

## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

This chapter consists of many important aspect. They are, the kinds of swear word, situation of swearing and what the swear words mean to.

#### 2.1 Swear Word

It is usually used to insult, blame and break someone else's acts offensively, so the outcome is that the victim of swearing will feel uncomfortable. Swear word is also called as taboo word that can give many effect to the hearer. According to Wardhaugh (2006:239) Taboo is the prohibition or avoidance in any society of behavior believed to be harmful to its members in that it would cause them anxiety, embarrassment, or shame. We can say simply that there is a boundaries in use taboo or swear words in the society. It means that some of those swear words are not taboo such as, *Jesus* and *Chist*. Abadi (2010:15) also stated that swearing is type of language use in which the expression refers to something that taboo in cultural and usually express strong emotions and attitudes. People will utter swear word when they deal with uncomfortable things. A simple example where I had a friend who had unsolved serious issue. He was thinking hard about the issue while I was singing out loud in front of him. My singing really blew his concentration of thinking. Suddenly, he yelled at me by the words "Shut the

*f\*ck* up, dude. How can I think clearly with the noise you are making” actually he could say with better words, such as “Be quiet please, you’re so noisy” or “Will you please shut up, I am thinking now”. In this case, the word *f\*ck* is used to tell that he really wanted me to be quiet for a while. *F\*ck* is all about sex and nothing about sex all at the same time (Fairman, 2009:8). By saying this word, it does not always mean that the speaker shows kind of sex behavior, but they want to take some pressure of saying something, especially in that command words, which the doer really insists someone else to do what she or he wants.

Swear words cannot be expressed to everyone. However, it depends on who you are talking with and what kind of people you are dealing with. It does not really work when younger people use swear words to talk with elder people. However, there is a possibility only if somebody says using swear word to talk with the people who have the same age or less than the swear words’ doer. In general, swear words are viewed as indecent and offensive. They could not be spoken because they are commonly not suitable with religion or custom in civilized society (Liedlich, 1973:107 cited in Cipto, 2006:5). It indicates that swear words simply cannot be expressed anytime. People may utter swear word in the certain time when they are in the proper place to be.

## 2.2 The Categories of Swear Words

According to Wardhaugh (2006:239) Tabooed subjects can vary widely: sex; death; excretion; bodily functions; religious matters; and politics. However in order to do analyzing in this study, the writer might add some references to complete the categories that possibly exist in the related data.

### 2.2.1 Copulative Term

Copulative comes from the term couple which means that combination of two person with different gender who are married, and also having committed in sexual contact. This term becomes copulative which means something that connects at once and involves man and woman (Liedlich, 1973:108 in Cipto, 2006:6) One of the examples is “*f\*ck*”. The word *f\*ck* includes in copulative term. Johnson (1996:10) states that *f\*ck* is the mother of all words. Short and effective, it gets to the root of creation.

The word *f\*ck* is also very popular in the past and these days. As Hughes notes, *fuck* was also among the words omitted from the Oxford English Dictionary, though Farmer and Henley’s 1890 dictionary of Slang and Its analogues reported that the word was commonly used (in Battistella, 2005:182). It indicates that there is possibilities that the word *f\*ck* will be used in society now and then. There are the other examples of copulative term, such as, *f\*ck you*, *f\*ck off*, *f\*cked up*.

### 2.2.2 Excretory Term

Liedlich states that this term comes from excrete which means to separate and eliminate the solid waste matter or the bowels one's body through the anus (1973:108 in Cipto, 2006:6). Generally speaking, with the secularization of Western society and as the focus of swearing has shifted from the religious mode to the excretory, genital, and copulatory (Huges, 2006:362) Thus, excretory term describes something that comes out from human body, such as feces which is commonly called as *sh\*t*. The word *sh\*t* itself came from the old English scite, which it was told in (Munier, 2010:292).

The other example of this term is *piss*. As is common with excretory and copulatory terms, *piss* has acquired many idiomatic slang usages in modern varieties of English, although it is generally eschewed in formal print (Huges, 2006:345). It is also clearly told that *Piss* comes from the vulgar latin *pissiare*, meaning to urinate. The French call a public urinal a *pissoir*; the perjorative *pissantis* a combination of *pismire* and *ant*. A *pismire* is an ant, named for the foul smell of its urine (Munier, 2010:253).

### 2.2.3 Body Function Term

This term means that the sex organs of human beings for the production systems for the next generation. The words, which belong to sex organs of being, are for instance *cock*, *rooster*, *haystack*, *hay cock* (Liedlich,

1973:108 in Cipto, 2006:7), but mostly American prefer say *d\*ck* instead of *cock* in swearing (Munier, 2010:98) especially in Jackass Number Two. The other example of this term is the word “*ass*.” In addition, the word *\*ss* can be placed as the word to ensure the first words such as, *big-\*ss*, *long-\*ss*, *dumb-\*ss*, etc, which means that the word *\*ss* is intended to express in describing something visually.

