



## Lexical Meaning: The Beginning



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### Abstract

The lexical meaning is the meaning of a word is constituted by its contextual relations. Lexical meaning concerned with the relationship between words and meanings. This article uses literary works like songs for analysis. “The Beginning” song from a band called ONE OK ROCK. The researcher chose “OOR” songs because their song is very interesting to examine and research. For me, their song tells us about life. And then, their songs are about life that has the same story with some peoples in the daily fact. This article used a descriptive qualitative approach. The qualitative method was a research procedure which results in descriptive data including written and oral word from the research objectives whether it is from society or books. The researcher took the data from internet social media. The researcher analyzed these lyrics with one word. Lexical and contextual meaning that the researcher analyzed, not all words were analyzed. The researcher found a lot of words can analyze their lexical or denotation and the contextual meaning. The researcher just explains some word to analysis.

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## 1. Introduction

Cutler, A., & Norris, D. (1988), language is the ability to acquire and use complex systems of communication, particularly the human ability to do so, and a language is any specific example of such a system. The scientific study of language is called linguistics. Human language has the properties of productivity, recursivity, and displacement, and relies entirely on social convention and learning. Its complex structure affords a much wider range of expressions than any known system of animal communication. (Wiki/Language)

Marslen-Wilson, W., Tyler, L. K., Waksler, R., & Older, L. (1994), human languages differ from animal communication systems in that they employ grammatical and semantic categories, such as noun and verb, present and past, which may be used to express exceedingly complex meanings. Human language is also unique in having the property of recursivity: for example, a noun phrase can contain another noun phrase or a clause can contain another clause. Human language is also the only known natural communication system whose adaptability may be referred to as modality independent. (Wiki/Language)

When described as a system of symbolic communication, Mayberry, R. I., & Fischer, S. D. (1989), language is traditionally seen as consisting of three parts: signs, meanings, and a code connecting signs with their meanings. How

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signs and meanings are combined, used, and interpreted is called semiotics. The rules by which signs can be combined to form words and phrases are called syntax or grammar. The meaning that is connected to individual signs, morphemes, words, phrases, and texts is called semantics. (Wiki/Language)

Human beings need language as their communication because of language as the branch of linguistics. Semantics is the systematic study of meaning, and linguistic semantics is the study of how languages organize and express meanings (Ong, S. C., & Ranganath, 2005).

This article will analyze the lexical meaning and contextual meaning. The lexical meaning is the meaning of a word is constituted by its contextual relations. Ryan, J. M., & Lafford, B. A. (1992), lexical meaning concerned with the relationship between words and meanings. (Wiki/Semantics)

In this article, I choose literary works like songs. A song from a band called ONE OK ROCK. One Ok Rock is a Japanese rock band formed in 2005, composed of Taka (vocalist), Toru (guitarist), Ryota (bassist), and Tomoya (drummer). I choose "OOR" songs because their song is very interesting to examine and research. For me, their song tells us about life. And then, their songs are about life that has the same story with some peoples in the daily fact.

## 2. Research Methods

This article used a descriptive qualitative approach. The qualitative method was a research procedure which results in descriptive data including written and oral word from the research objectives whether it is from society or books.

The data sources are the text of the lyrics on ONE OK ROCK's Song. In this article will analyze lexical meanings of the song. The lyrics used the data source in this article is "The Beginning". The data took from internet social media.

This article collected the data in the following step. First, the researcher reading all the data sources. Second, the researcher selected the appropriate songs in the lyrics "The Beginning" song. The last, the data to be arranged systematically in accordance with the research focus. To arrange the data, firstly, the researcher defined the lexical meaning, and the second explained about contextual meaning.

After the data was being collected, the researcher analyzed in the following steps. First, the researcher read the data. Second, find out the meaning with one by one this word. After this, the researcher explained the word meaning in these lyrics uses lexical meaning using those dictionaries. And then, the researcher explained about a contextual meaning from the word in these lyrics appropriate the context in this song.

## 3. Results and Analysis

ONE OK ROCK (ワンオクロック) is a Japanese rock band formed in 2005, composed of Taka (vocalist), Toru (guitarist), Ryota (bassist), and Tomoya (drummer). The band's name, ONE OK ROCK, comes from "one o'clock", the time that the band used to practice on the weekend.

