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Furthermore, Holmes (2013: 14) states that language can deliver objective information of a referential kind, and it can also express how feeling of someone. From the quotation above, it can be inferred that one of the most important of functions language is transmitting information with each other and it can also convey person's feeling or emotions to other people. We realize that language is needed in human life so that it creates various functions, without language, many important things or activities are inconceivable.

There are many kinds of language function elaborated by some linguist like the view is expressed by G. Reversz describes there are three also indicative, imperative, interrogative and Geofarry Leech (1981) divides into five kinds of information, expressive, directive, aesthetic, and phatic (In Sudaryanto: 1990). In addition Jacobson Roman (1960) divides this field into six; referential, conative, expressive, metalingual, phoetic, and phatic.. Furthermore, other linguist Dell Hymes (In Sudaryanto: 1990) and Cook (1989) widen it into seven types. The view of Dell Hymes consists of emotive, directive, conative, poetic, contact, metalinguistic, referential, and contextual. While according Cook's theory, there are emotive, directive, patic, phoetic, referential, metainguaistic, and contextual.

By concerning the field, Several researchers have done the analysis which focuses on the types of language function in several cases. It can be found in program television, Hidayat (2014), in book, Puspitasari (2013), in television commercial, Supriyono (2015), in movie (Arum (2015); Machmudah (2015)),

in advertisement (Aliyah (2015); Fitriyah (2017)), in surah of the holy qur'an, Sulfa (2017), in debate, Sartika (2017), and social media (Khoir (2016); Chofiyya (2016)).

Then, in the same source through sosial media, Anggario (2016) tried to analyze kinds of language function. In other wise, Anggario combined language function with the politeness strategy. He used Holmes's theory in his study "An Analysis of Language Functions Used by Buzzer in Jokowi Twitter". Besides it, another scholar Adhalina (2011) have analyzed to combine language function and language style in the social media exactly in updating status between students and teachers in facebook webpage.

Most of the researcher had analyzed the kind of language function, so in this present study the writer aims to fill in the gap by investigating language function which focuses on one language function that is emotive function. The researcher chooses to analyze emotive function because each person has feeling or emotions which needs to be expressed and it can not be separated from human life. Besides it, the researcher also wants to know how someone expresses emotion and knowing about emotive function can help someone to restrain their emotion. Then, it can establish more sensitivity about how other people feel and create relationship well. Additionally, Mahmud (1990: 163) states that important to understand emotion because it has a great influence on behavior, health and personality.

On the other hand, the field of emotional expression in the 20 years ago looked very different. Most of the researcher focused on the face and

judgment studies of limited set of emotion. It is little investigation of how emotion expressed in the voice, body, or language. However the field has moved in the past 20 years, the expansion of study in this field are remarkable. (Scherer, Johnstone and Klasmeyer) revealed how emotion is expressed by voice, and in language (Reilly and Seibert). Then, There are some scholars which explore how emotion expressed in the new modalities. Gabrielsson and Juslin explores whether and how emotion is communicated in music. Then, Oatley considered how certain emotion experience which propel artists to express emotion in the artistic flights of their imagination (In Davidson et al: 2003). In addition identified emotive function from the novel of *The Reckoning* (St. Salamah Bahar/ Sardian Maharani A: 2017). In this study, the researcher used Roman Jakobson's theory to investigate kind of emotive function which performed by main character on different context of the *Reckoning* story. This research also reveals purpose of emotive function in the main character. Within research, the writer find out there are seven kind of emotive functions that is used by Chloe as main character.

In understanding what other people's feels, someone needs communication with each other person. The basic function of verbal communication is seen in its effects on other people which when we talk with another people, we almost always expect other people to engage in some kind of behavior (Carlson, 1994: 512). It means by communicating, person can express what their purpose to another. Furthermore, through communicating people can understand the intent or what the other individuals want to

convey, then the other person or achiever concerned interpretation their convey and will give reaction to what that someone wants to say. When communication is made between normal people and other normal people, it may be easy to understand, but how if the communication is done between normal people and abnormal people like people who suffer from multiple personality disorders or dissociative identity disorder.

