In communication, human beings use language as their tool. It can be used to share ideas, thoughts, and feelings to others. Then, language as a prism means that language serves as a central role in providing linguistics, semantics and verbal categories that have a direct relationship to how we come to understand abstract ideas. Meanwhile, language as a display means that human beings utilize their language capabilities to communicate their thoughts. In this regard, language is a tool. In getting deeper information about language, sociolinguistics is investigating the relationship between language and society. Based on it, the researcher has two problems. They are: (1) what are the slang words used in “The Last Picture Show” novel and (2) what are the meanings of the slang words used in “The Last Picture Show” novel.

In this study, the researcher needs an appropriate research design to conduct this study. She uses library research to investigate the phenomenon in literary research. It is conducted by looking for the information in the form of books that may have relation to the study. The researcher applies descriptive qualitative in conducting this research because the data were collected in the form of words not in the form of numbers.

Based on the result of the data analysis, it was found out that there are two types of slang words used in “Last Picture Show.” They are common slang and in-group slang. The slang words that were used in this novel were mostly in-group slang words. They were used because they described the character and the situation of teenagers in the story.