

THE ANALYSIS ENGLISH FIGURATIVE LANGUAGES OF SONG IN ARIANA GRANDE “Thank U Next” ALBUM

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ABSTRACT

In this study discusses figurative language. The researcher takes figurative language from Ariana Grande's “Thank U Next” album. The researcher only took some of the lyrics from the 9 songs on the album. In the lyrics of the song contains a different meaning from reality. Therefore the researcher analyzed the meanings contained in the song sung by Ariana Grande. The researcher uses a qualitative method to classify the meaning contained in the song, based on the theory from Knickerbocker and Renninger and the theory of meaning by Leech. In conclusion, the 10 songs chosen by the researcher used figurative language such as Metaphor, Personifications, Hyperbole, Symbol, and Simile.

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INTRODUCTION

Figurative language is a figure of speech that allows for an atmosphere in a sentence to make it more alive. Figurative language is also usually used in our conversation. It also can found in literary works, such as novels, poem, articles, advertisement, song lyrics, etc.

According to Perrine (1977) figurative language is the language that cannot be taken literally or should not be taken literally, the language using figure of speech in any way of saying something other than the ordinary way. The important thing of figurative language especially in song lyrics is can make language in the song more colorful and the meaning of the lyrics more deep. However, a figure language is

useful in making song lyrics, so that the songs that have been made are interesting and satisfying to sing and hear

According to Leech (1981:9), by breaking down the meaning itself to the broadest extent into seven basic ingredients gives logical meaning priority. Seven categories—conceptual, connotative, social, emotive, reflective, collocative, and thematic—were used to organise the meanings. Figurative language, which is the use of words in unusual ways to convey complex concepts, colourful writing, clarity, or evocative comparisons, can be used to analyse a message.

According to Perrine (1977:61), metaphorical language gives words more depth; it is more specifically defined to

mean one thing or another; and figurative language is broken down into different categories. Knickerbocker and Reninger (1963:367) said that categorise metaphorical languages into various categories. Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Synecdoche, Metonymy, Hyperbole, Irony, Paradox, Dead Metaphor, And Allusion. In addition, figurative language can be found in most literary works such as dramas, poetry, and song lyrics.

This study should be studied to help people better understand what they are trying to describe. Figurative language in song lyrics is chosen in this study because generally, some people do not think about figurative language itself, how to classify the type when they know the lyrics, they may find some difficulties to understand the meaning. This topic is very interesting for everyone, because when they read a source or something that consists of figurative language, they will be given a very good sense of imagination. We need to understand the lyrics' true meaning and avoid misunderstanding. A song containing figurative language will make the hearer feel the song deeply.

Ariana Grande is an American singer, songwriter and actress. So many

people love to listen her songs, the lyrics of her songs are contains many figurative language, the lyrics of her songs mostly tell about the love story that suitable for young couples. The use of figurative language in her song lyrics make it more interesting, and it often used or quote by teenagers to put it in their social media to show the others about their feeling through the song lyrics.

This study analyzed the figurative languages on Ariana Grande “Thank U Next” album. There are so many albums that can be analyzed. Still, the researcher chose this album among all albums from Ariana Grande because this album has won so many awards that, indicate many people love this song. Many people love to listen to the songs and the most important thing in the “Thank U Next” album. The example of figurative language above is found in Thank U Next album of Ariana Grande, and it is metaphor, because it is implied a comparison. The meaning "medications" means a Drug is a substance or materials intended to be used in establishing a diagnosis, preventing, reducing, eliminating, curing disease or symptoms of illness, injury or physical and spiritual abnormalities in humans or animals. The man is not a drug as intended, but it is just an expression that

describes or compares the man with a drug, that mentioning the man makes her feel calm when she is in a state of anxiety.

Based on the phenomenon above, Ariana Grande songs are really interesting to be analyzed because many figurative languages contained in her song. It is also interesting to analyze the meanings that contain in each figurative language to know how the lyrics are so meaningful to people out there and we can understand the deeper meaning of each figurative language in the song lyrics. That is why this study analyzed Ariana Grande Thank U Next album.

RESEARCH METHODS

In this chapter, the writer presented the data source and data analysis used to conduct this study to make this study become a proper scientific writing. Research methodology is how we make efforts to obtain information and investigate data to gain or discover new knowledge. This helps the reader to evaluate the validity and reliability of the study as a whole. The data source is the collection and data analysis.