Multiple personality disorders have unique personality or characterized by presence of two or more distinct personalities within a single individual, with only one of them being evident at a time. Each personality is complete, with its own memories, behaviour, and preferences. In the common form with two personalities, the two are almost unaware of each other's existence. Change from one personality to another in the first instance is sudden and is closely associated with traumatic event (Gupta and Kumar, 2005).

Considering that discussion, the researcher chooses Sybil movie as the data source because this movie is true story of a young woman who was diagnosed with multiple personality disorder and there is element of language in the movie which is appropriate with the data source of my research. Movie is one of the kinds of literary works that has many kinds of genre like romance, horror and other and also as popular thing for the people nowadays. Movie was written based on the experience of human and can be said as reflect to the real life of society which also as representative of human life. Beside it, movie includes in a piece of art in which it is a form of communication so it can learn how language is used from the conversation in

movie. This present study aims to use movie also in her study because we can understand more the emotion or feeling of someone when they communicate with the other people by a language.

The chosen movie for the present study is a work directed by Joseph Sargent and written by John Pielmeier based on Sybil's book which was written in 1973 by Flora Rheta Schreiber. *Sybil* (2007) is taken from a true story which tells about a young woman and smart (both in academic and art) with the original name of Shirley Ardell Mason who is often called Sybil, but she suffers abnormal behavior appropriately the problem of multiple personality disorder. Her personality problems split up to 16 personalities which has different names, different ages, different memories and emotionally contradictory ones. This is caused by the pressure of both the parents and one of them is from her mother's who suffers of schizophrenia. Shortly, Sybil went to a psychiatrist namely Dr. Wilbur. Then, Dr. Wilbur tries to treat her by uniting her split personality into one personality.

After all, the researcher aims to explore one of the kinds of language function from Cook's theory, that is emotive function. In addition, the type of emotive function is rarely to be explored. However it is important field to be understood. This study concerns on emotive function used by normal people and abnormal people. The abnormal person here refers to someone who suffers multiple personality disorder. Considering that, In *Sybil* movie, there is element that relates about the emotive function so the researcher uses the

From the physical view, there is nothing wrong with Sybil's appearance. Sybil decides to move to New York, Columbia University to study art. One day, she accidentally broke the glass and she was so scared. The accident made her absence for some day. Her lecturer called and gave suggestion for her to take a absence and consult a psychiatrist. Sybil was diagnosed hysteria firstly but because it was more suitable to deal with Sybil's condition to another person which finally her lecturer asked her to come to Dr. Wilbur.

During the therapy period, Sybil often experiences memory loss and blackout. Sometimes she instantly transforms into a different person, but when asked, she is not Sybil but someone else. Dr. Wilbur realizes there is strange something in Sybil's personality. She always records everything of Sybil's doing in detail. With patience, Dr. Wilbur studied 16 individuals who had different names, different ages, different memories, and emotionally contradictory ones. Dr. Wilbur considers that it is not a common thing and she diagnoses what happened to Sybil because the behavior of both parents.

Rheta Schreiber in 1973. The movie was published on 28 May, 2007 in the USA and the duration of the movie around 89 minutes. The researcher downloaded the movie from <https://xx1.me/movie/download-film-sybil-2007-kxt/play>. The researcher downloaded also the subtitle of the movie from the website <https://subscene.com/subtitles/sybil-2007/english/1572367> to make collecting and analyzing the data easier. The transcriptions were needed to give valid data of the entire utterances in the movie. Whereas, the data of this research was collected from the utterances of Sybil and Dr. Wilbur within Sybil movie which contained the emotive function.

3.3. Research Instrument

According to Bogdan and Biklen (2007: 4), in the qualitative research, the key instrument is the researcher. Referred to the statement, the main instrument in this research was the researcher herself who explored some materials related to emotive function, collected the data and analyzed them. Based on the movie, the researcher analyzed the emotive function of the utterances Dr. Wilbur and Sybil in order to answer the research question through the researcher's insight. Then, the researcher applied another supporting instrument to collect the data of this study which were book references and internet to find out the theories or references related to the topic. Meanwhile, the laptop is used as supporting instrument also that helped the researcher to gather this study.

