

## AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG FOUND IN THE MOVIE ENTITLED DUMB AND DUMBER

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### ABSTRACT

This paper aims to describe types of slang words, meanings, and reasons for using slang words in In The Movie Entitled Dumb And Dumber movie directed by Peter Farrelly. The characters in In The Movie Entitled Dumb And Dumber movie use slang words in their daily or informal contexts. The researchers used qualitative methods in this research process. The technique used in the data collection part was by using the observational method where the researchers observed the data collection in the form of scripts in In The Movie Entitled Dumb And Dumber movie. Based on the data collection, there are 118 slang words found in this movie. The researchers concluded that there are three findings. The first finding is type of slang word where there are 4 types of slang words used by characters in In The Movie Entitled Dumb And Dumber movie, such as fresh and creative, imitative, flippant, and clipping. Then, the second finding is the meaning of each slang word used by the characters in In The Movie Entitled Dumb And Dumber movie. While, the third finding is the reason for using slang words where there are 7 reasons for using slang words, such as to address, to form intimate atmosphere, to initiate relax conversation, to express impression, to show intimacy, to reveal anger, and to express humiliation. This research is expected to broaden our knowledge about the slang words used in America and to widen our understanding about the application or use of slang words slang for daily life for speakers who are interested in using and learning slang words.

**Keywords:** *slang words, dialogue movie, type of slang words, meaning of slang words, reason of using slang words.*

### INTRODUCTION

American film director Peter Farrelly has produced the movie titled *Dumb And Dumber*. The movie is set in the year 1962 when the majority of the United States have a racist mindset about the discrimination of differences in skin color between black and white. Peter John Farrelly was born on December 17, 1956. Farrelly became so famous for directing and producing romantic comedy films and comedies such as “Dumb and Dumber”, “Shallow Hal, Me, Myself and Irene”, “There's Something About Mary” and remake “The Heartbreak Kid in 2007”. Individually, Peter Farrelly directed the film *Dumb And Dumber*, which won an Audience Award at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2018.

Language is a system that includes the improvement, acquisition, preservation and uses of complex structures of verbal exchange. As a means of verbal exchange, language has an crucial function in all factors of human life, such as science, generation, politics, alternate, and religion mainly English. Rousseau bilio (1712) argued that language

originated from feelings at the same time as others like Kant had held that it originated from rational and logical notion. twentieth-century philosophers which includes Wittgenstein argued that philosophy is genuinely the have a look at of language. In Indonesia, English is truly crucial to recognise and examine. begin from kindergarten till subsequent stage of look at in university, we usually find out about English. when students examine English, their first and target language could be mix and affect each different. The styles of the goal language may be very specific from those of their first language. mainly students, use the Indonesian sentence patterns unconsciously once they write English sentence with out paying attention to the regulations. Slang is a completely unique language that may be get in nearly every language within the global. it's far casual language variety that is commonly used in day by day communicate with the aid of companies of human beings mainly network. it could be inside the form a word of sentence, e.g. criminal, boo, nuts, and sleep with the fishes, and many others. according to Fromkin and Rodman (2003:64). Slang is a type of informal language that happens because of rapid growth of latest phrases this is used as a creative expression from humans so one can make the words greater green and simpled utterance e.g. gotta from the word were given to, and so on. Slang users develop from time to time. at the start, slang is commonly utilized by African-American due to the fact their community are ruled used slangs in each day communicate additionally along with inside the global of criminal activity.

Slangs are thrilling to be examine, particularly English. Pertiwi (2019) argued that, with a purpose to fluent the language now not handiest in formal situation however also in informal scenario. Slangs frequently use by means of natives of their day by day verbal exchange. If a non-natives are having conversation with natives, the natives regularly use slangs to make the conversations honestly and comfortable especially in informal conditions. some time mis know-how might be came about if the non local speaker doesn't recognize simply that slangs. Slangs are not unusual in English casual conversational. It's essential to apply it within the proper context, due to the fact now not all of slang are right to apply. There are slang that have vulgar that means, e.g. whinge, asshole, dickhead, and so forth. If we apprehend the meaning of the slangs, we also ought to be cautious the usage of them.

