

SLANG WORDS FOUND ON “TO ALL THE BOYS ALWAYS AND FOREVER” MOVIE

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ABSTRACT

Slang is a variety of language used mainly by teenagers to communicate with group members in informal situations. This research aims at identifying slang words and categorizing the type of slang used in the film "To All the Boys Always and Forever". This is a descriptive qualitative research. The data are limited to the main character in the film, namely Lara Jean and Peter Kavinsky. The data collection method used in this research was observation method, namely by downloading film, watching movies and choosing words that belong to slang in the dialogue. This study applied the theory of types of slang by Kipfer and Chapman (2007). The data analysis were done by using descriptive qualitative method with the stages of data collection, data reduction, presentation of data and drawing conclusions. This research found 11 data of slang words, which are divided into 2 types, such as; namely primary slang and secondary slang. There are ten data of primary slang and only one data of secondary slang.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is an important tool for communicating and interacting with others. As a means of communication, language is always changing and developing in line with current trends. Therefore, there is always a new linguistic phenomenon that appears in the center of society, moreover, language plays a very important role, and language can be used as an identity for a group of people, a society, a nation, and even as a global identity within a society. Language is a tool used for communication, and it can help people to understand one another and to carry out their intentions. Sociolinguistics is the study of language related to society. It also studies how people use language in their everyday lives, and investigate different aspects of society.

Slang is a type of language used primarily by teenagers to communicate between group members in informal situations. Adams (2009) explains that slang is a boundary term, it is a bridge between or from broader linguistic interests and motives, and it is often even impossible to tell in the context, interests and motives it represents, while "all at once" is not a terrible conclusion. Slang continues to change and develop over time, with people using it informally to communicate with friends and society in general, but it is not polite to use slang with older people—they may not understand it. Slang usually consists of shortened or misspelled words, or changes in pronunciation or meaning. Words play an important role in language. Slang is often used in films. Some people do not always understand slang, which can make it difficult to understand. Not all listeners or readers understand the true meaning of slang itself. Therefore, in order to avoid misunderstandings, in this investigation this researcher wants to review the slang words which in the film.

Watching movies is one of the most popular activities to do to entertain us and take a rest after a day of activities. Of course, everyone has their own preferences in choosing the type of movies, similar to tragedy, love, comedy, horror, action, etc. Movies have their own oneness and characteristics. According to Ardianto (2004), there are some characteristics of movie such as, using a screen, shooting, full concentration, and psychology identification. Thus, it's one of the great ways to analyze slang since numerous talks used slang. Likewise, the movie or 3D "To All the Boys Always and Forever" movie that was released in 2021 by Matthew Kaplan and Chris Foss is taken as data source in this study. This movie tells the story of Lara Jean (Lana Condor) who is on holiday in Korea with her family. She'd to temporarily separate from lover, Peter Kavinsky (Noah Centineo). Even so, their relationship is still romantic through video calls. After returning to America, Lara Jean is enjoying her last years as a high school student. She also attended the prom with Peter and her school friends.

Research on slang in movies has been done by many previous researchers. The first study was written by Pangestu (2019). He discussed slang and the reason of the main character uses slang words in the movie "The Reasons of the Main Character in Using Slang Words in Deadpoll 2 Movie Directed by David Leitch". He found kinds of slang used by the main character like teen slang, slang vulgar, sex slang and hip hop slang. Likewise he found 66 slang words according to theory from Coleman (2016).

Kumayas (2020) also discussed slang especially the types of slang used in the "Geek Charming" movie. The theory used is the theory from Partridge (1945). He found three types of slang found in "Geek Charming" movie namely public house slang, society slang, slang in public school or university.

Another researcher who conducted the study of slang is Ratna (2021). She found three types of slang found in the "Pitch Perfect 3" movie that are fresh and creative, flippant, and imitative

The next researcher who conducted the study of slang is Pahamzah (2021). That study discussed the types of slang used by teenagers in associations with the theory of Allan and Burrige (2006) and the reason why teenagers used slang was according to Partridge (1945) theory. He found five types of slang namely acronym, clipping, fresh and creative, compounding and imitative. And there are also 7 reasons why teenagers use slang in their interactions.

Hafiza (2021) also conducted research about slang. That study discussed the tendency to use slang words and the process of word formation using the theory of Yule (2010). He found 65 slang words from movies "Straight Outta Compton".