#### **2.2.4 Sexual Irregularities Term**

Based on Rothwell *bitch* and *chick* are included in this term. Generally, woman is the only object which made this term occurred. The early applications were to a promiscuous or sensual woman, a metaphorical extension of the behavior of a bitch in heat (in Hughes, 2006:24). According to Munier Bitch also is known as a female who is usable to do everything as her partner told, and it could be the terminology of prostitute workers or a slave (Munier, 2010:38). Based on the real meaning, chick is a kind of chicken. Furthermore, chick is known as a young woman (Kipfer, 2007:150) which usually in American movies look sexy and beautiful.

#### **2.2.5 Animal Term**

This term is not considered that any animals that exist in this term are dangerous or deadly. In additional, poisonous animals, such as snake and the others as mentioned (Hughes, 2006:11) but there are many common names of animal that are usually used by people these days such as, *dog* and *bullsh\*t*. Bullsh\*t itself means the excretion of bulls. Based on Munier (2010:55)

dictionary, bullsh\*t means the statement or confess from everyone that is actually not true or lies.

### **2.2.6 Death Term**

Based on Wardhaugh, there is only one swear word which makes people are frightened to deal with, the word is “*Go to hell*” (Cipto, 2006:7). It is usually used by people who get annoyed by somebody else. By saying that words, the speakers wish that the annoyer will get away from them immediately. There are many specific examples that people usually use death term.

### **2.2.7 Racial Term**

The word *nigger* means people who have very black skin. This word came out when the slavery happened in United State of America In hundreds years ago. Slavery is obviously vital, since it embodies in an intensified fashion the demeaning roles of servitude and of being an outsider that have characterized the early roles of black people in Western society (Hughes, 2006:326). This word was popular in the year of slavery where the function is to call black people besides the real name.

### **2.2.8 Religious Matters Term**

This term is usually used by the people to swear with the name of god. Most people use this term in order to show their expression of many things such as, shocked, tired, hurt and surprised. Here are many words of this term: *jesus, christ, and godd\*mn*. Although the force of the traditional taboos

against using religious oaths has generally diminished in modern times with the secularization of Western society, they still govern formal public utterances. In the United States the main exception is the use of *godd\*mn* and its various mutations, which have been used by more than one president (Hughes, 2006:389). The previous statement shows that religious matters term is a common term that is possible to be said by all people, including the presidents.

### **2.3 Meaning of Swearing**

Basically, Jackass Number Two consists of many extreme stunts and stupid stuff which involves all the cast members, especially Bam Margera who utters lots of swear words in the certain situations, which consist of funny, dangerous, and surprising on each scene.

By reading the previous study, the writer found a point which is stated as the purpose of swearing in Halimah's (2005) where there are four purposes that exist in her study. They are creating attention, discrediting, provoking violent confrontation, showing identification and providing catharsis. In addition, all of the meanings that happen in the movie are emotional meaning. Each of purpose is the shadow behind swear words. According to Halimah, swear words are not always taboo, but it can be useful according to how people use it (2005:69). There is an example that is similar with cursing meaning in this study which it is called as creating attention in Halimah's (2005). A conversation between Rabbit and Paul who are the characters of the 8 mile movie.

Rabbit : What's up?  
 Paul : *Sh\*t*, waiting on this slow *\*ss* ride.

It stated that the word *sh\*t* of Paul means to express that Paul was tired waiting for the ride for so long. In addition, the word *\*ss* indicates that the ride he was waiting really takes a while. The word *\*ss* includes in body function term which is stated in the writer's study as the term that tells something over or too much visually.

## 2.4 Situation of Swearing

When people utter swear words, there must be some certain conditions that make people saying them. People use to swear because there are some terrible things happening around them. An example when someone gets hurt by their friend. It is possible for them to say swear words, otherwise they are mad or they are able to do both. In the common situation, swear word is kind of indication where people are annoyed by something that they do not like. A common emotions that frequently happen in the movie "Jackass Number Two" is frustration. It comes out by the doer of swear words which usually gets hurt or feels disturbed by other people. Swearing is thus thought to serve as a way to reduce an individual's own stress level (through the venting of strong emotions such as anger and frustration) and as a way to intensify communication (Ginsburg, Ogletree, & Silakowski, 2003 cited in Vingerhoets et.al, 2013:290). By the previous statement, the writer believes that an anger comes with the sense of antagonism which both are related.

