Analysis of Slang Words Used for Comments on Tiktok

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ABSTRACT

This research in title *"Analysis of Slang Words Used for Comments on Tiktok"*. The aim of this research are to analyze slang words on Tiktok and to find out the meaning of these slang. This study is included in descriptive qualitative method. In collecting data, the writer concentrates the comments which contains the slang words produced by netizens. After the researcher analyzed the data, it shows that slang is used for entertainment, just joking/funny, looks contemporary, reduces seriousness in speaking and softens satire. Therefore, research on slang will be able to continue from time to time as a sign that language tends to change.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is something dynamic, in the sense that language will continue to develop long with the times and speakers. The emergence of new words, meanings and terms is the result of the creativity of the speakers which cannot be avoided. Teenagers are very creative because they often produce new word and combine various variations of language in conversation. Nowadyas, young people has habits in their informal language, they use code switching, code mixing and borrowing foreign words.

Nowadays, slang is one of the language types popular among young people. Pei and Gaynor in Alwasilah (1985) stated that, "Slang is a frequently consumed variety of language, created by common adaptation and development of the meanings of existing words and by constructing new words without regard to scholastic standards and linguistic rules in word formation (p.57)". For addition people used words dependt not only on their interlocutor but also their environment, age, culture and etc. Then Roberts in Fromkin et al. (1997) also mention that slang is describe as one of some kinds that can be identified by everyone and no one can describe it (pp.282). In another hand, we can conclude that slang presents some new words into the language by uniting words into new meanings. Then, Fromkin et al (1997) said that the use of slang modifies from area to another area (pp.283). So, in conclusion culture also becomes one of the factor the use of slang in a country or in a region.

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Sociolinguistics is included in the study of linguistics. In linguistic analysis, there are two aspects that are always considered, namely internal and external aspects. The first, internal aspects include phonetics (science of sound), phonology (science of sound and its structure), morphology (science of word structure), syntax (science of the process of combining terms to form larger elements of phrases, clauses, or sentences), and semantics (science of meaning). Then, the second one is the external aspect of linguistics, it is the relationship that occurs between linguistics and other sciences. (O'Grady and Dobrovolsky, 1992: 4).

Based on the explanation above, slang itself is part of sociolinguistics, then, Hudson (1980) stated that the differences between sociolinguistics and sociology are as follows; first, sociolinguistics learn how language in relation to society, then, the second is sociology learn how society in relation to language. From that statement, we know that in sociolinguistics, we can determine society to notice as much as possible about what is language (p.4). Because of that explanation, this study conducts to analyze slang words on Tiktok and find out the meaning of these words.

Sociolinguistics

Based on Ohoiwutan (1997) explained that sociolinguistics is an interdisciplinary discipline or a fusion of two fields, namely sociology and linguistics; sociolinguistics seeks to clarify human capacities in applying language norms effectively in a variety of settings. (p.7). For addition, Spolsky (1998) mention that "sociolinguistics is the study of the relationship between language and society, between language usage and the social framework in which language users live. (p.3)".

Discourse community

Swales (1990) mention one of the example is members of the discourse community do not physically congregate, but instead use a newsletter with a specific kind of text structure to pursue their goals. Furthermore, Swales described in 1990 a "discourse community" that was only linked through written communication., however he revisited that notion in 1998, and then differentiated between "discourse communities" and "place discourse communities," which integrated both written and verbal communication. (in Borg, 2003, pp.399). Then, in other hand James Porter describes that discourse community is defined as a local and temporary limiting system defined by a collection of texts (or, more broadly, activities) connected by a common focus. A discourse community, on the other hand, is a textual system containing affirmed and unaffirmed agreement, a crucial tale, procedures for using authority, institutional hierarchies, vested interests, and so on. Porter also believed that all new beliefs introduced

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into a discourse community had an impact on the group, permanently altering it.

Members of discourse communities typically join through training or personal persuasion, and the language they use can be described as a register or diatype. In contrast, the speech community (or 'native discourse community,' as Bizzell calls it) speaks a language or dialect inherited through birth or adoption. The emergence of the concept of discourse communities was informed by ideas from the speech and interpretive communities.