Using slangs customers in films can display how popular the slang is. The words are frequently foned in popular movies where well-known arctrees or actor castd the function and it'll be observed via their lovers and grow to be a trend. in the examine, the data will be searched and analyzid from the slangs phrases in the marie. "Dumb and Dumber". it's far an 1994 American comedy movie written via Farrelly brothers (Pete and Bobby) and Bennet Yellin and directed by using Pete Farrelly himself. there are many slang phrases observed in this film , for the example "Piece of cake", "No none taken", "Get out the right here" "Im sorry, I pronouncing we get bail" and and many others. those kinds and slang words that located in the movie have their personal which means based totally at the contex situation . for students who're reading English, the which means and functions of such phrases are critical to analyze to recognize definitely the tale of the film.

Based on the explanation in the earlier section, the research questions in this study can be formulated as follows:

1. What types of slang are used by the characters in "Dumb and Dumber" movie?

2. What types of reasons are motivated by the characters to use slang in “Dumb and Dumber” movie?

## METHODS

The method used for this research was qualitative research. The researchers analyzed texts or dialogue scripts of In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. The text analysis method is the method used to describe things contained in recordings and visuals based on the purpose and field of research (Frey, et al., 1999). Text analysis is an important stage in researching some of these contexts. The researchers grouped slang words into systematic data based on the purposes, then the data was summarized and tabulated in the description of the data. This stage of research starts by collected data and then classifying data for research needs based on theoretical frameworks used in this research about some types of slang words, meanings of slang words, and reasons for using slang words. The data used were collected from In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie that was directed by Peter Farrelly.

This research used words or scripts spoken by characters of In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. To get the script, the researcher watched In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie that was downloaded through the movie website. Therefore, the source used was the application to watch movies that provided *Dumb And Dumber* movie in it, and also viewers are able to download or watch that movie streaming. The complete dialogue scripts spoken by characters of In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie were not written in this research, scripts of conversation attached by the researcher only contained slang words.

The main instrument of this research was the documentation of the movie titled *Dumb And Dumber*. *Dumb And Dumber* is a movie directed by Peter Farrelly. Farrelly is an American director, screenwriter, producer, and novelist. This movie was released in 2018, the setting of this movie is 1962, with 130 minutes duration. In analyzing the data, the researcher wrote notes about important points to be study, such as the types of slang words, meanings of slang words, and reasons for the use of slang words contained in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. The researcher was carefully listening and understanding the dialogue spoken by characters in the movie to get research points about slang terms used in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie.

The theory proposed by Allan and Burridge (2006) used to analyze types of slang such as; fresh and creative, flippant, imitative, acronym, and clipping. Then to analyze the meaning of slang the researcher used dictionaries entitled *The Routledge Dictionary of Modern American Slang and Unconventional English* written by Dalzell (2008) and *Dictionary of Contemporary Slang* written by Thorne (2014). The theory assumed by Allan and Burridge (2006) was used to analyze the reason for using slang words

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Lammers & Barbour (2006) propose that formal communication is used by speakers to express the purpose of the conversation with perfect Standard English, which means humans, in general, can understand well and there are no misunderstandings n the conversation. Formal communication has a wording that is arranged as well as possible.

On the other side, informal communication has the opposite characteristic, where the purpose of the conversation between the speaker and listener can be random and free but conveyed in a more relaxed way. Words or phrases used when speaking informally may not all be found in the standard Standard English dictionary. Slang is part of informal communication where the use of slang words aims to make the situation more relax in an informal context. By using slang words, humans will speak in an informal context that serves to strengthen relationships between people. The more intimate the relationship among speakers, the more casual and informal the language they use.

