CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer would like to describe about background of study, statement of problem, and objective of study, significant of study, scope and limitation and definition of key terms.

1.1 Background of the study

Language is a means of communication used by human being. It can be from the spoken or written language. Language used to express the idea, feelings, wishes, and opinion. Besides, it is as a tool to interact among people. Therefore, communication is a means used in the process of sending and receiving information, signal or message by talking gesturing and writing. The branch of linguistics’ which study the relationship between language and society is socio linguistic.

Sociolinguistic also discusses the variation in linguistic or variation within speech communication. These language varieties are not only as a sign of differentiating its speech community but also as an indication of language situation and reflect purpose, topic, norms, and modes of language. The language varieties are also created to make the language more interesting and unique, such as: dialect, style, jargon, register, colloquial and slang.

One of those varieties is slang. In language variety the writers focus on the slang used. Slang words used by students in their daily conversation especially in certain
community. Slang is an informal and temporary linguistics form. We all use our language in different ways, depending on the circumstances. Trask (1999:279) says that most obviously, we speak differently informal contexts, especially when speaking informally; we often take pleasure in resorting to slang informal but colorful words and expression.

In this case the writer is interested in investigating the slang words used on the internet. Another term is internet slang. In http”//en.wikipedia.orang.wiki/ Internet_slang (Download at.4 may 2012 at 06.30 pm) internet slang have been developed and used by users of the internet. Its means that slang words used on the internet and understood in specific community. Internet slang (Internet short –hand, netspeak or chatspeaks) is a type of slang that internet user have popularized, and in many cases, have coined. Such terms often originate with the purpose of saving keystrokes.

They use the internet slang to express their feelings, thoughts, and ideas. Internet slang is a new term used by member of group in certain community. Not all the people can understand the meaning of internet slang itself. However, the readers, especially the beginner of English learners just read without knowing more detail about internet slang which are used by composers.

Facebook becomes phenomenal media that is accessed by people in this time. It is because facebook can give fast information, we can get many friends and also we can get new friends not only from our country but also from another country too. Facebook users can create and customize their own profiles with photos, videos, and information about
themselves. They said that by *facebook* they can do some work in one time and on *facebook* they can express their feelings or sharing their problems using internet slang like abbreviations, acronym and emoticon, like; ” LOL” (laughing out loud, lost out love), ATM (at the moment), 😄 (laugh), 😡 (angry)

To discuss the phenomena above, the writer takes some previous study, which is related to this topic. In his thesis, first is Roem (2004), who investigated slang used by Malangese students at University of Muhammadiyah Malang states that based on the result, the types of slang use by Malangese students could be differentiated by the writer based on the part of the speech, namely, adjectives, noun, pronoun, verb and adverb. Most of them were noun (Example: ebes, father genjes’ marijuana, etc) in the same way. He found that there are the simple processes named blending. Blending is the fusion of two words, usually the first part of one word with the last part of another. Based on the result of the data analysis, he found out some terms of blending such as: ‘seksi montok’ become ‘semok’ which mean ‘sexy body’. He also said that slang can be changed frequently as it can enter the language rapidly, and then changed rapidly too.

Second is Ulfa (2003), who found that slang is used to make the speaker feels familiar and intimate with the listeners. Besides using Indonesian slang makes the announcers more relax. Third is Abai (2007) conducted his research related to the slang on the title “The use of Slang in American Popular Movies”. He found the type of slang which consist of (1) arbitrary which mean giving meaning based on their want, for example the word dude that means friend; (2) acronym, it words composing of the result of the initials
of some words such as VIP (Very Important Person), (3) me thesis which mean replacing two phoneme in a word, for example comfortable become uncomfortable, in Indonesia the word motor becomes tumor. All of them analyzed about slang, it can support my study about internet slang because I get several analysis is about slang, so the readers who know about internet slang before they study about Sociolinguistic.

The reason why the writer chooses this case “A Study on Internet Slang Used By Students’ Facebook of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang” because many people use facebook especially for students sometime they using internet slang when they chat or status update.

They think that using internet slang can make their conversation interesting and fun. Therefore, the writer is interested in studying internet slang used by students’ facebook of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang and the meaning. Besides to study internet slang is important to make people understand the new vocabularies or language expression develops in societies. To study the internet slang, the writer chooses the students’ facebook that use internet slang.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The problems of this study are stated as follows:

1. What are internet slang used by the students’ facebook of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang?
2. What are the meanings of internet slang used by students’ *facebook* of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang?

1.3 Objective of the Study

The purposes of study are formulated as follows:

1. To know what are internet slang used students’ *facebook* of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang.

2. To know the meanings of Internet slang found in students’ *facebook* of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang.

1.4 Significance of the study

This study it might contribute the special information for students of English Department. The result of study is expected to give a clear description about Internet Slang. Besides that, generally the writer also hopes:

1. to help the third semester students to study the variaty of language, especially in Internet slang.

2. the students can get the knowledge and understand of Internet slang and its meaning.

This study can be used as a reference for the sociolinguistic’s writer who want to give the knowledge to their students about Internet slang and also the meaning. On the other hand, this study is really important to in rich the empirical date concerning on the
sociolinguistics especially about internet slang that is discussed in another term of slang. Then this study is expected to be useful for readers in practically trying to construct other words beside slang on the theory of Internet slang states on this research.

Furthermore, when the reader gets more slang vocabulary taken from this research, they are able to improve their fluency speaking using the most appropriate slang.

1.5. Scope and Limitation

The scope of this case is internet slang used by students’ facebook of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang and the limitation are 30 facebookers in Wati’s facebook.

1.6 Definition of the Key Terms

The definitions of the key terms are needed in order to avoid misunderstanding. It is essential to define the terms that are used in this study

1. “Facebook is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages and keep in touch with friends, family and colleges”. [http://www.whatis.techtarget.com/definition/Facebook](http://www.whatis.techtarget.com/definition/Facebook) (download 26 June 2012 at 07:58 Pm)

2. English Department student : the students that learn about English language at English Department in University Of Muhammadiyah Malang
3. Internet slang is that have been developed and used by user of the internet. 

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