LEXICAL AND CONTEXTUAL MEANING IN ALAN WALKER SONG LYRIC AT WORLD OF WALKER ALBUM

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Abstract

Song lyric is one of literary works and it is has meaning. Song lyric contain word and language that expose the author’s thought and feeling. So many people in this world like to listen to the song. But sometimes the listener confused to understand what the song writer mean or what the meaning of the song because sometimes in the song lyric has the same words but has different meaning. This research was aimed to analyze lexical and contextual meaning expression found in Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker album. This research designed by using qualitative descriptive method. In analyzing the data, the researcher used theory of Creswell. The source of the data in this study was taken from the Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker album that was obtained from internet by downloaded the lyric from of the song. The data of this research are word, phrase and sentence in the lyrics that exist the album. Based on the result of research, it was found that there were 34 expressions that contain contextual meaning. There are expressions in the form of word and phrases, generally those expression are related to a person’s feelings or expression. On the other side, the lexical meaning form are only expressions that contain contextual meaning.

Key Words: lexical meaning; contextual meaning; song lyric

Abstrak

Lirik lagu merupakan salah satu karya sastra yang mempunyai makna. Lirik lagu mengandung kata dan bahasa yang mengungkapkan pikiran dan perasaan pengarangnya. Begitu banyak orang di dunia ini yang suka mendengarkan lagu. Namun, terkadang pendengar bingung memahami maksud penulis lagu atau makna dari lagu tersebut karena terkadang di dalam lirik lagunya mempunyai kata yang sama namun memiki berbeda makna. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menanalis sungkapan makna leksikal dan

Kata Kunci: Makna Leksikal; Makna Kontekstual; Lirik Lagu

A. Introduction

Language is a tool of social communication, in the form of a system of sound and written symbols produced by human. Chomsky (2002:1), state in addition to being a part of the biological endowment of the species, language is a natural object, a part of the human mind that is physically represented in the brain”. This means that language is pure, which is created from symbols of sounds produced by humans and it used as a tool for communication.

The scientific study of language in any of sense called linguistics and when we study about linguistic we will study about semantics. Semantics is the study of meaning. The study of meaning is referred to technically as semantics, and since meaning is a component of language, semantics is branch of linguistics. There isn’t a consensus on the nature of meaning, what components of it may be include in semantics or how it should be described meaning encompasses a wide range of linguistics aspects. According to Kreidler (1998:3), “semantics is the systematic study of meaning, and linguistic semantics is the study of how language organize and express meanings.”

Semantics is branch of linguistics that focuses on the study of meaning. The current study examines semantic analysis, focusing in particular on lexical and contextual meaning. Lexical meaning is the meaning held by the lexeme without being influenced by a context. This meaning is the actual thing perceived by the human sense. Lexical meaning is often defined as the study of the meaning of words (Murphy, 2010:3)

Lexical meaning is the meaning that is actually intended, the meaning that is consistent with our sense of observation, or the meaning that is stated. Denotation and connotation are related to lexical meaning. The meaning of a word that pertains to the actual word is known as denotation, in addition to the literal meaning of a word or term, connotation is the meaning indicated by it.

While Contextual meaning is the meaning defined according to the
situation. Contextual definition is one in which the terms is defined by embedding it in a larger expression with a broader explanation. Contextual meaning can be divided into meaning of the context of time, context of place and context of mood and language.

Song lyric is one of literary works and it has meaning. Song lyric contain word and language that expose the author’s thought and feeling. So many people in this word like to listen to song. Listening song is one of the good way to learn the English language because songs can be easily remembered and also easily learned vocabulary. Song is part of music that consist of many lyrics and melody that delivered by the musician about what their feeling.

Alan Walker is a Norwegian-British record producer and DJ. Born on August 24, 1997. He is known for his single “Faded” by receiving platinum certification in more than ten different countries. Alan Walker has released three albums as a solo artist. The album are: Faded as the first album, released on 2015, the second album is Different World, released on 2018, and the third is World of Walker released on 2021. In this research, researcher chooses world of Walker album as an object because this album is one of the most popular and best seller album.

