

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the background of the research, problem statement, objective of the research, scope and limitation, significance of the research, and definition of key terms of the research.

1.1 Research Background

Language is an important thing in human life. It is a sign to show awareness, opinion, and human sense (Jamal & Nasrum, 2018). Language also has many purposes such as transferring information, getting thoughts, and expressing feelings to each other (Al-Zoubi, 2018). It can be said that language is used for communication. People communicate in various aspects to interact in society. One of those aspects is showing their feeling like anger, sadness, disgust, or even happiness, with language as their communication tool (Sarmi & Putra, 2019). They also communicate through debate, forgive, recognize, and understand one another. In expressing their sense, people not only use polite words but also swearing words to emphasize their meaning or purpose.

Swearing words is the easiest way to illustrate someone's disappointment or bad feeling in a hard situation (Dian et al., 2018). People often use it as a sign of a reaction that happened in casual conditions. Bram et al. (2019), believed that swearing words are usually used as expressions of fury, frustration, and happiness, but it also used to stress the purpose of the speaker's means. In general, the swearing word is known as a tool for cursing each other. On the other hand, Cahyani & Setiawan (2019), stated that swearing words could be a tool to point out

relationships, friendships, and address one to others. Moreover, teenagers or youngsters often make jokes by using swear words in their communication (Anggelia & Rosalina, 2021). It means that swearing words is not always badly used by the people. Moreover, the use of swearing words is also more famous in daily life (Lubis et al., 2021).

In addition, swearing words also appear a lot in the movie dialogues or scripts (Ginanjari & Simatupang, 2022). Because of that, this research determined swearing words as the topic. Therefore, three previous kinds of research related to the recent research analyzed swearing words as their research. The first previous research was an analysis of the types of swearing expressions and the linguistic forms of English swearing words used in *Richard Wright's Black Boy* movie by (Giyatmi et al., 2017). This research focused on swearing expression types such as names of gods and terms of religion, plant, animal, racial, stupidity, occupation, sexual, and family. The second focus of this research was the form of words, phrases, and sentences although, this current research focused on the types of swearing words used such as dysphemism, idiomatically, abusively, emphatically, and cathartically, the second focus of this current research was the functions of swearing word used such as conveying anger, hate, disappointment, regret, wonder, insult, and intimacy. The second previous research focused on the analysis of swearing word types and swearing motives types used in the movie called "*Yowis Ben*" by, Sanggrawati, (2019), while this current research analyzed the types of swearing word used and what the function of swearing word used. The third previous research was an analysis of the swearing types based on Anderson and

Trudgill's theory such as: expletive, abusive, humorous, and auxiliary, and the swearing motives kinds in *Crawl* movie by Hasanah et al., (2022), while this recent research focused on the function of swearing word used and the types of swearing word used based on pinker theory such as dysphemism, idiomatically, abusively, emphatically, and cathartically.

Based on the previous research above which used the movie as the object of the research, analyzing the types and functions of swearing words used which were found in *The Heat* movie was decided to be discussed. Another reason is because swearing words are frequently used in movie dialogues, moreover in comedy, crime, and action movies. Those genres are many people like to watch. One of the movies that contained swear words used in the dialogues to show feeling, purpose, and even meaning is *The Heat* movie. Thus, this research was selected to get a further understanding of the types and functions of swearing words that were used in *The Heat* movie by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police. Furthermore, this movie shows that swearing words were used between the FBI and Boston police which meant that swearing words could be used by everyone without any limitations such as age, gender, and social gap. The characters of the movie used swear words not only to curse but also to express their empathy, jokes, and sense. In addition, the character Mullins was chosen because she spoke louder, and had a bad environment where many drug dealers used swearing words in their communication. She also used to swear words most rather than other characters in every situation that she faced in the movie.

1.2 Research Problem

Based on the background of the research, the research problems are formulated, such as:

1. What are the swearing words used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*?
2. What are the swearing word types used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*?
3. What are the functions of swearing words used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*?

1.3 Research Objective

Based on the problem statement, this research is defined as below:

1. To identify the swearing words used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*.
2. To determine the types of swearing words used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*.
3. To define the functions of using swearing words by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in Paul Feig's movie *The Heat*.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

This research analyses swearing words in *The Heat* movie while the limitation is swearing word types and functions used by Mullins as the loudmouth Boston police in *The Heat* movie by Paul Feig.

1.6 Research Significant

This research is hoped to give advantages to readers, English learners, and further researchers. For readers, the findings of this research could give a clear explanation to enhance the readers' knowledge about swearing words, the types of swearing words, and the function of swearing words. For English learners, this research can be a resource in learning swearing words that commonly occur in everyday life communication and also to tell that swearing words have not only bad meaning but also good meaning. It can be concluded that swearing words have different functions depending on the context. Lastly, further research, the findings of this research are hoped to be the basis of information and references toward hold further research.

1.7 Definition Key Terms:

1. Swearing words is a way to show human emotions, particularly anger, but now, it also shows happiness, sadness, and closeness between each other (Prayuda et al., 2019)
2. A movie is a medium through cinematography, sound, and music that can be deployed in a language such as joke words, motivational words, tough words, and swear words to show the character's feelings (Fredy & Haristiani, 2020).
3. *The Heat* movie is an American action, crime, and comedy movie directed by Paul Feig, this movie is about FBI Special Agent Sarah Ashburn and Boston Detective Shannon Mullins, who must catch drug dealers in Boston.