AN ANALYSIS OF ENGLISH PHRASAL VERB USED IN THE LYRICS OF ELVIS PRESLEY’S SONGS

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ABSTRACT

Literature is a part of art. It can be divided into three categories. They are poetry, prose and drama. English phrasal verb is a kind of verb which is hard to comprehend because sometimes it has an implicit meaning. The objectives of this study are to find out the type, the most dominant type, and the meaning of phrasal verb which are used in the lyrics of Elvis Presley’s songs. This research uses descriptive qualitative method as a research design. This method is used because it describes the reality or current phenomena which happens in the object as data and connected with research subject at Elvis Presley’s song. Four songs are taken as a sample because these songs are representative enough for the twenty four songs packed in one album “From the Heart”. So, the writer uses purposive sampling.

After the writer analyzes the data, there are three results: 1) The kind of phrasal verb used in the lyrics of Elvis Presley’s song are transitive + particle, transitive + preposition, transitive + particle + preposition, intransitive + particle, intransitive + preposition, intransitive + particle + preposition. 2) The most dominant type of English phrasal verb in the lyrics of Elvis Presley songs is transitive + preposition (34.79 %) which is followed by intransitive + particle (34.79 %), transitive + particle (13.04 %), intransitive + preposition (13.04 %), transitive + particle + preposition (13.04 %), and intransitive + particle + preposition (4.35 %). 3) The meaning of English phrasal verb is the synonym of verb which has the same meaning with the phrasal verb so that the reader can understand the lyrics of these songs easier.