

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

In this world, communication is the way to understand the intent of one human to another human, and we need tool to communication. The tool of communication is a language. According to Gorys Keraf (1997:1), Language is communications tool between members of society in the form of a symbol of the sound produced by human vocal organs, and according to Felicia (2001:1), in the daily, the tool that often used to communicate is language, from spoken language or written language. From this quotation, language is an important tool to communication between societies.

Language is very important in communication because from communication we know about the meaning of conversation with another person. Language has many functions, and one of the functions is a tool to show one's expression or feeling of anger, happiness, sadness, and loneliness.

According to Aldy Forester blog,

Bahasa adalah sebagai sarana ekspresi diri. Bahasa sebagai ekspresi diri dapat dilakukan dari tingkat yang paling sederhana sampai yang paling kompleks atau tingkat kesulitan yang sangat tinggi. Ekspresi sederhana, misalnya, untuk menyatakan cinta (saya akan senantiasa setia, bangga dan prihatin kepadamu), lapar (sudah saatnya kita makan siang).

Language is a means of self-expression. Language as self-expression can be done from the simplest to the most complex or the highest level of

difficulty. Simple expression for instance, to express love (I will always be faithful, proud and concerned about you), hungry (it's time we had lunch)

In expressing the feeling, people have many ways of using language and one of them is by producing swear words, and swear word is included in the sociolinguistic. Swear word has a meaning in taboo words, and have a negative meaning. Karjalainen said (2002:18) swearing a form of linguistic expression which is often referred to bad language because all swearwords are taboo, although not all taboo words is swear words. In society, people judge swear words is something bad and has negative meaning. That is reason why they do not use swear words in their conversation. But not all people agree with this statement. Many people still use swear words in their daily activity.

Swear words are a part of our language, and swearing is one of the most efficient ways to express extra frustration or anger in difficult situations. It is added by Hughes (1991) who said that people swear *by*, people swear *to* (do something), people swear *at* (somebody or something) and sometimes people swear simply out of exasperation. It has even been suggested that swear words may be a factor in reducing stress (Crystal in Karjalainen, 2002). It means that because swearwords are still kind of our language, it is used by the participants intentionally or unintentionally. It could be influenced by the feeling of the participants themselves.

Swear words are fascinating. Society admits using them, and still uses it until this era. Everybody swears, at least occasionally. Swearing makes

many people upset, annoyed, insulted, mad or even angry. It is really a verbal harassment if other people hear it. Because, not all people like using swear words in their conversation.

In this study the writer used *Four Brothers* movie as the object in his analysis. This movie is American movie, released in 2005, directed by John Singleton. This movie shows the central figures, they are Bobby Mercer (Mark Wahlberg), Angel Mercer (Tyrese Gibson), Jeremiah Mercer (Andre Benjamin), dan Jack Mercer (Garrett Hedlund) but the real main character is Bobby Mercer. Beginning from the death of Mercer brother's mother, who is simply referred as a victim of crime is apparently disturbing the four young men who since childhood known as the scamp. They do various enquiries and new witness is found. In conclusion, the mother is killed by a deliberate and planned assassin.

That makes the four brothers try to find out the mastermind who makes their mother was killed. When the four brothers are doing a series of retaliation, various issues between them also appear, starting from the presence of Angel Mercer's girlfriend Sofi (Sofía Vergara) who want to stay at mother's home, peculiar attitude of Jeremiah Mercer secretly dealing with accomplice Victor Sweet (Chiwetel Ejiofor) the person that is most responsible as the mastermind of his mother's death. "Four Brothers" shows a simple storyline. It just shows the role of protagonist and antagonist action by using weapon or free hands. There is no action that is prominent, John

Singleton as the director just wants to deliver a strong brotherhood through a variety of violent.

From the story above, we can understand how the condition in the movie, there is gang that we can understand what kind of style language they use in their daily activity. Many swear words have been pronounced here. From children until old people use swear words in their daily activity. They do not care whom they are talking to, swear words are always spoken in each of their talk, without thinking about the feel of the hearer. They just represent what they feel.

