



## **Analysis of Slang Words in Song Lyrics by *Megan Thee Stallion* on Tina Snow Album**

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### **Abstract**

Sociolinguistics is the study of language related with social conditions, which is related to the general function of language as a means of communication. This study concern on the slang word found in *Megan Thee Stallion* song lyrics on Tina Snow album. The aims of this study are to find out the types of slang words and the process of creating slang words found in *Megan Thee Stallion* song lyrics on Tina Snow album. This study chose Tina Snow album by *Megan Thee Stallion* as data source. There were two theories used in analyzing the data. First the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8) to analyse the types of slang word, and to analyse the word formation process of creating slang word used theory by Mattiello (2008: 72-154). In analysing the data, this study used descriptive qualitative method. The result of this study shows that there are two types of slang found in Tina snow album by *Megan Thee Stallion* song lyrics namely, primary slang and secondary slang. In the types of slang this study found primary slang and secondary slang. In the word formation process of creating slang word, this study found 5 types from 15 types of word formation process, there are: compounding, conversion, acronyms and initialisms, blending, clipping.

**Keywords:** *slang word, song lyrics, types, process*

### **Abstrak**

Sosiolinguistik adalah ilmu bahasa yang berkaitan dengan kondisi sosial, ilmu ini berkaitan dengan fungsi umum dari bahasa sebagai alat komunikasi. Penelitian ini berfokus pada kata tidak resmi yang ditemukan dalam lirik lagu *Megan Thee Stallion* pada album Tina Snow. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui jenis-jenis kata yang tidak resmi atau tidak baku dan juga proses pembentukan katanya yang terdapat dalam lirik lagu *Megan Thee Stallion* di album Tina Snow. Penelitian ini memilih Tina Snow album dari *Megan Thee Stallion* sebagai sumber data. Ada dua teori yang digunakan untuk menganalisis data, pertama teori dari Kipfer dan Chapman (2007: 8) untuk menganalisis jenis-jenis kata tidak resmi, dan untuk menganalisis proses pembentukan kata tidak resmi, penelitian ini menggunakan teori dari Mattiello (2007: 72-154). Dalam menganalisis data, penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan ada 2 jenis kata tidak resmi yang ditemukan pada lirik lagu di Tina Snow album karya *Megan Thee Stallion* yaitu, primer dan sekunder. Dalam jenis-jenis kata tidak baku tersebut, penelitian ini menemukan tipe kata primer dan sekunder. Dalam proses pembentukan kata dalam pembuatan kata tidak resmi tersebut, penelitian ini menemukan 5 jenis proses pembentukan kata dari 15 jenis proses pembentukan kata tidak resmi atau tidak baku, yaitu; kata majemuk, konversi, akronim dan inisialisasi, campuran, dan kliping.

**Kata kunci:** *kata gaul, lirik lagu, jenis, proses*

## **Introduction**

Sociolinguistics is the study of language related with social conditions. It relates the function of language in general, that is as a means of communication to the social environment. Wardhaugh (2005: 13), states that “sociolinguistics is concerned with investigating the relationship between language and society with the goal of being a better understanding of the structure of language and how language function in communication”. Sociolinguistics differs from sociology in that sociology focuses on the impact of language on society, while sociolinguistics focuses on society’s impact on language. Holmes (2012), states that “sociolinguistics is the study of relationship between language and society”.

Slang is often used in informal situation in daily communication to communicate with people in their group. Claire (1998), states that “Slang is used in social situation where a person feels comfortable with friends or associates”. Where, slang words are often used to interact socially with each other to express people’s feelings and the used of slang words are often used in speaking rather than writing. Slang words that are often heard such as: “kinda” (kind of), “watcha” (what are you), “OMG” (Oh My Gosh)” “OTW” (On The Way), there is little example of slang word that often heard nowadays. Slang word is informal language which is created to communicate with other people.