The researcher has related between the present study with previous study one from St. Salmah Bahar / Sardian Maharani (2017) because both of the study are considered having same theme which analyse about emotive function of language. Although, both of the study has conducted by different purposed research problem and source of the study. The study (2017) is only concern identifyng of emotive function and understanding the emotive function used by main character in the novel. However this present study has found different issues which identify emotive function used by abnormal people and normal people based on the context of situations and differences both of them in the movie which the movie based on the true story.

The result of this study has exhibited the emotive function in the Sybil movie that used abnormal people and normal people. Sybil as abnormal people used six types of the emotive fuction are enjoyment, sadness, fear, angry, disgust, and surprise. Furthermore, Sybil most dominant used angry to express her feelings. An angry of the utterance often used by Sybil when she became another personal who was Peggy Lou. Peggy Lou would take Sybil's place when her emotions can not control. Sybil often express her anger by broken the glass. This happened because Sybil has trauma in the past with her mother suffering Schizopernia which she had broken her mother's favorite crystal but she never done. Sybil was accused by her cousin who actually had broke the crystal. Her mother did not want listen to Sybil's explanation and hit her forehead until bleed.

While, on Dr. Wilbur's utterances has found five types of the emotive function that are enjoyment, angry, sadness, fear, and surprise but the researcher

did not found disgust in her utterances. The types of emotive function which mostly occurred in Dr. Wilbur's utterance were enjoyment. Dr. Wilbur often uses the expression of enjoyment to communicate with Sybil. Dr. Wilbur tries to communicate by not using pressure like anger, to be softly and giving attention to understand what Sybil's feels and to discover what happened to Sybil. Dr. Wilbur rarely uses the angry of emotive function to respond Sybil because she knows it can make Sybil's emotions become more uncontrolled and make her in serious condition as well as difficult to get close to Sybil. In addition, Dr. Wilbur tries to understand Sybil's feelings through Sybil explaining to her through her different stories, different personalities and different emotions as well.

In the finding that has been described, emotive functions used by normal people and abnormal people who suffer multiple personality disorder have some differences. The differences like for people who suffer multiple personality disorder; the language or utterance is used in emotive function that have a relationship with the moment in the past, and the using of emotive function depends on some of the characters in her or his inside, as well as the using of emotive function was uncertain because sometimes it changes unexpectedly. Whereas in normal people; the using of emotive function mostly has no relationship with the past, it was not depend on some of characters inside their body but depends on the situation of the surrounding or their feeling and it is not change unexpectedly (having causal factor).

Moreover, the researcher would revealed more the differences every type of emotive function that used by normal people and abnormal people. For the

enjoyment, Sybil as abnormal people used this type of emotive function to express her feelings when remember again of fun memories in the past and usually used by other characters in her inside that is Vanessa. While Dr. Wilbur as normal people used this types of emotive functions to entertain, to calm, and also provide support (motivation) to Sybil upon her condition. Besides, she also used it when she express her feeling as she was happy.

Then for angry, Sybil used this emotive function to express her feelings of anger when she remembers again about her annoying memories in the past but she can not express it at that moment. In addition, usually this type was conveyed by another character in her inside namely Peggy Louisiana. While, Dr. Wilbur used this type to convey disappointment toward Hal which do not believe what she has done of her observations. Hal considered some characters in Sybil that has created by Dr. Wilbur self because Hal revealed never exist knowledge like Dr. Wilbur's thought before.

In fear of emotive function, Sybil used it to express her worried about her condition which make her always nightmares, crying and wake up not knowing where she was and what she did. This type usually used by other characters inside Sybil's self namely Ruthy. Then, Dr. Wilbur used it to show her worried about Sybil's condition. Dr. Wilbur was worried a bad thing happened for Sybil when she was controled by another personal. For the next type of emotive function is disgust. Sybil uses it to reveal her personal thought when remember again bad or disgusting memories that her mother had done toward her. However, in Dr.