"The Beginning" is the seventh single released by ONE OK ROCK. The single was released in a regular edition and written composed by Taka. "The Beginning" is their single from the sixth album that called 人生に僕= (Romaji: Jinsei Kakete Boku was) or "I Over Life". "The Beginning" was chosen as the theme song for live-action movie adapted of the Rurouni Kenshin manga. The single was released on August 22nd, 2012. In 2013, "The Beginning" won as Best Rock Video from the MTV Video Music Awards Japan 2013. Currently "The Beginning" is the most popular song by the band, having reached more than 60 million views in their Youtube channel, and became the most watched Japanese rock video, further skyrocketing ONE OK ROCK's popularity.

"The Beginning" Music Video was directed by maxilla. The video is recorded with a gloomy filter and bright brief gleams. On the music video, the band starts playing inside an extant empty dark room.

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### THE BEGINNING SONG LYRIC

Just give me a reason to keep my heart beating  
 Don't worry it's safe right here in my arms  
 As the world falls apart around us all we can do is hold on, hold on  
 Take my hand and bring me back  
 I'll risk everything if it's for you  
 I whisper into the night

Telling me it's not my time, and don't give up  
I've never stood up before  
This time, however, I won't let go of this hand  
I clutched what I cannot relinquish  
So stand up. Stand up  
Just gotta keep on running  
Wake up. Wake up  
Just tell me how I can  
Never give up  
That instant of dazzling beauty is almost madding  
Just tell me why baby  
They might call me crazy  
For saying I'll fight until there is no more  
That glint in your eyes which was wrapped in despair is a sensuous impulse  
Blinded I can't see the end  
So where do I begin?  
Say not a word I can't hear you  
The silence between us  
It's just reflecting as if nothing is there  
I'll take this chance and I'll make it mine  
I'm merely pretending like I'm adorned with things I can't hide  
So stand up. Stand up  
Just gotta keep on running  
Wake up. Wake up  
Just tell me how I can  
Never give up  
That dazzling beauty of misery and sorrow  
Just give me a reason to keep my heart beating  
Don't worry it's safe right here in my arms  
Broken, weeping, blossoming and scattered these feelings  
So blinded I can't see the end  
Look how far we've made it  
The pain, I can't escape it  
At this rate I can't possibly let this end can I?  
However many times I seemed about to drop dead or even fall into ruin  
There's no end  
So where do I begin?  
If I try not to lose what I have grasped tightly...  
If I extend my hand and it seems about to fall  
Throw away the inertia of all the days when there was nothing lost you...  
Just tell me why baby  
They might call me crazy  
For saying I'll fight until there is no more  
That glint in your eyes which was wrapped in despair is a sensuous impulse  
Blinded I can't see the end  
Look how far we've made it  
The pain, I can't escape it  
At this rate I can't possibly let this end can I?  
However many times I seemed about to drop dead or even fall into ruin  
There's no end  
It finally begins

The researcher analyzed these lyrics with one word. Lexical and contextual meaning that the researcher analyzed, not all words were analyzed.

“As the world falls apart around us all we can do is hold on, hold on” there is in line 3. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “world” was the earth; the countries. In this context, the word “world” was the biggest thing or something important. The contextual meaning was although that something important had gone, he must be survived.

“I whisper into the night” there is in line 6. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “night” is a time of darkness between one day and the next. In this context, the word “night” was alone. The contextual meaning was he feels alone and no one cares about him. So, he just shared his story to himself.

“That instant dazzling beauty is almost madding” there is in line 16. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “dazzling” was too much strong light. In this context, word “dazzling” was the opportunity. The contextual meaning was all of his opportunities that he had chosen made he got mistakes.

“That glint in your eyes which was wrapped in despair is a sensuous impulse” there is in line 20. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “glint” was produced small bright flashed of light. In this context, word “glint” was a spirit. The contextual meaning was he just need someone giving spirit to him. Although that was a little spirit, it will make him happy.

“However many times I seemed about to drop dead or even fall into ruin” there is in line 41. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “ruin” destroyed or spoil something. In this context, the word “ruin” was regret. The contextual meaning was he ever thought would have a regret, but he decided to choose it.

“If I extend my hand and it about to fall” there is in line 45. The lexical or denotation meaning of word “fall” was an act of falling. In this context, the word “fall” was no one cared. The contextual meaning was no one cared about whatever he did.

#### 4. Conclusion

Having discussion the data, the researcher finds that the lexical and the contextual meanings used in the lyrics of “The beginning”. In conclusion, the researcher found a lot of words can analyze their lexical or denotation and the contextual meaning. The researcher just explains some word to analysis.

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