CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

As the introduction of the research, this chapter presents background of the study, problem of the study, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and the definition of the key term.

1.1 Background of the Study

Literary work expresses a series of happening of human life such as their problems, struggle of life, and conflict of life. According to Rees (2008) literature is summed up expressions in words (written or spoken), especially arranged in pleasing accepted patterns of form. Literature expresses thoughts, feelings, ideas or other special aspects of human experiences.

In general, literary work includes poetry, drama, novel, and also song. Poetry is self-imaginative language or composition, whether expressed rhythmically or in novel. Drama is a composition in novel or poetry, accommodated to action, and intended to exhibit a picture of human life, or to depict a series of humorous action ordinary interest. It is commonly designed to be spoken and represented by actors on the stage. Novel is relatively longer fictional with characters, dialogues, actions, and events, and a plot that ties them all together into a coherent whole. According to Jack (1999: 15), song is a short musical work set to poetic text, with equal importance is given to the music and to the words; it may be written for one several voices and generally is performed with instrumental accompaniment. However, song is always identical with lyrics which are mostly in a form of
poetry. Lyric is self a set of words that make up a song, either by speaking or singing, was made by song writer from their idea, thought, emotion, and expression of their feeling that originally referred to a poem which intended to be sung. It cannot be denied that everybody needs music in their life.

People often hear swear words such as shit, fuck, damn it, or nuts when they hear western songs. But there are many differences between the black people swear words and white people, like how peoples use it, from the diction, the movement, the meaning, etc. it is different not only from the shape but also from the diction. For instance, the white people maybe will say ‘motherfucker’, but the black people ones will say ‘muthafucka’. Those swear words are same in meaning, yet different in diction. Besides, the black people also commonly use swear words such as damn and hell, while the white ones commonly equating people with animals, such as fucking bitch and fucking pussies.

One of individual singer is Eminem. Eminem is an American rapper, record producer, and actor. He is the first white rapper that becomes very well-known all around the world. His music genres is rap and his music concern about problems in daily life. Beside of that, Eminem is one of rapper that mostly used swear word in his song lyrics’. Because by using that word he fell satisfied with the problem that past in his life without considering that he can solve it or not, and in every album that he released also became controversial, especially in his country. Because of that reason, the researcher is interested in analyzing Eminem song especially in his lyrics. Furthermore, every musician has many different ways to express something and one of this ways is singing. By song the singers can express their idea, feelings, and make it more attractive to listener (Frederik, 1990:
The musicians mostly use beautiful language in making their song lyrics, including in used swear word.

The same research about swear words has been conducted by Fernandez (2008) “Swear Words Used by male Indian Undergraduates in Daily Conversation” he analyzes the use of swearing (in everyday conversation) by young male Indian undergraduates in the university. Since, these undergraduates have become acclimatized to the modern trend of using language where swearing has become accepted to easy going, informal and trendy. The significance of his study is to highlight that swearing is norm the young male Indian. Undergraduates as they group. In this research, the researcher uses conventional analysis as its framework. The result of this research reveals that, the reason of the male Indian undergraduates because they want to remain popular and have no hesitation in swearing as they seem easy to use, informal and also trendy. Swearing appears to bring about a bond for them without any judgment passed.

Another research about swear words was Japutri (2006) “A study of swear words used by all characters in the movie the nutty professor”. She analyze all kind swear words use by the characters in the Nutty Professor movie by using descriptive quantitative approach. In her research, that was conducted in nutty Professor Movie she found first, kind of swear words, anatomical term are the most frequent swear words classification that is used by the characters in the movie. Second she also finds out of the most frequent of principle purpose that is used by the characters is to insult.
Practically, it can be used as a reference by the readers especially the students at English Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education University of Muhammadiyah Malang to analyze the swear words which are used in Eminem song lyrics. The lyrics inspire the researcher to make a study of the swear words which often heard by the society from the song especially English song.

1.2 Problems of the Study

Related to the background of the study above, the researcher formulates the problem as follows:

1. What are the categories of swear words used in Eminem song lyrics?
2. What are the meaning of swear words used in Eminem song lyrics?

1.3 Purposes of Study

The main purposes of this research are:

1. To analyze the categories of swear words used in Eminem song lyrics.
2. To know the meaning of swear words used in Eminem song lyrics.

1.4 Significance of the Study

It is hope that this research will be useful for education, especially in English Department University of Muhammadiyah Malang. On the other hand, it also gives additional information for the students who take sociolinguistics subject. This research has a contribution for the students who want to improve their knowledge in understanding swear words in song lyrics. This research is also hoped to give input to the students or the lecturer that interested in the same field.
1.5 Scope and Limitation

Since there are many purposes of swear words used in Eminem song lyrics, the researcher observes only five of his song lyrics about the categories of the swear words that are used in Eminem song lyrics and also about the meaning of it.

1.6 Definition of Key Term

To make the limitation of this research is clearer, it is necessary to know and understand the meaning of key term of this study.

1. Analysis : A resolutions of anything, whether an object of the sense or of the intellect, into its constituent or original elements; an examination of the component parts of a subject, each separately, as the words which compose the sentence, the tones of tune, or the simple propositions which enter into an argument.

2. Swear words : “The unacceptable and rude words of a language are known as the swear words, or bad language. They include the strongest and most offensive words; stronger than slang and colloquial language” (Crystal, 2003:98-99)

3. Eminem : The singer of the song.

4. Song : a composition for voice or voices, performed by singing. A song may be accompanied by musical instruments, or it may be unaccompanied, as in the case of a cappella songs. The lyrics (words) of songs are typically of a poetic, rhyming nature, though they may be religious verses or free prose.
5. **Lyric** : Lyrics (in singular form lyric) are a set of words that make up a song, usually consisting of verses and choruses. The writer of lyrics is a lyricist or lyrist. The meaning of lyrics can either be explicit or implicit. Some lyrics are abstract, almost unintelligible, and, in such cases, their explication emphasizes form, articulation, meter, and symmetry of expression. The lyricist of traditional musical forms such as Opera is known as a librettist.