

# CHAPTER I

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background of the Study

Language plays an important part in human daily life because language is one of the most important functions to communicate. Without language, people will never be able to communicate with others, by communication people can give information from others. Through language, people can express their feelings, their ideas, and their minds to others. Hornby (1987) states that language is a human and non-intensive method of communicating ideas, feelings, and desires through a system of sounds and sound symbols. Language is divided into two forms written and spoken. Written language consists of. The written form can be found in novels, newspapers, poems, etc. While spoken language consists of speech and sounds. Spoken can be found in conversation and speech.

Communication is an action of passing information and giving meaningful interaction among people. When a person communicates with another one, the language can help them to express their idea more accurately and helps to make a good relationship. Language has a big role for people in making good relationships with others because through communication people can share or deliver with what they want to say.

There are different ways of how people share their feelings, one of them is through music. The composer can deliver their feelings through lyrics, maybe for listeners music is only to entertain, but for composers, it has deep meaning. People like songs because a singer sings really well, or maybe the music is good. Actually, without knowing there are many messages to share. Through a song, people can deliver messages to many people, so that people can know

their feelings and ideas. Many songs can express people's feelings because songs can be about love, social, political, and others. Songs can be used for communication. It means that a song can be used as a way of delivering ideas and feeling so that people can understand what the composer means.

A lot of songwriters use explicit and implicit language. They use explicit and implicit language because it's more easier to share their feelings and thoughts to listeners. Explicit and implicit language is called figurative language. Writers use explicit and implicit language to make their message more interesting or more dramatic than literal language. Explicit and implicit language is also known as figurative language. Figurative language is when you use a word or phrase that does not have in daily language or normal language. Figurative language is part of semantics. According to Griffith (2006), semantics is the study of word meaning and sentence meaning, abstracted away from contexts of use. Figurative is an expression in which the language will come out from the literal language or denotation words. But not only in songs, a figurative language commonly can be found in literary works, such as in short fiction, poetry, and drama.

There are some studies that have been done by previous researchers. First by Setiawan (2014). The research focus is to find how many figurative language is used in Cold Play Band's songs lyrics. The second previous study is by Rishita (2017). The research focus is to find out the most used figurative language type in the song lyrics of Taylor Swift's "1989" Album. The writer found out that the most dominant of figurative language used is personification. The third previous studies is by Yulissar(2013). The researcher focus is the type of figurative expression and how figurative expression found in One Direction album's "Midnight Memories".

Based on the explanation above, the researcher is interested to analyze figurative language in a song because people like to listen to a song. However, most people don't

understand the meaning of the songs because the composer uses figurative language, almost all the lyrics in this era are using figurative language to convey the messages and the researcher wants to know composer effort to write the lyric with figurative language. The purpose of discussing figurative language in the song is to understand the message. Therefore, in this study, the data will be taken from a song firework by Katy Perry. The researcher chooses Katy Perry firework because figurative languages are used mainly in the song lyric and the song has a meaningful message that the listeners should understand and can enjoy.

### 1.2 Statement Of The Problem

Based on the background, researcher found some problem that can be stated follows:

1. What type of figurative language are used in Katy Perry's Firework lyric?
2. What are the figurative language meanings used in Katy Perry's firework lyric?

### 1.3 Objective Of The Study

Based on the problems that have been stated above, the objective of the study are stated below:

1. To find out what type of figurative expressions used in Katy Perry's FireWork lyric.
2. To find out what are the meanings figurative language used in Katy Perry's firework lyric.

### 1.4 Scope Of The Study

In other to make this research the researcher is focused on the meaning and what type of figurative language used in Katy Perry's Firework lyric.

### 1.5 The Significance Of The Study

The result of this study is to know more about semantics, especially figurative language that found in Katy Perry's songs and the type of figurative language that is mostly used in Katy Perry's firework songs. The result of this research gives more explanation about figurative language. The writer hopes that the result of this research gives some benefits for the readers. This study is expected to give information to the readers about the types of figurative language. The researcher also hopes this research can be used as a reference for other researcher or students who are interested in Semantics especially in Figurative Language.

### 1.6 Organization Of The Paper

Chapter I : Introduction which contains Background of Study, Research Question, Research Objective, Scope Of The Study and Paper Organization.

Chapter II : Review of Literature which contains Previous Studies, Theoretical Background, Conceptual Framework.

Chapter III : Research Method which contains Research Design, Research Method, Unit of Analysis, Technique of data gathering, and Technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV : Finding and Discussion.

Chapter V : Conclusion and Suggestion.