Those previous studies have similar topic with this study. This study aims to provide an explanation of slang words and types of slang found in the film "To All the Boys Always and Forever." There are some slang words found and interesting to research with the aim of to provide more in-depth knowledge about slang words and types of slang. The researcher hopes that this research can be useful and easy to understand for others.

METHODS

The data in this studied were taken from the film “To All the Boys Always and Forever”. This film was chosen as the data source because there were some slang words found in this movie. This research applied observation method in collecting data. The data were collected by following several steps, such as; downloading movie, watching the movie and choosing the words that were included in the slang in the dialogue. This research is a qualitative descriptive. The use of this observation technique is to know slang words and the types of slang in the movie "To All the Boys Always and Forever". In formulating data analysis techniques, this research used data analysis for data collection, data reduction, data presentation and drawing conclusions from observation techniques.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

RESULTS

This part shows the results of slang words found in the “To All the Boys Always and Forever” movie which can be categorized into the types of slang words according to Kipfer and Chapman theory (2007). The types of slang found are:

No	Utterance	Types of Slang	Word Class
1	Oh my god, dad!	Primary slang	Noun
2	Well, you wouldn't have gotten a scholarship if you weren't good enough.	Primary slang	Verb
3	In two days, I'm gonna tackle you and smother you with kisses.	Primary slang	Verb
4	I gotta get to practice.	Primary slang	Verb
5	Okay, all I know is I'm glad you guys are both going to Stanford next year.	Primary slang	Noun
6	I know a guy .	Primary slang	Noun
7	Right on, bro . Okay.	Primary slang	Noun
8	I don't wanna be far away from my family.	Primary slang	Verb
9	What's up?	Primary slang	Interjection
10	Let's bail before she sees us.	Secondary slang	Adjective
11	And you, buddy . Thank you.	Primary slang	Noun

Based on the data obtained in this study, this research found 11 slang words in “To All the Boys Always and Forever” movie and there are 2 types of slang words in the film from Kipfer and Chapman (2007). The types of slang found are primary slang and secondary slang.

The first type of slang mentioned by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) is primary slang. This is very commonly used by many people especially among teenagers in daily conversation and to express their feelings (Kipfer and Chapman, 2007). The research found 10 slang words that were categorized as primary slang, namely *dad*, *gotten*, *gonna*, *gotta*, *guys*, *guy*, *what’s up*, *bro*, *wanna* and *buddy*.

The second type is secondary slang. This is a slang word that is known by several people or groups that use slang words in their social interactions. These words to express one’s attitude and mind by pretending for a moment, become a member of a street gang, criminal, and hence to express one’s contempt and superiority (Kipfer and Chapman, 2007). In this type there is only one word of slang found, that is the word „*bail*“.

DISCUSSION

Data 1

“Oh my god, **dad!**” (01:38)

This utterance appears in minutes 01:38 when Lara Jean and her father were enjoying lunch. Lara Jean called her father “dad”. The word “dad” here can be categorized as primary slang because this word is a term to address a man, especially older men and is a common expression used in communicating with each other in everyday life. The use of the word “dad” is common for people who use English as native language, therefore this is a kind of primary slang.

Data 2

“Well, you wouldn’t have **gotten** a scholarship if you weren’t good enough.” (03:54)

In the movie “To All the Boys Always and Forever” in minutes 03:54 Lara Jean was on a video call with Peter Kavinsky at night. There Lara Jean said “Well, you wouldn’t have gotten a scholarship if you want good enough. “The word “gotten” is included in slang words and categorized as primary slang because this word is a word that means “get” which comes from the word get which means get. This word is often use in movies, songs and their daily conversations. The used of the word “gotten” is common for people who use this word in their daily communication in informal situations. Therefore, this word can be identified as primary slang.

Data 3

“In two days, I’m **gonna** tackle you and smother you with kisses.” (04:55)

This sentence appears in minutes 04:55 Peter Kavinsky said “In two days, I’m gonna tackle you and smother you with kisses” to Lara Jean. The word “gonna” belongs to the slang words and is categorized as primary slang because the word “gonna” has the same meaning with “going to”. This word is usually used in informal situations and people are easy to catch the meaning.