Slang

Slang is a variety of informal and non-standard language that is seasonal, which is generally used in conversation, used by certain people or groups to communicate, with the intention that non-group members do not understand. Slang does not have a precise and definite definition, because in slang there are always slang words that are created. That is why slang seems relaxed among young people.

Slang is described as words or idioms that are used more frequently in informal speech than in written language. Because it may be tailored to a certain audience or occasion, not everyone will comprehend what the words represent. Based on Adams (2009), slang is defined as words or expressions that are used more frequently in informal speech than in written language. Because it may be tailored to a certain

audience or occasion, not everyone will comprehend what the words represent. (57). In other words, we can say that slang can express our ideas, feelings, and attitude through a specific words that our interlocutor know well the meaning of those words.

Slang feature

Slang is one of the most fascinating and challenging aspects of language. Many researchers use slang to refer to social dialects. In this context, dialect refers to a territorial, temporary, or social type of language. The term "slang" became widely used in English lexicography around the turn of the twentieth century. The origins of the term "slang" are also debatable. Slang is a complicated, difficult, and unavoidable language phenomenon. Its emergence is always influenced by the historical, social, and cultural tendencies of this or that language community's life. For addition, Yanchun and Yanhong (2013) said that slang is not the same as language in general. Slang differs from grammatical structure in that it contains words with additional meaning in a new style (pp.2209). There are the features that makes slang different with formal language, that are:

a). Humor

Users regard slang as "comedy" because of its humorous effect. Slang humor was first represented in terms of phonetic humor. It makes use of euphony to achieve the goals of being easily understood and remembered, as well as being readable and

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vivid. Rhyme is a common phonetic technique used in American slang to achieve a humorous effect. For example : bilu (baby I love you), bestie (best friend), ASAP (as soon as possible) and so on. The usage of rhyme in slang can make people feel a sense of rhythm in sounds.

b). Conciseness

Conciseness as a primary characteristic of slang. This is obtainable from form of words that shortened or combined to description a longer words. The examples is following: fav (favorite), bro (brother), classy (fashionable) and so on. Those words are brief and easy to speak out.

c). Originality

Slang is a lexicon developed by young people who love renaming objects and acts, developing new terms, and shortening old ones for the purpose of fashion. Consider the terms think-machine (brain), sparkler (diamond), pickers (hands), and so on. Slang words are made up by a small group of people for the sake of novelty and are replicated by others who want to be popular.

d). Instability

Slang can changes rapidly. A new vocabulary will be making the old slang forgotten by users. An old slang becomes worn and lost its eccentric, as a result old slang has been accepted become a standard language. For example, in 1930s the word "gay" in the sense homosexual has not included in slang word, but has been accepted becomes a standard language at the present. This instability slang involves in only use for more than a few years.

RESEARCH METHOD

This is a descriptive qualitative study. Qualitative descriptive is a type of research that is not obtained by quantitative procedures or using statistics (Strauss and Corbin: 1990 in Hoepfl: 1997). After the data is analyzed, the research results are described descriptively and there is no need to use statistics. The data of this research are slang words and the source of the data is the comments on Tiktok.

Purposive sampling was used by the researcher in the sampling technique. Purposive sampling is a type of data source sampling that takes into account certain factors, such as the person's knowledge of what we expect. The reason for using this purposive sampling technique is that it is one of the best sampling techniques for qualitative research. The subject of the study was obtained from Tiktok comments, which totaled 30 accounts.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

These are some examples of slang words the author found in the tiktok comments

Jiang Ni
Chill out Dude
English is easy

1)

Chill out to calm down : go easy : relax — often used in the imperative.

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/ 47

2)

evereve
Hello bae,english is easy

BAE is a term of endearment, which means "before anyone else." It is usually used between romantic partners, but can also be used between close friends.

3)

K. K
YOLO= You Only Live Once

YOLO is an acronym that stands for "you only live once," and it is used to express the belief that one should live in the present moment and not worry about the future.

4)

Ayuna
Tysm:)

TYSM is an acronym that stands for Thank You So Much or it can say Thank You Very Much.

5)

lex
sus = suspicious
mencurigakan

SUS is used as the synonym of suspicious, or suspect, for example "you've been acting pretty sus, I think you're up to something." From that statements, the slang word used to say that someone or something shouldn't be trusted.