According to Richards (2013), slang is a very unofficial language, where the word slang is used by humans in informal settings and conditions. The use of slang is also intended for abusive speech. Slang is used only in certain situation and places, for example in the cafe with friends. Slang words are not used in formal conditions such as when they are in schools, campuses, public speeches and other official events. Stevenson (2010) said slang is a word and phrase used when people communicating with best friend, colleagues and other people who have a close relationship with a speaker.

### **Types of Slang Words**

. There are seven reasons such as; to address, to humiliate, to initiate relax conversation, to inform intimate atmosphere, to express impression, to reveal anger, and to show intimacy.

Allan and Burridge (2006) divided the types of slang into 5 part. First is fresh and creative, it means the existence of new words or phrases developed by humans in innovative, smart, and creative ways and meanings. The slang word “*daddy*” is an example of a fresh and creative slang type. The word “*daddy*” comes from the word “*father*” which is a noun that leads to the male parents of the child and is now developing into a “*daddy*”. Second is flippant, it is a type of slang that the words do not correlate with the meaning of the word, for example, actors and musicians often use the term “breaking a leg” slang that has the meaning of good luck. Third is imitative, it means the slang word that imitates an authentic form of Standard English. The word used in this type of slang is intended to be pronounced quickly and easily by the speakers. For example, “gonna” and “wanna”. These slang words are words in Standard English as “going to” for “gonna” and “want to” for “wanna”. Fourth is acronym, it is a type of slang in that words consist of the first few letters of a word or phrase. This slang aims to increase the word or phrases. For example, the slang term “BFF” which means Best Friend Forever, “BTW” which means By The Way, and “IDK” which means I Don't Know. Fifth is clipping, it is reduction of a word from the long to short from the previous one, for example, the word “cuz” is cut from the word “because”, “maths” that came from “mathematics”, and “exam” that came from “examination”. All examples of clipping slang word become short from the basic word.

### **Reasons of Using Slang Words**

The reasons for using slang terms into seven reasons (Allan & Burridge, 2006) such as; to address, used to maintain closeness between speakers and other speakers, to humiliate, to make way of conveying one's dislike of others more expressive, to initiate



relax conversation, to change the atmosphere to charm and comfort people who are friendly with each other, to form an intimate atmosphere, to express the impression, to reveal anger, to convey the message to people who have a fairly close relationship with the person and to show intimacy, the use of these slang words is to show solidarity, humans use slang words to strengthen intimacy which eventually also brings the relationship between them closer.

## Results

There are one hundred and eighteen (118) slang words found in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. All slang words found are classified into four types. Each slang word has been classified neatly and accurately based on types assumed by Allan and Burridge (2006) to make readers easy to understand. These types of slang words are fresh and creative, flippant, clipping, imitative, and acronym, but the last type, acronym, was not found in this movie.

**Table 1** The distribution of the using slang words in each type

No	Type of Slang	Frequency	Percentage
1	Fresh and Creative	30	26%
2	Imitative	72	61%
3	Flippant	12	10%
4	Clipping	4	3%
5	Acronym	0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>100%</b>

The researcher has calculated and converted slang words or phrases found into a percentage, so the data is presented neatly in a table which will make readers easier to read and understand the data. Each of the category's frequency was divided by the total amount of slang (118) after that, multiplied by 100 to get the accurate nominal of percentage for each type of slang words. Based on the table presented above, the majority of slang words in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie is imitative type where there are 72 slang words with 61% in percentage. Then followed by fresh and creative type as much as 30 slang words or 26% in percentage. Third is flippant type with 12 slang words and 10% in percentage. The last slang type contained in this movie is clipping type with a frequency only 4 slang words, 3% in percentage. The acronym type was not found in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber *movie*.

