

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

Language is used by people to communicate with others. It is an essential thing for human beings who lived in a society. Society and language are related because language as human's tool for communication. They use language in some places such as market, school, office and hospital.

Basically, language is very useful for society because it gives many functions for them. According to Crystal (2003:10-13) there are many functions of language: Social interaction, expression of identity and Emotional expression. The first function is *Social interaction* means language is a way to communicate and maintain a comfortable relationship between two people or more in a society. The second is language as *the expression of identity* means a group of society has their own language. One and another society have differences language. The differences include dialects, vocabularies, pronunciation etc. Therefore identification of someone's identity can be done by identifying the language. The third is *Emotional expression* which usually called by "emotive" or "expressive" function of language. There are two kinds of language which are uttered as emotional expression. The first is emotive utterance of positive kind, such as the reactions when we look to the beauty scenery, expression of fear etc. The second is swearing words, uttered when we are in angry or frustrated.

Swear word is part of language that is used by human to show their mood. Through this words human can express their feeling, such as anger, happiness, sadness, and loneliness.

Swear word is a word which is used by someone for *swearing*. The noun *swearing* is clearly only a derivative of the second of these verb senses and must accordingly be taken to mean ‘the use of offensive language, especially in an anger’ (Ljung, 2011:3). It means swearing is the use of upset or embarrassing language to someone. Furthermore, someone who uses language for swearing shows how angry and disapproves he is. In short, when people are angry, swear words will motivate them to express their felling and utter words to swearing.

Nowadays, many people often insert swear words in their communication. It shows that swear words become more common around society. Besides that, the using of some of swearing words is not only for insult, but also it can be humorous purpose. Moreover, swear words can be found in works such movie, short story, novel, play, etc. Based on this phenomena, the writer is interested to analyze swear words as the topic of this study. Furthermore, through this study the writer presents the analysis of swear words which is found in many dialogs in a movie entitled *Tropic Thunder*.

The writer is interested to analyze *Tropic Thunder*. because this movie has many swear words to be analyzed. Below is the example of dialogue

which contains swearing word. This dialogue occurs in a field war when the actors fight with the enemies.

Kevin Sandusky : *Oh Jesus! Holy shit!!! Holy shit!!!*
 Jeff Portnoy : Get on that horn and get some firepower, boy!!

Based on the dialog above, the word *Jesus* and *Holy shit* is a swear word and included in religious matters term. This word is used to express Kevin Sandusky's feeling when he looked at one of his friends is shot by the enemy in a battlefield. He panics because the blood flew from his friend's head. The reason of using the swear word is because the condition of Kevin's psychology. He was sad because of his friend condition. Based on the explanation of an example above, the writer intends to analyze of swear words which is uttered by the characters in *Tropic Thunder* movie.

1.2 Statements of the Problem

- a. What types of swear words which is used in dialogs Ben Stiller's *Tropic Thunder*?
- b. What are the functions and reasons of using swear words in Ben Stiller's *Tropic Thunder*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

This analysis has several objectives of the study, they are:

- a. To identify the types of swear words in dialogs Ben Stiller's *Tropic Thunder*.
- b. To identify the functions and reasons of using swear words in Ben Stiller's *Tropic Thunder*.

1.4 Significance of the Study

By conducting this research, this study is supposed to be useful for everyone. Besides, this study gives much information and knowledge about swear words, especially in *Tropic Thunder* movie. The writer's expectation is this study will give a contribution to the linguistic study in general and sociolinguistics in particular especially about swearing words. So, this study can be an inspiration for the researcher especially the students in English Department of UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study related with sociolinguistic study, especially about swear words. This analysis is focused on swear words in *Tropic Thunder* movie which is found in the dialogs uttered by characters. The discussion of this study relates with the topic. It is about the types of swear words, the function of uttering swear words and the reasons of uttering swear words.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

- Swear word : is a word which is considered to be rude or offensive. It is usually used when people are angry (Collins Cobuild English Dictionary, 1999:1688).
- *Tropic Thunder* : is a 2008 American action comedy film co-written, co-produced, directed by, and co-starring Ben Stiller. The main plot revolves around a group of prima donna actors who are making a fictional Vietnam War film. When their frustrated director decides to drop them in the

middle of a jungle, they are forced to rely in their acting skills in order to survive the real action and danger. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropic_Thunder#Script, accessed on April 22, 2014)