Andersson and Trudgill (2007) emphasized that swearing is an utterance of strong emotions. It is therefore expected to occur in situations in which

a certain strong emotion emerges or when a person expresses a particularly strong attitude towards another person. Indeed, in a survey of over 200 college students, Jay, King, and Duncan (2006) found that anger and frustration were the most frequently mentioned emotions (53%), followed by humor (9%), and pain (6%). Previous research by Jay (2000) yielded similar results, with anger and frustration reported as the primary triggers of swearing (64%), followed by humor (12%), and surprise and sarcasm (5% each) (in Vingerhoets, et.al, 2013:291).

The result of survey above had involved 200 colleges student which was done by many linguists. It describes about the percentage of swear words in many situation where the utterances of swear words happen by the trigger or we can call it as the people who contribute acts to the doer of swear words. Cipto (2005:8) also stated that people are likely to swear when they would like to express antagonism, frustration, surprise, anger, or shock. It tells that there will be always the specific condition when people utter swear words which the utterances is friend-to-friend or the equal level of age in informal condition.

## **2.5 Review of Related Study**

As his related study, the writer uses a study from previous researcher in the same field as this study. The previous researches were conducted by Budiwanto Cipto (students of Petra University Surabaya) which enriches the categories of swear words to the writer. In additional, there is also Rama Aditya who conducted a thesis that has the same aspect with this thesis. Some explanation of both references is stated below.

### **2.5.1 An Analysis of Swear Words in Jackass: The Movie**

The research of Budiwanto Cipto (2005) used data from the first Jackass movie where only few conversations happened on that movie. Thus, the movie was made in shorter duration than Jackass Number Two. Roughly, the first Jackass Movie was made with less conversation and action in each scene. In addition, the first movie is little bit because there is barely little conversation among the cast member before doing the scenes. The second movie entitled Jackass Number two is more interesting because the utterance of swear words are much more than the Jackass the Movie. The starting conversation is frequently done before the scene begins.

### **2.5.2 An Analysis of Swear Words Among the Teenager on Klungenan Village of Cirebon Regency**

This thesis was conducted by Rama Aditya where he has analyzed the use of swear word in the local he area lives in. The writer found that the thesis will be easily understand by Indonesian only, especially for the area he was working on. An example is the word “*anjing*” which means a dog in English. Indonesian is well known as a country with so many tribes and language. The word “*anjing*” is called different in each tribe in Indonesia. In the area where Aditya lives, a “dog” is called *kirik* and *pao*. In the other side of Indonesia, it can be called as *patek*, which that word is from Madura, East Java. In the other hand, there is the same thing in the

thesis of Aditya, where the swear words in his area occur by a group of people which each person in group is a possibility for the others to utter swear words.

### **2.5.3 “Jackass: The Movie” Vs. “Jackass Number Two”**

Jackass: The Movie is the first movie that was made into bigger screen. The idea of the movie occurred after they re-packed Jackass TV Series which it got started in 1999. Jackass: The making of Jackass: The Movie was quite simple where each cast member starts off every scene by themselves without improvising, especially when Bam Margera does the certain scene. An example of Bam Margera’s scene: Bam Margera with one cameraman comes into his parents’ bed room. He says to the camera:

“It is 12.42 right now and Phill has to be at work at 05.00 in the morning. So, he’s trying to get a good night’s sleep and I am gonna wake his ass up”

He gets into his parents’ room with a barrel of fire crackers. Then, he lights them up and the sound of those firecrackers is so loud. Afterwards. His parents’ wake up and there scene is over without any talking. Meanwhile in the “Jackass Number Two”, every scene is so different where Bam Margera’s scene is always started off with little conversation with the other cast member. But the other cast members are only the complement on the scenes. Their presence is only to come laugh at Bam. At least, they only say some words which makes Bam Margera can utter

swear words to them. In the other words, they are just the company to support Bam in every scene. The example is when Bam Margera reading a valentine post. He says:

"Hi, Jackass guys, I heard you were staying at this hotel. My name is Stephanie and me and my friends love you. Some of you actually hooked up with my sister four years ago. I don't care about that."

Suddenly, a punching bag comes out from the wall. He is surprised and says: Oh! You *f\*ck\*ng d\*ck*. His friend named Johnny Knoxville only says: Oh my god (with laughing). Afterwards, Bam Margera says: I was wondering why it was so *f\*ck\*ng* small. The examples of scene above indicate that both movie is quite different. The second movie "Jackass Number Two" has more relax sense in every scene where the cast member is granted to improvise by the director. In the other words, in the next movie entitled "Jackass Number Two" there is an development of humor where exploration needs to be done by the crew to make kind of ice breaking. So that it makes the cast member to release a nervous feeling before make the footage.