Wilbur was not found using language in the emotive function that indicates disgust.

For surprise of emotive function, Sybil uses it to deliver her feelings when she come back to be herself after controlled by her other characters (indicating Sybil has returned to be herself). This case cause of she was surprised because she did not remember at what she done when she became another personal. Dr. Wilbur delivered the utterance that indicates this type to reveal when Sybil carried out a strange things and when she know that Sybil have to be herself after she into another personal.

Meanwhile, the last type of emotive function is sadness, sybil used the utterance that indicates the sadness memories of the past and explains the sadness of the situation now. This emotive function usually used by another character in Sybil's inside when she change to be Merry. Whereas, Dr. Willbur used this emotive function when she was confused and indencisive with Sybil's condition who suffered multiple personality disorder which the condition has never been known before.

On the other hand, it can be realized the important thing that need to be discussed about the abnormal people, especially multiple personality disorder. When they changed into another person and can not control her emotions, we can help them. For the instance in this movie, when Sybil can not control her anger. We can stop her or make her calm down with not give feedback angry too but we can face it with showing a positive emotions like shows a feeling of happiness or affection. Because basically an abnormal people like this, it is not to be shunned

or crude for them but they need a friend or someone who can give a positive feeling to create conditions that make them calm and not more depressed than they do. This does not make worse their psychic. Additionally, they also need more attention and support in order they are not lonely and give up in their life as well as can recover themselves again.

There is also relation between emotive function and abnormal people's condition which can help to understand the abnormal people through the feelings they have expressed. That is like in this movie which through the expression was shown by Sybil. Dr. Wilbur can determine with whom she speaks and how she should respond to her. For example, when Dr. Wilbur communicated with Sybil which suddenly turned to be angry. By Sybil's utterance and expression, Dr. Wilbur can realize which talking toward her that is not Sybil but Sybil's another personality, namely Peggy.

Furthermore, from finding above, Sybil suffers multiple personality disorder that was not caused by innate or suffered when she was born but Dr. Wilbur gave her a diagnosis about it because of her trauma in the past that was the behavior of her mother who suffers Schizophrenia. It affects for the development of Sybil's psychology. It is like one of her inside characters namely Ruthi, she always shows her feelings which are always fearful, sadness and sometimes disgusting with herself because of the behavior of her mother when Sybil was a child. She is often treated cruelly and gets immoral actions from her mother.

So it can be taken out that the parents should educate their children by giving attention and loving both physically and psychologically. Besides, the

surprise. Whereas, on Dr. Wilbur's utterances, the researcher found only five of six types of emotive function. Those are angry, fear, sadness, enjoyment, and surprise. Furthermore, the researcher also found the context of situation of emotive function on Sybil and Dr. Wilbur's utterances based on Roman Jakobson's theory. In this case, the context of situation is used which effect on using each type of emotive function in the movie. All the aspect of the context of situations is presented by the researcher in this study in order understanding of the meaning in the movie.

The frequency of the emotive function is used by Sybil totally 59 utterances. She used mostly angry in her utterance with totally 19 utterances, The second level is sadness feeling with totally around 13 utterances. As the third rank, enjoyment feeling and fear are equally with 9 times of total number. It is followed surprise feeling with totally 7 times as fourth rank. Then, in the last rank is disgust feeling with totally 3 utterances. While the frequency of the emotive function is used by Dr. Wilbur totally 26 utterances. The emotive function mostly is used by Dr. Wilbur is enjoyment. Enjoyment feeling occurs 10 utterances. Meanwhile, fear feeling is found 7 utterances, Angry feeling and surprise are equally with 3 utterances, and sadness feeling are 2 utterances. The researcher did not find any disgust on Dr. Wilbur's utterances.

Here the researcher can find differences between the emotive function is used by Sybil as abnormal people who suffers multiple personality disorder and Dr. Wilbur as normal people. The differences are like for people who suffers multiple personality disorder; the language or utterance is used in the emotive