Many researchers have conducted a study about slang words. The slang word is one of an interesting study to be analyzed. Dewi and Widiastuti (2020), in their research analysed slang words found in song lyrics. They used the theory by Patridge (2004: 204) to find out the types of slang words and to analyze the meanings of slang words used theory by Leech (1974). In collecting the data Dewi and Widiastuti applied qualitative method to describe the types of slang words, the meaning of slang word, and the dominant types of slang words used in three song lyrics. After conducting their research, they found six types of slang words there are: slang words in publicity, slang in public school and university, slang words in society, slang in theatre, soldier’s slang, and public house slang. This study also found six meanings of slang word, which are collocative meaning, conceptual meaning, stylistic meaning, connotative meaning, reflected meaning and affective meaning. The second research about slang was conducted by Siahaan, Herman, dan Purba (2021). This previous study analysed the types of slang words found in song lyrics. It aims to find out the types of slang words used theory by Yule (1986) as cited in Teguh (2017:13). Qualitative method was applied in analyzing the data. In their research, they found six types of slang words, there are: coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, derivation. The third research was carried out by came from Haspo and Rosa (2018), they analysed slang word found in the song lyrics. Haspo and Rosa (2018), used the theory by Yule (2006) to find out the slang words that appear in the lyrics and classification of slang words in song lyrics. They used qualitative descriptive method to collect the data. After conducting their research, they found four types out of nine types of word. Those are clipping, blending, acronym, coinage.

Hidayat and Mu’man (2020), analysed the word formation process of slang word found in song lyrics. In their research, they used the theory by Yule (2010), to analyse the types of slang word based on the types of word formation. They applied descriptive

method to describe the word formation proses of slang word. After they conducting the research, they found five types of word formation process, there were clipping process, multiple process, acronym process, coinage process and blending process. The fifth study was written by Nasution, Karimah, Sitepu, Tryana, and Kusumoriny (2021), analysed the slang word found in the novel. In their research concern to the types of slang words used the theory by Chapman (1998). This research collected the data from dialogues found in the novel and used qualitative approach. They found the data of primary and secondary slang. The last study was written by Agustin, Qonaatun and Saputri (2021) in their research analysed the slang language found in song lyrics. In this study Agustin, Qonaatun and Saputri applied qualitative method to collect the data. To find out the slang language and the meaning of the slang language, they identified the data based on the theory by Yule (2010). They found twelve type of slang word formation. Those are coinage, compounding, clipping, blending, borrowing, back formation, acronyms, multiple process, affixes (prefix, infix, suffix). The researchers identified four types of word formation, the researchers found the data of clipping, blending, compounding, and back-formation.

All previous studies used different data sources. It can be seen that all studies have the same goal of analyzing slang words, but the difference lies in the subject matter of the analysis and also the theory. This study concern about the types of slang found in song lyrics and the formation process of creating slang words in Tina Snow album by *Megan Thee Stallion* song lyrics.

## Method

The data source of this study is Tina Snow album by Megan Thee stallion, this study used Tina Snow album as data source because, there are many slang words used in the lyrics. This study used observation method to collect data, the concerned with the use of slang in the song lyrics by *Megan Thee Stallion* on Tina Snow album. There were 5 steps in collecting the data, there are listening to the songs, reading the lyrics, marking the slang words before classifying, selecting and categorizing slang word into each types. Descriptive qualitative method are used in this study to analyze the data. There are two steps are conducted to analyze the data, those are: analyzing collected words in song lyrics into types of slang proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8), second analyzing the collected words into the process of creating slang word formation by Mattiello (2008: 72-154) and describes the common slang words found in the song lyrics. The results of this study are presented using formal and informal methods. The results of the study are presented in a table containing various types of slang and the process of word formation and also used descriptive analysis.

## Result and Discussion

This study discusses the discovery of slang types and the process of slang word formation in the lyrics of *Megan Thee Stallion*'s song from Tina Snow's album. The

presentation and analysis of this chapter begin with the presentation of slang data. In this study, data is found in the lyrics to *Megan Thee Stallion's* song on Tina Snow's album. After analyzing the data, this study found two types of slang such as: primary and secondary slang. Based on the table, it can be seen that there are a total of 28 slang word found in the song lyrics by Megan Thee Stallion on Tina Snow's album. Primary slang is the most slang that are found in the song lyrics. Based on the analysis, the slang word is not found in oxford dictionary but the slang word can be found in slang dictionary. After gathering those slang words, this study analyzed the slang words into the types of word formation. In the word formation process of creating slang, there are fifteen types of process creating slang, this study found fifth types of word formation such as; compounding, conversion, acronyms and initialisms, blending, clipping. The data in the lyrics of *Megan Thee Stallion* on Tina Snow's album are divided into two types of slang, there are: primary slang and secondary slang. The data for each type of slang can be tabulated as follows:

Table 1. Types of Slang Word

No	Types of Slang	Number of the Data Found	Examples of the Data
1	Primary	24	I'ma Shit Fuck Bitch Ass Ain't Wanna Daddy Tryna Damn 'bout 'cause DJ Motherfuckers 'round DM 'til

			Gonna
			Put yo'
			'scuse me
			Shut up
			Gotta
			Sugar Daddy
			Gimme
2	Secondary	4	Goddamn
			Nigga
			Cock
			Boo
	Total	28	

Table 1. above appears to provide results about the types of slang in Song Lyrics by *Megan Thee Stallion* on Tina Snow album. Two types of slang are described in the following sentences. From the table above, the primary slang is the most dominant types that are found in the data source.

