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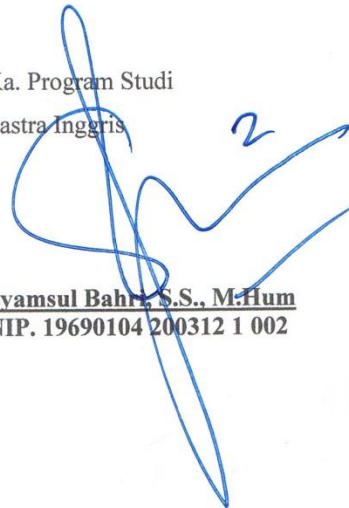
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ABSTRACT

This study deals with types of taboo words in song lyrics of Nicki Minaj. The objectives of the study were to find out the types of taboo words used in song lyrics of Nicki Minaj, to determine the dominant type of taboo words used in song lyrics and to describe the uncategorized of types of taboo words used in song lyrics. This research was conducted by using descriptive qualitative research. The source of data was derived from song lyrics of Nicki Minaj. The data were taken from the taboo words used in those song lyrics. There were 130 words in the children's song lyrics of nursery rhymes. The result of the analysis showed that all types of taboo words used in song lyrics of Nicki Minaj; Sexual Activity 55 words (42.31%) followed by numeral on parts of body on taboo words 48 words(36.92%), Religion or Believe 17 words (13.08%) and the last was lavatory or excretion 10 words (7.69%). The dominant types of taboo words used in song lyrics of Nicki Minaj are sexual activity with 55 words. It means that in the song lyrics contain or told about activity, action or event that are happened or doing which happen outside the human beings.

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INTRODUCTION

Communication is an interactive process to negotiate the meaning by using the language. Language is a network of relationship. As human being, people really need language to do interaction and communication to each other. Clark (1997:3) states that language stands at the center of human affairs, from the most prosaic to the most profound. It means that language is very important in life and is the power of expressing thought and feelings. There are so many ways of the people to express someone's thought and feeling by using language, such as by music, poems, short story, speech, etc. Language enables human beings to build a mental picture of reality, to make sense of what goes on around them and inside them. Discuss about music almost all of the people love music, because music is simple and can we get in part of our time we have, music also can influence someone's feeling to be happy and sad, and many people spend their time to play and listen the music. As we know music or song have a meaning and we get message from it know what are talked about, but nowadays many song using a dirty words or taboo words in every single song.

Taboo is one aspect of social structure that is reflect both language and action. Taboo words are those that considered a bad taste and better to be avoided because they mention realities that are stark or vulgar. And also taboo is representing the experience of human being or what goes on around and inside them, of course, it has a close relation with the culture of the people (listener) especially in this study to choose the song lyrics that has a language quality to develop the ability of children thinking in the lyrics of Nicki Minaj, taboo words may refer to sex, religion, exposure of body parts and lavatory or excretion.

The four types of taboo words used to analyze to the song lyrics on Nicki Minaj . Nicki Minaj is a famous singer and rapper. Nicki Minaj is one of the singer or entertainment to all of the people in the world and also nicki minaj is one of the singer using taboo words and the writer would like to analyze the taboo words used in those song lyrics of Nicki Minaj as the data of this research.

The research question of the present study are; what types of taboo words are used in Nicki Minaj song?; what is the domonat types and the uncategorized of taboo words used in Nicki Minaj song lyrics?.

Review of Literature

Taboo Words and Its Types

Ohoiwutun (1997:13) says that in Tonga society the word taboo refers to the forbidden action which has to be avoided. Wardaugh (1986:45) states that taboo is related to the culture meanings, which are expressed in language. Linguistics taboo is an important matter, as the implementation of things words, phrases, and sentences, etc, by a language user will raise annoyances and disrespect. And taboo is not only in the form of taboo words but also in the form of gestures, picture, attitudes, behavior, etc. taboo words categorized into four types, namely: **believe or religion, parts of body, sexual activity and lavatory or excretion.**

Types of Taboo Word

Fromkin (1988:187) divided the taboo word into four types as the following:

1. Religion: This kind of taboo words relates with using of religious ceremonies. To say the name of God in vain such as in Christian belief, actually is prohibited, for example “O Jesus! God damn:”, but many people also use it to cursed and believe that is has a magical power.
2. Parts of body: Certain taboo words related and associated with parts of the body are classified into four types of taboo words. And example are Penis, Vagina, Breast, and Anus.
3. Sexcual activity: Almost familiar to the taboo word are connected to the sexual interfering, both normal sex or abnormal. Sexual activity also can be divided into two parts: intercourse and masturbation.
4. Lavatory or excretion: Every human being defecates at least once a day and urinates several times a day every single day of his or he life. The majority of people prefer to sex is often splendid; excreta are messy and smell bad.

Song

Every one knows what is song. Song is a short piece of music with words for singing (Longman, 1982: 1066). A song can be sung with or without instrumental accompaniment. Song is easily to found in daily life because song is universal. It is very familiar to human loife because song is a way of people to express their feeling about something. The function of the song is to provide fun and entertainment especially to the people and also serve to support important learnig processes, to improve language skills and and many studies have shown that music and song help in the development of other brain function.

Nicki Minaj

Onika Tanya Maraj was born in Saint James, trinidad And Tobago on December 8th, 1982. Her parents are Robert Maraj, a financial executive of half Indo-Trinidadian and half Afro-Trinidadian ancestry, and Carol Maraj, who is of Afro-Trinidadian heritage, and held a variety of jobs including an accounting clerk, foreign-exchange teller and gospel singer. Minaj's father was addicted to alcohol and other drugs, had a violent temper; he attempted to kill her mother by setting their house on fire. She has two siblings.

