CHAPTER II
REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

2.1 Theoretical Framework

In this chapter the writer reviews some theories which are relevant to this study. It discusses about Sociolinguistics, Language Variety, Sociolinguistics, Swear Word, Types of Swear Words, The Reason of Using Swear Words, The Function of Using Swear Words.

2.1.1 Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics concerned with investigating the relationships between language and society with the goal being a better understanding of the structure of language and of how languages function in communication (Wardhaugh, 2006:13). In other meaning, sociolinguistics is the about the relationship between groups of people and what they speak and how they express something.

According to Hymes (1998:69) sociolinguistics identifies an area of research, one whose problems can be studied by members of a variety of discipline. Sociolinguistics does pose the special question of the relation between linguistics and sociology. Therefore, socilinguistics means in analyzing sociolinguistics, the researcher will talk about two objects. they are language used and the language that is used by society.

2.1.2 Language Variety

Most of human in this world learn and acquire more than one language. When they were child they learned mother language. Then they growth up and began to acquire the second language. By acquiring foreign languages they will use more than one language in social communication.

Ismiyati in *A Study of Jargon in Indonesia Naval Academy Bumimoro Surabaya* stated that a multilingual society is consisting of different group with different cultures and language varieties. In short, every group of human has their own culture and language which can be different with the other group.

In one source, Crystal (2003:43) stated that in monolingual communities, a major way of marking factors such as solidarity, distance, intimacy, and formality is to switch from one language variety to another. Everyone has his or her language variation to communicate and the language is depending on the situation. For example, a student speaks formally when he is talking with his teacher and informally when he is talking with his friends.

2.1.3 Swear Word

Ljung (2011:4) stated that there are many criteria to identify the swearing words. Those criteria are:

a) Swearing is the use of utterances containing **taboo** words, means swear words is   used to uttering something taboo. Taboo means restricted to words considered to be vulgar and/or embarrassing, typically vernacular

words for excrement, sexual intercourse and various other sexual practices regarded as deviant and the sexual organs (Ljung 2011:7)

b) The taboo words are used in swearing do not retain their literal meaning. It means taboo words are used with literal meaning cannot be regarded as swearing.

c) Swearing as formulaic language means formulaic language partly overlap with *grammaticalization*, a process that brings about changes in lexis, phonology and syntax (Ljung 2011:19).

d) Swearing is emotive language. Its main function is to reflect, or seem to reflect, the speaker's feelings and attitudes.

Swearing is an English term denoting a particular type of linguistic behavior, it is often used in studies of other languages to denote a linguistic resource whose functions and realizations across languages are remarkably similar and seem to emanate from a common pool of emotive utterance types (Ljung, 2011:1). Swear words have close relationship with taboo words.in the other words, swear word is the word which is used by speakers containing taboo words to reflect their feeling or attitude. Many words and expressions are viewed as taboo, such as those used to describe sex, our bodies and their functions, and those are used to insult other people. According to Allan and Burridge (2006:12) taboos arise out of social constraints on the individual's behavior where it can cause discomfort, harm or injury. In short, taboo and swear words can affect someone's behavior when he feels discomfort, harm and injury.

According to Michel Swan (1995:575), swear words are strong language that expressed by person to their powerful emotion. It shows that swear word is use by person to show his emotions with someone else.

According to David Chrystal, swearing refers to the strongly emotive use of a taboo words or phrase. In the other words, swearing is the using of words or phrase of taboo words. For example of the swear words in single word are *shit, fuck, ass* and the others are in short phrases such as *Goddamn it* which is found in the utterances in the *Tropic Thunder* movie. Moreover, according to Ronald Wardaugh (2010:249) taboo is the prohibition or avoidance in any society of behavior believed to be harmful to its members in that it would cause the embarrassment or shame.

Moreover, Crystal (2003:61) explained that swearing may be found in religious, legal, and the other formal context for example someone who swearing that he did not steal the money, " *I swear I never steal the money"*. In the other side, there are many examples of taboo speech such emotion, antagonism, frustration, and surprise such as *ass,* and *fuck*.

Furthermore, Crystal divided the swear words into two classes (2003:61). The first class is the swearing which is dealing with words which refers to body parts and functions such as *merde* and *balls.* The second class of swear words is the words which is dealing with the names of Gods, devils, sacred places etc. for example *God, Dear Lord, by the holly sacrament, heavens,* and *hell*.