Data 4

“I **gotta** get to practice.” (04:47)

This sentence appeared in minutes 04:47 Peter Kavinsky said “I gotta get to practice” to Lara Jean. The word “gotta” is included in the slang words and categorized as primary slang because the slang word “gotta” has the same meaning with “go to”. This word is easy to understand its meaning and purpose and society and teenagers often use this language as their everyday language.

Data 5

“Okay, all I know is I’m glad you **guys** are both going to Stanford next year.” (02:45)

This utterance appeared in minutes 02:45 Kitty says “Okay, all I know is I’m glad you guys are both going to Stanford next year.” to Lara Jean. The word "guys" includes slang words and categorized as primary slang because it is used to greet good people with anyone or with people you know or don't know. The word “guys” is usually used to address friends.

Data 6

“I know a **guy**.” (1:01:15)

This sentence appears in minutes 1:01:15 Trevor says “I know a Guy.” to Christine. The word "guy" belongs to slang words and is categorized as primary slang because the word “guy” means words that lead to boys and the primary slang which is common words used by people to express his feelings in everyday communication.

Data 7

“Right on, **bro**. Okay.” (1:14:56)

This data appeared in minutes 1:14:56 Trevor says “Right on, bro. Okay.” to Peter Kavinsky. The word “bro” is a kind slang words and it is categorized as primary slang because the word “bro” based on the characteristics of the words associated with the theory and the sentence of the manuscript. The slang word “bro” is an abbreviation of the word “brother”.

Data 8

“I don’t **wanna** be far away from my family.” (20:09)

This sentence appears in minutes 20:09 Lara Jean says “I don’t wanna be far away from my family.” to Margot. The word “wanna” belongs to slang words and is categorized as primary slang because the word “wanna” is the meaning of the word “want to”. This word is used as everyday language and is easy to understand. This word is a type of primary slang because many people and teenagers use this language.

Data 9

“**What’s up?**” (1:01:26)

This expression appears in minutes 1:01:26 Gen says “What’s up?” to Lara Jean. The expression “what's up” is a sentence in the form of an informal greeting and usually use to greet a friend which means how you are. This word is often used by people in daily conversation they and this word belong to the type of primary slang.

Data 10

“Let’s **bail** before she sees us.” (41:17)

This sentences appears in minutes 41:17 Chirstine says “Let’s bail before she sees us.” to Lara Jean. The word the word “bail” is a word that is often used by teenagers today when traveling, expression to be expressed by a group of people in a secret way. The word “bail” is included in secondary slang.

Data 11

“And you, **buddy**. Thank you.” (08:29)

This sentences appears in minutes 08:29 dad says “And you, buddy. Thank you.” to Lara Jean. The word “buddy” is another name for the word “buddy” which can be called as a nickname for a friend and belongs to the type of primary slang because primary slang is slang expressions used by people among adolescents in daily communication.

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the data, this study found 11 slang words in the “To All the Boys Always and Forever” movie. Based on the theory by Kipfer dan Chapman (2007). According to the theory from Kipfer and Chapman (2007), there are two types of slang found in the film, namely primary slang and secondary slang. Of 11 data found there are 10 data are included in primary slang and 1 data included in secondary slang. Such slang words like *dad, gotten, gonna, gotta, guys, guy, bro, wanna, what's up, bail* and *buddy*. The most common type of slang used in the “To All the Boys Always and Forever” movie is a type of primary slang, because the dialogues from the film “To All the Boys Always and Forever” used some slang words that people already know and used in informal situations. The purpose of using these slang words that is to create an atmosphere when communication be more relaxed, informal and sounds modern in the community. The limitation of the study will use the theory of primary and secondary slang from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) and support theory from Allan and Burr ridge (2006).

These slang words are so much fun and one can be interested in learning those slang words. We can find this slang word in a film, novel, comic, social media and we can learn the character and function of using the slang. From this study, there are some suggestions for the next researchers to improve the study of slang words with different theories, methods, or research problems such as the next researcher should analyze slang words using a different theory. Furthermore, by watching the movie, students can understand the use of slang words and for those who want to learn slang words. The researcher suggests watching this movie and other american movies because students can find the types and functions of these slang words. This study is a useful reference for people who will analyze

the same topic. I hope this research can give positive things for the development of research on the types, functions of slang words.

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