterns of Slang | Class | Total |
|------------|---|-------|----------|
| 1 | Slang patterns in the form of words | XI.7 | 2 |
| 2 | Slang patterns in number | - | - |
| 3 | Phrase shaped slang patterns | - | - |
| 4 | Slang patterns in sentences | - | - |
| 5 | Slang patterns in the form of abbreviations | XI.7 | 6 |
| Sum | | | 8 |

The researcher took data from class XI.7 and XI.5. Class XI.7 consists of 37 students and class XI.5 consists of 32 students. In this study, the researcher conducted observations, interviews and documentation in accordance with the data collection techniques used by the researcher.

Discussias

The most common reason why social media users use slang is to look up to date. They usually often use words that are trending in society with the intention of not being considered outdated, following the flow, and appearing up to date. There are several reasons why students use slang on Facebook social media, including: a) creative, slang does not have specific rules so students can innovate in creating slang; b) look cool; slang is considered cooler; c) for joking: slang is used as a joke or joke; d) To enrich vocabulary: slang is used to enrich vocabulary; e) to avoid small talk: slang is used to avoid small talk.

Although slang is not new to the older generation, they often have difficulty understanding the slang produced by today's teenagers. The older generation's lack of understanding of teenage slang creates a language and understanding gap between generations, which can sometimes lead to stereotypes or negative views of the use of the language. So in conclusion, the role of slang among teenagers, especially students at SMAN 12 Pandeglang, as a tool for expressing identity and resistance to language norms shows the dynamics of a culture that continues to develop. Although slang tends to be temporary and changeable, its existence has a major impact on social interactions, especially in this digital era.

The limitation of this study is that it only focuses on slang words commonly used by students in grades XI.5 and XI.7 of SMAN 12 Pandeglang. The researcher did not get much from the results of the study at this school considering that not many students have Facebook social media. They are more comfortable and sufficient to have WhatsApp in their daily communication with their school friends and friends in their neighborhood. The development of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and TikTok, has accelerated the spread of slang to become an inseparable part of everyday language. Social media is not only a tool to convey messages, but also a medium to introduce and popularize slang. Although sometimes difficult to understand by the older generation, it is important to understand and appreciate the role of slang in reflecting the values, creativity, and uniqueness of today's young generation

SUGGESTION

Based on the analysis that has been done related to the use of slang words on social media Facebook by students of class XI.5 and XI.7 SMAN 12 Pandeglang, several things can be concluded related to the goals or reasons of students at this school. The main goal of why students in class XI.5 and XI.7 SMAN 12 Pandeglang, especially users (Facebookers) use slang is to look contemporary. They usually often use words that are trending in society with the intention of not being said to be outdated, following the flow, and appearing contemporary.

There are a total of 18 (eighteen) slang words that are commonly used by students of class XI.5 and XI.7 SMAN 12 Pandeglang. Class XI.5 for slang category slang patterns in the form of words are in the words "Bro" (brother), "Besty" (best friends), "Hiling" (healing), "Shit!", "Gaess" (Guys), "Woles" (slow), and two slang words for the category slang patterns in the form of abbreviations namely in the words "OTW" (On The Ways) and "WTF" (What The Fuck).

Then in class XI.7 there are a total of 8 (eight) slang words for the category slang patterns in the form of words namely in the words "Healing", "Auto", "Dude", then the category slang patterns in the form of abbreviations "OTW" (On The Way), "ASAP" (As soon as possible), "BTW" (By The Way), and OTW (On The Way).

There is a positive impact for students in using this slang language, students become more creative. Regardless of whether or not this slang language is disturbing, there is nothing wrong with us

enjoying every change or innovation in language that appears. As long as it is used in the right situation, the right media and the right communicator.

The use of slang can also make it difficult for language users to use it properly and correctly. In fact, at school or at work, we are required to always use good and correct language. The use of slang on social media Facebook is very dynamic, because every student has the creativity and ability to create a new slang word. Therefore, research on slang can continue from time to time as a sign that language tends to change.

Based on the results of the study, the researcher would like to provide some suggestions. The suggestions are as follows:

For English Teachers

Teachers should motivate students to be more enthusiastic in learning, especially in studying language science in order to improve students' language skills. Teachers should provide interesting activities in the classroom such as using English in the classroom when English learning takes place. Because most students consider language only as a means of communication, Teachers should guide students to be able to speak English well and provide a good understanding of several components in language, sentence selection, vocabulary and pronunciation as well as intonation and Teachers can use interesting learning media in the classroom.

For Students

Students are expected to be more confident in pronouncing English sentences, expressing their ideas in their Facebook captions, With good and fluent English language skills, students can improve their language skills by practicing more and getting used to having dialogues using English, Students should be more active in asking questions that they do not understand in the learning process.

Students are expected to be more responsible for the tasks given by the teacher.

For further researchers, it is expected to be able to collaborate with teachers and parents of students so that they can identify problems regarding students' language skills, both in the school environment and outside the school environment.

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