Swear words occur frequently in people daily talks. It is caused swear words is considered as powerful word to express somebody's feeling. Swear words have various types of classification, such as animal terms and religion terms. The classification is based on the meaning of swear words itself. For example the death terms means something that makes people fear to face it, such as "go to hell".

2.1.4 Types of Swear Words

According to Wardaugh's theory in Siti Halimah (2005:9), there are several types of swear word based on the the the meaning:

1. One's mother in law referring to promiscuous woman excretion ("bitch", "motherfucker")

2. Animal term related to religious beliefs and practices from prehistoric times ("bullshit", "dog")

3. Sex referring to sexual activities ("fuck" and "fucking")

4. Death referring to something that frighten people such"go to hell"

5. Excretion term referring to human's excretion ('shit', 'piss' etc)

6. Bodily function referring to human's genital ("asshole" and "ass")

7. Religious matters ("God damn you!", "For God's sake!", "God", "Jesus")

8. Middle finger arises as symbol of sexual intercourse ('fuck you!', 'screw you!

2.1.5 The Reason of Using Swear Word

Swear word has close relationship with taboo word which generally considered the use of bad language. Both of them sounded unpleasant and uneducation, but they still exist in social communication. The reasons of using swear words are psychological reason, and social reason. The first reason is psychological reason is the main factor of using swear words. Jay Timothy (1999:79) stated "From a psychological perspective, each person acquires a language and an identity through a collection of behaviors, habits, traits, abilities, and mental processes; these factors shape his or her cursing". In short, there are many aspects under psychological reason as factors of using swear words. The second is social reason. Social motives for swearing differ from psychological motives in that they involve more than one person. The difference social class is taking an important part to motivate person in uttering swear words. The higher class and educated person usually use the knowledge when speaking, but the lower class use emotion to speak.

Peter Trudgill in Hendri Aditia (2011:22) stated that speaker at the top class speak Standard English with very regional variation. Any variation that is apparent will usually occurs between two or more equally standard form, but the further down the social class, the greater regional variation.

2.1.6   The Function of Using Swear Word

Anderson and Trudgill in Heriananda Putri (2012:19) there are four functions of using swear word:

- ❖ Expletive express personal emotions. In this point, swear word is used to express the speaker's emotions and it is not directed to anyone. Example, someone who carelessly and walk alone road, then he uttered "shit ". It belongs to expletive, because he does not direct his swear to anyone.

- ❖ Abusive which is directed to others. It needs target to whom the speaker can utter the swear words. For example, the speaker utters "fuck you" to the target.

- ❖ Humorous sometimes the use of swear words can also be in the context of humor. It usually takes from abusive swear words but they are used in humorous context.

- ❖ Swear words be auxiliary. It directed toward people, but it is not intended to others. Auxiliary swear words are the way of talking and it is called by "lazy swearing" since it does not have any meaning.

2.2   Previous Study

There are many researchers who analyzed swear words before. One of the researchers is Siti Halimah in her research *The Use of Swear Words in 8 Mile and Virgin.* In her research, she classified the categories of each swear words used by the characters. Then she analyzed the social values embedded in the use of swear words in both movies. She used theory of swear words categories by J. Dan Rothwell and Wardaugh. The result showed that the swear words which is mostly

used in *8 Mile* movie are copulative and sex terms such as "fuck" and "fucking", while in *Virgin* is certain game animal term such as "anjing" (dog). Then, she used Parson's theory of values orientation to analyze the social value. It showed that swear words are considered taboo even in their use or application. And from appreciative standard we are decided whether we will react positively or negatively through the use of swear words.

Ditha Heriananda Putri's research entitled *An Analysis of Swear Words Used By Teenage Bonek Community in Surabaya* focused in classifying and finding the functions of swear words. She attempted to see how the teenage members of Bonek Community use the swear words and what the functions the words are. She used theory of swear words classification by Jay Timothy and theory of swear words classifications by Anderson and Trudgill to analyze the data. The result showed that out of ten types of swearing words proposed by Jay, seven types occur. The swear words occur are never relate to religion. The result also showed that for functions of swear words proposed by Enderson and Thudgil, all of the function are used by the members.

Furthermore, the writer herself discusses swear words in different object. The present researcher takes the data from the dialogs in *Tropic Thunder* movie and analyzes them by using Wardaugh's theory.