## Discussions

Based on the data that the researchers have been collected, there are one hundred and eighteen (118) slang words that found in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. All of slang words found are classified into four types. Each slang word has been classified neatly and accurately based on types that assumed by Allan and Burridge (2006) to make readers easy to understand. These types of slang words is fresh and creative, flippant, clipping, imitative, and acronym, but the last type, acronym, was not

found in this movie. The results that have been found by the researcher can be observed in the table below:

**Table 2** The distribution of the types of slang words

No	Type of Slang	Frequency	Percentage
1	Fresh and Creative	30	26%
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The classification of slang word frequency above includes the slang word contained in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. In the social context when the character spoke to other characters this slang word has been used for certain purposes. The slang word contained in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie is very often used by people in America, especially the slang word in imitative type. The most frequent slang words in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie are imitative type, where there are as many as 70 slang words and dominate as many as 62% of slang words. The most popular slang word in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie such as "going to" and "want to", both slang words are easily used by native speakers.

The researchers have found a pattern of using the word slang word in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie, where the pattern of using slang words is carried out by different characters and places. The slang words used by characters in *Dumb And Dumber* such as in a bar, in a simple motel, and at any time when the main players are talking. The uniqueness of the use of slang words in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie is seen when Tony and Don Shirley are together in many scenes, the two main characters have different traits, which they are polite and impolite. Tony as an impolite person never hesitated while used slang on Don Shirley who is a very polite person. It means that the use of slang words sometimes does not only condition a situation whether formal or informal. But who the speaker speaks with also sometimes does not influence a person to use the word slang.

On the other hand, the type of slang clipping is the least slang word in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie, which is only 4 slang words, in percentage only 3%. The four words slang type clipping are the same word that is repeated four times, namely "em" which means an abbreviation of the word "them", This word makes it easier and it is very fluently to pronounce with any string of sentences that the speaker uses. In addition, one of five types of slang proposed by Allan and Burridge (2006) is not found by the researcher, the type of slang is acronym type.

**Table 3 The distribution of reason of using slang words in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie**

Types	The Distribution of Reason of using slang words							TOTAL
	To address	To form intimate atmosphere	To initiate relax conver.	To express impression	To show intimacy	To reveal anger	To express humiliation	
I	22	5	1	1	-	1	-	30
II	-	7	27	1	1	35	-	72
III	-	-	-	-	4	5	1	12
IV	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>3%</b>	

Another finding of the research is that several reasons to use slang words based on Allan and Burridge's (2006) assumption where there are 6 reasons to use slang words, such as to address, to form intimate atmosphere, to initiate relax conversation, to express impression, to show intimacy, to reveal anger and to express humiliation.

Based on the table of the distribution of reasons of using slang words, the slang word mostly used by characters in *Dumb And Dumber* movie is reason for reveal anger, where there are 41 slang words or 35 % in percentage. Most of that kind of reason to use slang word are "bullshit", "goddamn" and "shit". The three slang words are very much repeated by speakers in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie. In addition, the researchers have found the reason for using the fewest slang in In The Movie Entitle Dumb And Dumber movie is to express impression, where there are only as many as 2 slang words or 2% in percentage, two of that slang words are "absurd" and "fucking", where "absurd" refer to bad impression pronounced by Don Shirley to Tony and "fucking" refer to the good impression pronounced by Tony while talking with Don Shirley.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the movie "Dumb and Dumber" directed by Peter Farrelly is filled with various types of slang words and phrases used by the main characters, Lloyd and Harry. The slang words and phrases used in the movie can be classified into different types, such as fresh and creative, flippant, imitative, and clipping. The characters in "Dumb and Dumber" movie use a variety of slang, including informal and colloquial language, regional dialects, and humorous made-up words and phrases. Some examples include "totally," "no way," "duh," "shaggin' wagon," "Harry, I took care of it," and "so you're saying there's a chance." These slang words and phrases contribute to the overall comedic tone of the film, adding to the absurdity and hilarity of the situations the characters find themselves in. The use of slang helps to establish the characters' personalities and enhance the comedic effect of their interactions. Besides to create humor, it also serves additional functions such as achieving politeness, expressing emotive feelings, and pursuing self-identity. These various uses of slang contribute to the overall comedic tone of the film and enhance the characterization of the main characters.

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