1. Data Source

All the data taken from some songs in Thank U Next album. The songs by Ariana Grande in 2019

2. Data Collection

All the data used in the analysis are taken from those source mentioned above through reading. It means the researcher reads the English songs and tries to create the Figurative Language in English from special categories using types of Figurative Language such as Metaphor, Hyperbole, Personifications and Simile.

3. Data Analysis All the data which have been collected are analyzed based on the theoretical basis. Each analysis will be viewed from the English Figurative Language from types of Figurative Language such as Metaphor, Hyperbole, Personifications, Symbol and Simile.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter analyzed the types of figurative language and the types of meaning contained in the figurative language found in the song lyrics of Thank U Next album by Ariana Grande.

1. Simile

Based on Knickerbocker and Renninger (1963:587) simile is a state of comparison with 'like' or 'as' in the sentence. In the Thank U Next album by Ariana Grande found 2 simile in the song, and the types of

meaning that contains in the simile that used in the song lyrics can be seen below:

- Title : Make Up
- Lyric: Highlight of my life, just like Fenty beauty kit
- Data Analysis: This lyric is called a simile. Fenty Beauty Kit is a trendy label for various types of makeup. In this glance, the writer equates the highlights of his life with the makeup label's popularity. This song tells of a couple who quarrel and find a way out. The theme of "Makeup" is Relationship
- Title: 7Rings
- Lyric: Girls with tattoos who like getting in trouble
- Data Analysis: In this lyric, it's called simile, which means that the girls who use the tattoos always involved in the problem. This song tells how the writer got up after this relationship ended by having fun with his friends. The theme of "7 Rings" is Friendship.

2. Metaphor

Based on Knickerbocker and Renninger (1963:367), metaphor is state of comparison

as well but with 'like' or 'as' omitted in the sentence. This study found there are 5 lyrics that contain metaphor in the Thank U Next album by Ariana Grande, the types of meaning that contain metaphor that found in the album are:

- Title: NASA
- Lyric: give you the whole world, I need space
- Data Analysis: In the line, give you the whole world called hyperbole. Songwriters exaggerate how the characters in a song want to be described to their listeners, and then I need space, which means that the girl needs time for a while. It is called a metaphor.
- NASA "National Aeronautics and Space Administration" the US government agency responsible for space exploration. This song tells about someone in a relationship who wants time alone without his partner. The theme of "NASA" is space
- Title: Goshtin
- Lyric: Heaving tears, a rain parade from hell (from hell)

- Data Analysis: a rain parade from hell parable of deep sorrow and a rain parade from hell also have the meaning of exaggerating. This lyric has two types of figurative language, namely metaphor and hyperbole. This song is about feeling bad for someone you are with because you love someone else. The theme of "Ghustin" is Grief and Regret.
- Title: Thank U Next
- Lyric: Least this song is a smash
- Data Analysis: the lyric Least this song is a smash can be found on the song title Thank u next. The lyric show the figurative language types metaphor. This line comparing things that are in essence is different. There is compare the song with a smash. When the writer make song, she feels like the song is a smash for her or the song make her remember her exes. In this song, the writer talks about her exes, who have taught her valuable life lessons. The theme of Thank U Next is empowerment and self-love.
- Title: Imagine
- Lyric: the lyric Drip, drip, dripped in gold can be found on the song title Imagine. In this lyric which figurative language is used as a metaphor. Drip, drip, dripped in gold has the real intention of expressing selfconfidence. In this song the writer describe the beautiful images from a previous relationship and refuses to accept that is has ended. And the theme of this title "imagine" is denial.
- Title: NASA
- Lyric: You know I'm a star, space, I'm need space
- Data Analysis: the lyric You know I'm a star, space, I'm need space, can be found on the song title NASA. This lyric use figurative language metaphor. The line I'm need space, has means that the girl needs time for a while. The song title is NASA "National Aeronautics and Space" the US government agency responsible for space exploration. This lyric comparing between space in the NASA and space for the

writer. This song tells about someone in relationship who wants time alone without partner. The theme of the title NASA is space.