Although the swear words are pronounced inappropriately everywhere and at any time, but the words are very useful for some people. Because the words express feelings, or represent what we feel, such as anger, pain, frustration, disappointment, and other feelings. However, there are also some people who use these words to look cool, and to attract the attention. And some people use these words because it was used in everyday his life. Swear word may be able to be effective, if used in the right time and the right place as well, because it will cause problems in communication between interlocutors if not using swear words in the right place and right time.

In this discussion there are many reasons why writer chooses this subject. The first cause is swear words as phenomena for this era and in the religious teachings, swear words are forbidden in the Islamic religion. Insult people, bad speech, cursing, sacrilege others people, all of that is a sin. Allah

does not love and hate His servants who like to say dirty words (and very prohibited), in accordance with His Word in the Qur'an as follows:

هُمَزَةٌ لِكُلِّ وَيْلٌ لُّمَزَةٌ

Woe to every scorner and mocker (QS. Al Humazah: 1).

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي وَايْقُولُ الَّتِي أَحْسَنُ هِيَ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ ۖ يَنْزِعُ بَيْنَهُمْ
إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ مُبِينًا عَدُوًّا

And tell My servants to say that which is best. Indeed, Satan induces [dissension] among them. Indeed Satan is ever, to mankind, a clear enemy. (QS. Al Isra: 53)

It means Allah command to His servants to maintain decorum in speech. In this era, a lot of people use swear words, whatever the reason they use these words, but certainly all elements of society to use these words. Start from the elderly, until the children also use swear words. That is a phenomenon in the world until now. That can be seen in the internet café, that specifically for game on line. There are so many children that uses swear words to express their feeling.

The second is the movies, there are many examples of swear words, and every sentence spoken by *Four Brothers* characters always contained swearwords. And in this movie all characters use swearwords, different with other movie that only one or two people use swears words. Fourth is this film gets many awards. This movie get many awards, there are

Won in New York Film Critics, Online 2005 for Breakthrough Performance, Won in Austin Film Critics Association 2006 for Breakthrough Artist nomination, Won in BET Awards 2006 for best actor and best actress nomination, Won in Image Awards 2006 for Image Award, 2nd place in Central Ohio Film Critics Association 2006, 3rd place in New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2005

Nominated in Black Reel Awards 2006 as best director, best original soundtrack, best film, and best Ensemble, Nominated in MTV Movie Awards 2006 as Best Breakthrough Performance, Nominated in Black Movie Awards 2006 as Outstanding Achievement in Directing and Outstanding Motion Picture. Another reasons is the writer never seen others writer use this movie as the object of the research.

1.2 Statement of the problems

From background of study above, the writer formulate the following problems:

- a. What kinds of Swear Words used in “*Four Brothers*” movie?
- b. What are the reasons and frequencies of the speakers to use swear words in this movie?

1.3 Objective of the study

In this analysis, there are several research objectives, they are:

- a. To identify the kinds of swear words used in “Four Brother” movie.
- b. To examine the reason of each speaker in using those swear words.

1.4 Significance of the study

In this section, the writer hopes that the research is useful for himself to add insight and knowledge. In addition, the writer also hopes that the research is also useful for other students who are at UIN Sunan Ampel who want to analyze and learn about this study. Finally the writer hopes this analysis can influence the reader to study about language, and especially for swear words, in order to know kinds of swear words, and know its use.

1.5 Scope of limitation

The function of scope and limitation is for limit the things that are not important to be discussed. This analysis focuses on swear words in *Four Brothers* movie. This study is has limitation of this subject, there are many interpretations from the writer that he analyzes this research paper.

1.6 Definition of the key terms

To avoid misunderstanding for the reader, the writher explains the definition of the term as follow:

1.6.1 Four Brothers:

Four Brothers is a movie American action film directed by John Singleton in 2005. The movie stars Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin and Garrett Hedlund. The film was shot in Detroit, Michigan and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0430105/awards?ref_=tt_awd)

1.6.2 Sociolinguistic:

Sociolinguistic is the study about language that related with society that the language related with the use of the languages spoken by society. (Holmes, 1992:1)

1.6.3 Swear Words:

Swear word is a perennial source of fascination for those interested in language and society, continuously provoking controversy and raising topical issues. An extraordinary range of style and content has evolved in oaths, profanity, foul language, and ethnic slurs over the centuries, on a scale from the most sacred utterances to the most taboo. (Hughes, 2006)