Based on the preliminary study, there are many lexical and contextual meaning in that lyrics are applied and could be analyzed as the following:

- **Oceans in our eyes every time we cry**
  - I’m feelin’ the fire die
  - finally the tears feel so insincere
  - we’re fallin’to the dark side

The lyrics above, the researcher chose one word “oceans” to analyze. The lexical meaning of word “oceans” is one of the very large areas of sea on the earth’s. The contextual meaning of “oceans” is tears, when a person cries, his eyes will shed tears. The lyric talk about the singer’s feelings of being devastated by the loss of a loved one. So he expressed his sadness by crying.

Related to the explanation above, it is obvious that the song lyrics of World of Walker album contained the message or meaning of lyrics which represented by lexical and contextual meaning. On the other hand, those lexical and contextual meaning are not recognized well by the audience overall. Commonly, most of the audience are only proposed for enjoying and be entertained by listening the music or the voice in the song of World of Walker album without realizing the important impressions of messages which represented by lexical and contextual meaning each song lyric.

Thus, based on the background above the researcher intended to conduct a research entitled “**Lexical and Contextual meaning in Alan Walker song Lyric at World of Walker Album**”.

The objectives of this research are:
1. To find out the contextual meaning of expressions in Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker Album.
2. To find out the lexical meaning of expressions that contain contextual meaning in Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker Album.

B. Research Method

This research was conducted by using qualitative research. As Kothari (2004:3), states qualitative research is specially important in the behavioral sciences where the aim is to discover the underlaying motivates of human behavior. Moreover, according to Saldana (2011:3)“ qualitative research is an umbrella term for a wide variety of approach to and methods for the study of natural social life”. It means that, qualitative research is practiced in many diciplines, so a range of data collection methods has been devised to cater for the varied requirements of the different subjects, such as: qualitative interviewing, focus groups, participant, discourse and conversation analysis and analysis of texts and documents (Walliman 2011:131).

Based on the theory of qualitative research mention above, it can be conclude that qualitative research was concern with the practice and understanding of the types, processes and reasons of occur phenomena. This research tried to find out the lexical and contextual meaning in world of walker album by Alan Walker.

The data collection of this research is documentation technique. Documentation is one way to colect the data especially in qualitative research. There were some steps that done by researcher.
1. Making the transcription of the song lyrics by downloading from the internet.
2. Reading whole the content of song lyrics world of walker album.
3. Marking the words, phrases or centences that contain contextual meaning.
4. Analyzing and underlining the lyrics which includelexical and contextual meaning.

C. Research Finding and Discussion

In this chapter, the researcher present the research result, research findings and discussions of the findings. The data description of this research is lyric of Alan Walker’s songs at World of Walker Album, which consist of five songs; Out of Love, Not You, Fake a Smile, Man On The Mon, and Heading Home.

Therefore, the main focus in this research is to find out the lexical and contextual meaning of expressions in Alan Walker song lyric at world of Walker Album. Then in analyze the data there are severel steps related by Creswell theory, were consist of data preparation, data reading process, data coding, data description and interpretation as conclusion of the analysis. The data analyzed based on the formulation of the problem: a) What are the contextual meaning of expressions found in Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker album? b) What are the lexical meaning of
expressions that contain contextual meaning in Alan Walker song lyric at World of Walker album?

Based on the data analysis, the researcher found 31 lexical and contextual meaning expressions on Alan Walker by selected songs. The data is collected by downloading song lyric on google, print out hard copy, underline the sentences which concluding lexical and contextual meaning expressions and the researcher analyze the data.


Based on the data analysis it is found that 34 expressions containing contextual meaning on Alan Walker selected songs. The summary of expressions can be see in the following table.

Table 1. The Summary Of Lexical And Contextual Meaning Expressions On Alan Walker Selected Songs.