As a small child, Minaj lived with her grandmother in Saint James and was occasionally visited by her mother, with whom she moved with to Queens, Ney York at age five. She started the education in Elizabeth Blackwell Middle school, than she continued the study in LaGuardia High School in Manhattan with focuses on visual and performing arts, where she studied acting.

After she graduated from high school she join with the rapper group in her areas and start the career as rapper. As the rapper, song writer and singer Nicki Minaj have been knowing by people in this world from her creation in the entertainment world. Nicki Minaj debut as a singer and rapper start from a 2004 and launching with the first album in 2007 and than in the same years she finishing the second album, not have a long time in 2008 she success in the third album,

After she produced the independent album in 2007 until 2008, she got the contract with the famous label in that time is *Young Money Entertainment* in August 2009. In November 2010, she launched the album with name "*Pink Friday*". And that album succeeded in *Billboard 200* and get the first position and the album get the *Platinum certificate* from *Recording Industry*

Association of America (RIAA), and Nicki Minaj is the first singer which is succeed in placement of the song in *Billboard hot 100*.

That was the way of Nicki Minaj to get more success for her live until today and get the much appreciation from the many awards. And she made many creations in the entertainment world, so the every people can enjoying the art from Nicki Minaj produce.

Research Methodology

This study will be conducted by using descriptive qualitative design. The source of data was derived from the pinkprint album of nicki minaj song lyrics. The data were taken from the taboo words to be analyzed they are: (1)all things go, (2) I Lied, (3)the crying games, (4) get on your knees, (5) feeling myself (feat. beyonce), (6) only, (7) want some more, (8) four door aventador, (9) favourite (feat. jeremih), (10) buy a heart (feat. Meek mill), (11) trini dem girls (feat. Lunch money lewis)(12) Anaconda, (13) The Night is Still Young, (14) Pills 'n' Potions, (15) Bed of Lies, (16) Grand Piano (17) Big Daddy (feat. Meek Mill), (18) Shanghai, (19) Win Again, (20) Mona Lisa, (21) Put in Your Room, (22) Truffle Butter (feat. Drake and Lil Wayne).

The data were analyzed to find out the types of taboo word used in the Pinkprint album of Nicki Minaj song lyrics, by reading the Nicki Minaj song lyric, identifying the types of taboo word in the pinkprint album of Nicki MInaj song lyrics, classifying the types of taboo words into their types, counting the percentage of the data, finding the most dominant types of taboo words used in song lyric. After that, concluding the results of the research.

Result and Discussion

After reading, identifying, classifying the data into four types and then counting the percentage, finding the dominant types of the taboo words in the pinkprint album of Nicki Minaj song lyric. All the types of taboo words shown in the following table :

Table 1.1 the total number of types of taboo words in Nicki Minaj song lyric

No.	Types of Taboo words	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1	Believe or Religion	17	13.1
2	Parts of Body	8	16.9
3	Sexual Activity	55	42.3
4	Lavatory or Excretion	10	7.7
Total		130	100

From the table above shows that four types of taboo words use in the Nicki Minaj song lyric the pinkprint album are believe or religion, parts of body, sexual activity and lavatory or excretion. The total words that found in twenty two (22) song lyrics are 130 (100%) words there are believe or religion is 17 (13.1%), parts of body is 48 (36.9%), sexual activity is 55 (42.3%),lavatory or excretion is 10 (7.7%). It is clear shows that sexual activity is the dominant types of taboo words use in the album the pinkprint of Nicki Minaj 55 (42.3%).

Discussion

From this research, found that types of taboo words acquired from Nicki Minaj album is The Pinkprint which consist of 22 song lyrics are believe or religion, parts of body, sexual activity and lavatory and excretion and that all analysis by using Fromkin's theory. Based on the result of research finding, the dominant types of taboo word are sexual activity namely 55 words from 130 words of total of taboo words from the song lyric.

According to the dominant type, there was extra knowledge to understand the meaning of the taboo words itself, and it means that many in the song lyrics contain or told about activity,

action or event that are happened or doing physically and materially. So the physical verbs are mostly used.

Example:

Sexual activity in the song Truffle butter:

a. I could probably make some step sisters **fuck** each other

b. **Suck** the white off white chocolate

In the example above shows that the every participant doing something or they did an action.

Conclusion and Suggestion

Conclusion

Having analyzed all the data of the types of taboo words in album the Pinkprint song lyrics of Nicki Minaj, there are four types of taboo words that found in the song lyrics of Nicki Minaj with the total number of taboo words were 130 words. Types of taboo words and the percentage each of taboo words in the album the pinkprint of Nicki Minaj are believe or religion is 17 (13.1%), parts of body is 48 (36.9%), sexual activity is 55 (42.3%), lavatory or excretion is 10 (7.7%). The dominant types of taboo words which is used in the pinkprint album of Nicki Minaj is sexual activity with the total number and percentage is 55 (42.3%). The analyzed of taboo words in the pinkprint album of Nicki Minaj not found the uncategorized of the taboo words using in song lyrics, and the analyzing the data, all the words in the song lyrics in the pinkprint album of Nicki Minaj have the type of taboo words based on the theory.

Suggestion

After analyzing all the data of the types of taboo words in the Nicki Minaj's song lyric, the suggestions that can be offered are: the reader are suggested to understand about the taboo words and its types, so that they comprehend about the clarification and the meaning of each topic in the thesis and it can be to enlarge their knowledge about this study. For the other researchers who are interest to make the researcher about taboo words and its types to do further research or analysis by applying the whole aspect of Sociolinguistics. And for the student English Department who learn sociolinguistics should be able to understand about the taboo words and its types, so that they will know and get the meaning of message that implied in the text or to share information.

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