6)

kanye
salty marah marah
04-21 Balas

When something is exciting you're really enjoying something

7)

sigh
i have a crush on you

A crush usually refers to romantic feelings for someone that go unexpressed.

8)

S
tbh apaan?

TBH is an acronym that stands for "to be honest" and it has meaning for perfectly clear.

9)

n0n0
pap = post a picture.

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
10)

briella♡
FYI: For Your Information

"FYI" " is a generic abbreviation of "for your information". To indicate informational messages, the phrase "FYI" is commonly used in email, instant messaging, and other messages.

11)

JaNiYa675
OMG that accent 💕

OMG is an acronym that stands for "Oh my God" that slang used to indicate or to express that something is considered surprising, shocking, thrilling, etc.

12)

BANG JOOO`
tq for info

The abbreviation TQ is a common way of saying "Thank you."

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13)

oamgashn

idk = i dont know

IDK Abbreviation for I don't know

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otw : on the way =

OTW is principally used to indicate that the sender is "On The Way" to a pre-arranged meeting and expects to arrive soon

15)

sss

lmao

LMAO is used to respond to something even funnier. LMAO stands for laughing my ass off.

16)

NataliesOutlet ✓

The best lol

LOL stands for laugh out loud. It can function as both an interjection and a verb. Lol is a popular slang term in electronic communications. Despite the fact that it means "laugh out loud," lol is most commonly used to indicate a smile or mild amusement.

17)

lowkey

LOWKEY means it's being done under the radar or they don't want anyone to know.

18)

Riz??

cmiiw

CMIIW is an acronym that stands for

"Correct Me If I'm Wrong" that slang has meaning that we may say something that is not true so we ask the other person to correct me if he knows the truth.

19)

finian

batman is the goat

G.O.A.T. **Greatest Of All Time**

20)

iFxn

sheees :

"SHEEESH" can mean anything from bragging to cringing to excitement. In the age of social media, the definition of "sheesh" has shifted.

21).

Fahreza Auliaaa

ngl apa?

NGL abbreviation for **not gonna lie**: used, for example on social media and in text messages, when you are admitting something that might be embarrassing, or when you are trying to make a criticism or complaint less likely to offend someone: That was tough ngl.

22).

therdziz

ily😁😁

ILY is an abbreviation for I love you. It is used as an earnest or playful declaration of affection in digital communication (online). ILY is also

associated with an I love you sign in American Sign Language.

23).

Shin
imo
Spider-man >= Batman >

IMO abbreviation for. text messaging **in my opinion**.

24).

hi
Fr

FR is an abbreviation for "for real." It's an online prefix that you can use in direct conversations to underline your argument, agree with someone else's position, or respond to something incredible. It also has a common derivative acronym, FRFR, which stands for "for real, for real," which is a more intense and serious variant of FR.

25).

x_alpienos_x
W

When someone writes "W" in the comments box, it signifies they're congratulating someone on their accomplishment. It's the inverse of taking a "L," which implies to lose. Obviously.

26).

Vindy Lee
Haha effortnya slay ✨

'SLAY' means an invitation or command to kill or kill something.

27).

Gak tau
Iya bestie

BESTIE itself is an abbreviation of Best Friend to "Bestie".

28).

💕💕💕
scrappy????

SCRAPPY having an aggressive and determined spirit : feisty.

29).

Looking_For_IELTS Answers
fyp

FYP is an acronym that stands for 'For Your Page,' and it refers to the page that TikTok populates with videos based on what you've seen and interacted with the most in the past.

30).

smh.
the fire is LIT

LIT means 'cool' or 'amazing'

CONCLUSION AND IMPLICATION

Based on the results of the study, it shows that slang is used for entertainment, just joking/funny, looks contemporary, reduces seriousness in speaking and softens satire. Therefore, research on slang will be able to continue from time to time as a sign that language tends to change, From the results of the research above, it is mentioned that about 30 slang words found in the comments on the TikTok application, The factor that makes teenagers use slang words is the number of slang words in social media, for example post

captions, content, and also comments that make teenagers follow these things so that it affects slang culture today.

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