3. Personification

According to Knickerbocker and Renninger (1936:367), personification is figurative language that gives human characteristics to objects, animals, or abstract ideas. In the Thank U Next album by Ariana Grande there are 2 data of personification in the songs to analyze. The types of meaning of the lyrics can be seen below:

- Title: In My Head
- Lyric: Caught in the moment, tangled up in your sheets
- Data Analysis: In this song, this is personifications "tangled up in your sheets." The idiom is tangled up, and the personification is explained by the sheets that can become tangled up. This song is about being in love with a version of somebody you've created in your head-falling for someone they are not. The theme of "In My Head" is Misinterpreted.

-Title: In My Head

- Lyric: Your Gucci tennis shoes running from your issues

- Data Analysis: , the lyric Your Gucci tennis shoes running from your issues can be found on the song title In my head. This lyric use figurative language personification. Gucci tennis shoes running from issues, this line giving attributes of human being to an object that is Gucci tennis shoes. This song is about being in love with a version of somebody that created in head-falling for someone they are not. The theme of In my head is misinterpreted.

4. Hyperbole

According to Knickerbocker and Renninger (1963:548), hyperbole is an exaggeration used for special effect in the sentence. In Thank U Next album there are 1 hyperbole used in the songs. Here is the analysis of some lyrics that contains hyperbole in the album:

-Title: Ghostin

- Lyric: Every tears, a rain parade from hell

- Data Analysis: Every tears, a rain parade from hell can be found on the song title Ghostin. Lyric is called hyperbole because a rain parade

from hell parable of deep sorrow and a rain parade from hell also have the meaning of exaggerating. This song is about feeling bad for someone you are because you love someone else.

- Title: Needy
- Lyric: Lately, I've been on a roller coaster
- Data Analysis: the lyric Lately, I've been on a roller coaster can be found on the song title Needy. The lyric is called hyperbole because, this line use word roller coaster to show that she have many problem and feel like in the roller coaster. On a roller coaster, it can go through it really fast also has ups and down, so it could mean that life is full of highs and lows.

5. Symbol

Symbol is a picture or shape of an object that represent an idea. Symbol defined as something that means more than what it is. The symbols used in this speech mode are usually simple and familiar to the listener or reader, such as animal, object, plant, and model symbol. A symbol is a visible object or action that suggests some

additional meaning in addition to its own, and it has no conventional longestablished meaning. There are 3 data of symbol in this song lyrics translation. The explanation in the following

- Title: Fake Smile
- Lyric: Fuck a fake smile, smile
- Data Analysis: the lyric Fuck a fake smile, smile can be found on the song title Fake smile. The lyric use figurative language symbol. In these lyric, the word “fuck” shows a symbol of hatred for a fake smile. In this song, the writer says that she no longer has to bother pretending to be happy to please others. Being a celebrity who must always appear happy in public.
- Title: Imagine
- Lyric: Bubbles and bubbly
- Data Analysis: the lyric Bubbles and bubbly can be found on song title Imagine. The lyric use figurative language symbol. The symbol in these lyric, the word “bubbly” that has mean happy in this lyric or in translated into “ceria”. In this song the writer describe the beautiful

images from a previous relationship and refuses to accept that it has ended. And the theme of this title “imagine” is denial

- Title: 7 Ring
- Lyric: Breakfast at Tiffany’s and bothers of bubbles
- Data Analysis: the lyric Breakfast at Tiffany’s and bothers of bubbles can be found on song title 7 Ring. The lyric show figurative language type symbol. This lyric use symbol word “tiffany’s bothers of bubbles” that symbol is shape of an object that represents an idea. This song tells how the writer got up after relationship ended by having fun with her friend.

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the data, there are 5 figurative languages found in the album such as Metaphor, Simile, Symbol, Hyperbole, and Personification. And then, there are 9 titles that express figurative language in the Thank U Next album by Ariana Grande.

The purpose of using figurative language in the song lyric by the singer is to make the lyric more effective, persuasive

and impactful for the listener to listen or read it. In their album, they can build our imagination and our feeling through figurative language in the lyric. The use of figurative language also makes the songs more alive and the listener could feel what the singer wants to share in the lyric.

The researcher analyzed the types of figurative language using the theory of Knickerbocker and Renninger (1963). Therefore, the researcher found either addition or deletions of meanings although the meanings are not appropriate to the content of the text. After analyzing the data, the researcher figures out that there are some strategies used by the translator in translating the song lyrics of Ariana Grande from the source language into target language.

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