Table 2. Word Formation Process of Creating Slang Word

No	Process of Creating Slang	Number of the Data Found	Examples of the Data
1	Compounding	2	Goddamn Motherfuckers
2	Conversion	1	Cock
3	Acronyms and Initialisms	2	DJ DM
4	Blending	7	I'ma Ain't Wanna Tryna Gonna Gotta Gimme
5	Clipping	5	'bout 'cause 'round 'til Put yo'

	‘scuse me
Total	18

Table 2. above appears to provide results about the word formation process of creating slang word in song lyrics by *Megan Thee Stallion* on Tina Snow album. Fifth process of word formation are described in the following sentences. From the table above, blending is the most dominant types are found in the data source.

### 1. Primary Slang

Based on the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8), “Primary slang is the natural and original speech of members of subculture. As often heard, primary slang is the speech of many young people and the speech used by urban street gangs”. Primary slang is general expression used in everyday by teenagers or urban street gang, this can be example of primary slang. Primary Slang can be specification by their oral language or how they can use slang by effectively.

#### Data 1

“I’m **gonna** come ‘round like a ‘Lac (like a ‘Lac)”

(In song Cognac Queen, line 26)

From the lyric above the word “gonna” is stand for the word “going to”, this word combined from two words “going and to” and has a formation from the word “to” changed into the word “na” and become a new word “gonna”. This word usually used in speaking rather than writing, sometimes we can see this word in writing such as on Twitter or on media social. This word often used in informal situations to communicate with other people and to make the interaction more casual. Therefore, this word can be classified as primary slang.

The word “gonna” is used to represent the word got + to, this word has a conceptual meaning because this word is are combined from two words. Based on the meaning of the lyric above, the word “gonna” is the real meaning of the word got to and based on the dictionary this word does not change the meaning of the word. Therefore, this word can be classified as conceptual meaning.

### 2. Secondary Slang

Secondary slang is the type of slang that which the word of the slang has a secret meaning. Based on Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8), states that “Secondary slang is chosen to convey one’s attitudes about (agreement or disagreement) and resourcefulness in borrowing the verbiage of such a group, rather than to display one’s part in the group”.

#### Data 2

“I’ll take your **boo** and I won't give him back”

(In song Neva, line 57)

The word “boo” actually has a literal meaning in another way to call their boyfriend or girlfriend. Based on the lyric above the word “boo” can be classified as secondary slang because not many people know the meaning of this slang and it is known by some people who use this word to communicate. From the lyrics above, the

word boo has a code or secret meaning to the girl who is the girlfriend of that boy that she takes. This word usually used in particular of a group who know the meaning of the word.

Based on the lyric above, the word “boo” can be identified as social meaning. Because this word is used among people in society to facilitate pronunciation and express their feeling in a word. Based on the word “boo” is a term of affection for a boyfriend or girlfriend.

### 3. Compounding

Compounding is a combination of two basic words to produce words with new meanings. According to Mattiolo (2008: 72), “Compounding is a common morphological mechanism which obtains new words consisting of two elements, the first of which is either a root, a word or a phrase, the second of which is either a root or a word.”

#### Data 3

“I know you’re crunk but lil’ bih, please watch my shoes (**goddamn**)”

(In song Hot Girl Summer. Line 25).

The lyric above show the slang word “goddamn”, this word can be analyzed as a compounding because it has a process of forming a word by joining two or more components, there are from the word god and damn. These two words are combined together and become a one word that has a new meaning. Therefore, it is the meaning of these words after the installation process that offends a person who has angered anyone.

Based on the sentence above the word “goddamn” can be classified into affective meaning, because the word goddamn is a nonspecific to language. Based on the lyric above “I know your’e crunk but lil’ bih, please watch my shoes (goddamn)”. The meaning of the word “goddamn” in the lyrics above refers to an expression of anger.