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<td>Not You</td>
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a. Out of Love (S1. L15)

Oceans in our eyes every time we cry
I’m feelin the fire die

Finally the tears feel so insincere
We’re fallin to the dark side

From the lyric above, it is explain that the word in the bold one oceans, in the contextual meaning it doesn’t mean only one of the very large areas of sea on the earth’s. But, it can be interpreted as the word that tells about heart of feelings or the expression of someone who is in a state of broken heart

b. Not You (S2. L6)

In my life, in my mind
Where I make up stories all the time
And I pretend that i am not someone
Left to face the world alone
Lately I’m not the same
I’ve found a stranger calling out my name
Have a feeling you would be so proud
And he’s gon’need me now

Stranger in the contextual meaning is the word that express about a woman who has a boyfriend who loves her so much, apart from her father who loves her.

c. Fake a Smile (S3. L7)

I try to turn off my mind
Say i’m doing just fine
But i’m screaming inside like (oh-oh-oh-oh)
Say these words on repeat
While i’m trying to breathe
Now you’re counting on me

Turn off is song writer talk about The expressions of someone trying to convince him/her self that everything will be fine despite the many problems he is facing.

d. Man on the Moon (S4.L1)

What happens in dreams when we fly
Never been as high as tonight
Staring through a window in time
For someone to show me what I’m like
Fly in the contextual meaning is the word that express about the feeling of someone who is dreaming at bedtime.

e. Heading Home (S5. L9)
And I
I remember when we were young
We’d write our name in the sand, so carelessly
Then the rain came and your was gone
And now mine, it stands alone
Write is song writer talk about someone’s expression that described the journey of his life and the various problems he faces.

2. Lexical Meaning Of Expressions That Contain Contextual Meaning In Alan Walker Song Lyric At World Of Walker Album.

Based on the data analysis it is found that, there were many expression containing lexical meaning on Alan Walker selected songs. The expressions containing lexical meaning in this research is only expressions that contain contextual meaning. Some of the expressions can be seen in the following example.

a. Out of Love (S1. L15)
Oceans, in our eyes every time we cry
I’m feelin out the fire die
Finally the tears feel so insincere
We’re fallin to the dark side
From the lyric above, in the bold one oceans in the lexical meaning is one of the very large areas of sea on the earth’s.

b. Not You (S2. L6)
In my life, in my mind
Where I make up stories all the time
And I pretend that i am not someone
Left to face the world alone
Lately I’m not the same
I’ve found a stranger calling out my name
Have a feeling you would be so pround
And he’s gon’need me now
Stranger, in the lexical meaning is Unfamiliar, abnormal, or exceptional to a degree that excites wonder or astonishment.

c. Fake a Smile (S3. L7)
I try to turn off my mind
Say I’m doing just fine
But I’m screaming inside like (oh-oh-oh-oh)
Say these words on repeat
While I’m trying to breathe
Now you’re counting on me
From the lyric above it is explanation that, the word in the bold one turn off, in the lexical meaning is An instance of turning or switching something off.

d. Man on the Moon (S4. L1)
What happens in dreams when we fly
Never been as high as tonight
Staring through a window in time
For someone to show me what I’m like
From the lyric above it is explanation that, the word in the bold one fly, in the lexical meaning is move through the air as a bird does, or in an aircraft.

e. Heading Home (S5. L9)
And I
I remember when we were young
We’d write our name in the sand, so carelessly
Then the rain came and your was gone
And now mine, it stands alone
Write in the lexical meaning is mark letters or numbers on a surface, with a pen or pencil.

D. Conclusion and Suggestion

Based on research findings, it is clear that Alan Walker selected songs have used lexical and contextual meaning expressions as the most significant component. In Alan Walker selected songs, the song writer/ singer tells about his/her feeling and friendship. Where the meaning of the selected song “out of love, not you, fake a smile, man on the moon and heading home” the song writer feeling lost, disappointed and miss something. In this case the song writer use lexical and contextual meaning expressions so that the songs on the world of walker album especially alan walker selected songs more interesting.

After concluding the research, the researcher would like to give suggestions related to this result of research.

1. To students/english learner

For the students, the reseacher suggest to study more the lexical and contextual meaning not only from the book but also from another source likes song lyric, movie, poem and ect, and also to improve knowledge about lexical and contextual meaning and aware more about the form and using the standar english.

2. To English teacher

The researcher suggest the teacher to teach about English semantics to students well, especially about lexical and contextual meaning.

3. To next reseacher

To the next researcher can make a new research about lexical and contextual meaning or they can complete this research in next time to progress education better because there is no practice without theory.

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