### 4. Conversion

Conversion is a morphological process in which speakers of a language modify or change the meaning of words or their fundamental form. According to Mattiolo (2008: 124), “Conversion is a process consisting of the syntactic change of a word without any corresponding formal change”. It means that conversion is one approach to make a new word by putting an existing word into a new syntactic category.

#### Data 4

“Get to playing with that cock”

(Cocky Af, line19)

The word “cock” in the lyric above can be categorized into conversion because it modifies the word cock or change the meaning of words. Based on the lyrics above the word “cock” refers to the means of penis.

The word “cock” in the lyric have meaning of “penis” in other meaning. This word can be classified as conceptual meaning, because this word has secret meaning and not many people know the meaning of this word just only certain people.

## 5. Acronyms and Initialisms

An acronym is a word made up of a name's first letters. Based on Mattiello (2008: 135), states that "Acronyms and initialisms are word coined by taking the initial letters of the words in a title or phrase".

### Data 5

"Post a pic on the 'gram, then my **DMs** get to boomin"

(In song Good At, line 38)

Based on the lyric above the word "DM" can be recognized as acronyms and initialisms, because the word "DM" means "Direct Message". In this case, the word "DM" is formed by the initial that take from the beginning of the word "direct message" and has a new meaning. DM as used today can refer to a private message on a number of social media services.

Based on the sentence above the meaning of word "DM" is a direct message on a social media like Instagram and not many people can see the message, only the people who sent and received the "DM" can see the message. In the lyric above "Post a pic on the 'gram, then my DMs get to boomin", based the dictionary the word "DM" is the real meaning and does not change or additional the meaning. Therefore, the word "DM" can be identified as conceptual meaning.

## 6. Blending

Blending is a word formed from the parts of two or more other words. Based on Mattiello (2008: 138), states that "Blending is a common derivational process in English. Blends, also called contaminations or portmanteau words".

### Data 6

"They still **tryna** find a thing that I can't do"

(In song Hot Girl Summer, line 10).

Based on the lyric above the word "tryna" is a combining of two words, the word "tryna" can be recognized as blending because the word "tryna" come from the word "trying to" and both of word are joined together and make new word. This word usually used in informal situation and many people used this word to communicate with others to make the casual interaction. Based on dictionary this word not change the real meaning from the real word, but this word only changes the formation of word "to" into the word "na". Therefore, this word can be classified as blending.

The word "tryna" is stand from the word "trying to". Based on the lyric above means "They still trying to find a thing that I can't do" based the dictionary this word is the real meaning without changing the real meaning in the lyric. Therefore, the word "tryna" can be classified as a conceptual meaning.

## 7. Clipping

Clipping is the process of deleting one or more syllables from a multi-syllable word to create a new word. Based on Mattiello (2008: 141), states that "Clipping is a process which abbreviates a word to one of its parts".

#### Data 7

“But keep talkin’ ‘bout me, bitch, that's all you can do (oh, okay)”

(In song Hot Girl Summer. Line 22).

From the lyric above the word “bout” can be classified as clipping because this word is abbreviation of the word “about” and becoming a word “bout”. This word usually used in informal situations and most people already know the meaning and they used this word to interact with others.

Based on the lyric the word “bout” can be classified as conceptual meaning. The lyric above means “But keep talkin’ about me, bitch, that's all you can do (oh, okay)” from the dictionary the word ‘bout is the real meaning without changing the real meaning on the lyric.

#### Conclusion

This study analyzed the types of slang found in Tina Snow album by *Megan Thee Stallion* song lyrics. The data on this study analyzed the types of slang based on the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8) about the types of slang such as; primary slang and secondary slang, for the example: in primary slang is the word “gonna” and “I’ll” and in secondary slang is the word “boo”. For the word formation process of creating slang word this study used the theory by Mattielo (2008: 72-154) there are 15 types of word formation in this theory. But, in this research was found only five types of word formation. There are five types of word formation and the examples of each type are found, namely compounding for examples of the words “goddamn”, the second types of word formation process is conversion with the example the word “cock”, the third process is acronyms and initialisms for the example the word “DM”, the fourth types of word formation process is blending with the example “tryna”, the last types of word formation process is clipping with the example “bout”.

From the analysis above, it can be concluded that slang word has an important role in making a song lyric. Therefore, the singer can put slang word into the lyrics to express their feeling and adding slang word in the songs, can attract someone to listen the songs. That’s why many rappers used slang word or vulgar word in the lyrics of their songs.

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