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@LAMBE\_TURAH INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT**

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## ABSTRACT

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**Keywords:** *word formation, slang word, @lambe\_turah, caption*

This research discussed about the meaning of slang word and how those slang words are formed with word formation. The data is gained from slang words that typed on caption of @lambe\_turah instagram account. This social media account mostly contains offensive words. Thus the words is made up as slang words so the only several people know it.

The researcher analyzed the data by the meaning and word formation. She collected the slang words which typed on caption of @lambe\_turah instagram account posts during January 2018. Then she categorized the slang words where they belong to word formation. The researcher used George Yule's theory to support her analysis. And also the writer read the comments from another accounts in every post to support detail information to gain more explanation about slang words.

In this research, the researcher applied descriptive qualitative design. Thus, she found total 9 slang words in her data collection. The researcher made herself as an instrument is used to look for data, analysed, and concluded by herself. The writer choosed 9 slang words to be analyzed in the meaning by its context and word formation. The data are *My Hubby*, *Gimmick*, *Baby*, *Hoax*, *Selfie*, *Kepo*, *Netizen*, *Unch-Unch*, *DM*. The word formation process that formed slang words that found as data are Borrowing, Coinage, Acronym, Blending, and Reduplication.

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Kata kunci: *pembentuk kata, bahasa gaul / bahasa slang, @lambe\_turah, keterangan gambar*

Penelitian ini membahas tentang makna dari bahasa slang dan bagaimana kata-kata slang tersebut di bentuk oleh pembentuk kata. Data diambil dari bahasa slang atau bahasa gaul yang ditulis oleh akun instagram @lambe\_turah. Akun media sosial ini hamper banyak mengandung kata-kata penyerangan. Maka dari itu, kata-kata slang tersebut dibuat untuk ditujukan kepada beberapa orang saja.

Peneliti menganalisa data dari makna dan pembentuk katanya. Dia mengumpulkan kata-kata slang atau dalam bahasa Indonesia dikenal sebagai bahasa gaul, yang mana ditulis oleh akun @lambe\_turah di media social Instagram dengan hitungan kiriman selama bulan Januari 2018. Kemudian, peneliti mengkategorikan kata-kata slang tersebut sesuai dengan pembentuk kata dalam morfologi. Peneliti menggunakan teori George Yule untuk mendukung analisa penelitiannya. Dia juga membaca komentar-komentar yang ada di setiap kiriman akun Instagram @lambe\_turah untuk mendukung tambahan informasi yang lebih detail untuk menambah penjelasan tentang kata-kata slang yang digunakan.

Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti mengaplikasikan desain penelitian kualitatif deskriptif. Yang mana peneliti sebagai instrumen untuk mencari data, mengolah, menganalisa, dan menyimpulkan sendiri. Akhirnya, dia menemukan 9 kata-kata slang dalam koleksi datanya. Semua data tersebut kemudian diolah dan dianalisa untuk mendapat arti berdasarkan konteks dan mengategorikan pembentuk katanya. Data-datanya adalah *My Hubby*, *Gimmick*, *Baby*, *Hoax*, *Selfie*, *Kepo*, *Netizen*, *Unch-Unch*, and *DM*. Sedangkan, ditemukan 5 proses pembentuk kata pada kata-kata slang, yaitu Peminjaman, Penemuan, Penyingkatan, Pencampuran, dan penggandaan.









## INTRODUCTION







On @lambe\_turah posts, it does gossip with a twist. According to Holmes (2001: 298), gossip describes the kind of relaxed in group talk that goes on between people in informal context. There is a built-in narrative to @lambe\_turah 's posts, where one part is always the victim and the other is the villain. And each side has its own set of fans. The fans of the good guy or victim call themselves *Bala Nemo*, it is adapted after the fish in *Finding Nemo* movie. Fans of the villain call themselves *Bala Jaer*, after a popular dangdut song *Geboy Mujaer* sang by Ayu Ting Ting. The two sides then square off online, posting memes and new allegations that spread the story far beyond the @lambe\_turah 's fanbase.

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Some linguists have a different way to define types of word formations. According to Yule (2005) that many words enter the language in different ways. He explores some of the basic processes which new words are created in the word

The writer collects three researches as her related studies. First, thesis from Putri Okta Marantari under the title *Word Formation Process On Slang Words Used By Teenager In Blackberry Messenger* year 2016. She analyzed slang phenomena on teenager were easy to absorb and accept English because of the international language. Then, the dominant language in social life has influenced in the process of borrowing in creating Indonesian slang words. The researcher used a descriptive qualitative method. She found ten kinds of word formation: those were coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending clipping, backformation, conversion, acronym, derivation, and multiple processes.

The third previous study is *Word Formation Processes On New Words Used In Foreign Exchange Trading Found In Metatrader4 And Universal Forex*









users' content by tags and locations, and view trending content. Users can "like" photos, and follow other users to add their content to a feed.

### 1.6.5 @lambe\_turah Instagram account

One of very exists account is *@lambe\_turah*. Most all posts uploaded by the anonymous admin is photos and videos contain supporting detail about celebrities or entertainers activities. *@lambe\_turah* usually makes up news being gossip that it would provoke *netizen* (term for internet users) to blame the victims.



people speak well and deliver information success although they are from same areas or different background.

On the other hand, standard language also mentioned as a subdivision of geographical variation. the standard language is a type in a different method as recognized as more correct and acceptable than other varieties. In many ways, the standard language is an equally suitable designation that has the following prototypical property such like it is used by educated users in the professional circle and it is the variety that defined in dictionaries, grammars, and usage guides. The standard language includes language and dialect, such as Chinese language, Hindi language, Javanese language, Surabaya dialect, and so the like.

### 2.1.1.2 Contextual Variation

Contextual variation is a variation of language within the individual belong to the time, condition, and manner when it should be talked. For example, in a typical case, the Javanese language has a grammatical system where degrees of formality are integrated. Javanese itself is a part of Indonesian. In Indonesia, there is hundreds of language that belongs to this nation.

The Javanese language has hierarchy and degree of politeness. According to Holmes (2001: 134), the Javanese language has caste systems determined by birth, and strict social rules control the kind of behavior appropriate to each group. The rules cover such matters as the





### 2.1.1.3 Social Variation

Social variation is a variation of language that created from a social class. It arises from people who live separate and far from each other and/or close to each other but have a different way of speaking. It is called social distance, where individuals in a society have differences correlate strongly with language variation depends on inequalities of wealth and power, the dimensions of solidarity between individuals in their life contact, and a group of people with same interest.

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### 2.1.3.1 Word Formation

### 2.1.3.2 Coinage

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### 2.1.3.3 Borrowing

### 2.1.3.4 Compounding

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(good-looking, low-paid) and compounds of an adjective (fast) plus noun (food) as in a fast-food restaurant or a full-time job.

### 2.1.3.5 Blending

The combination of two separate forms to produce a single new term is also present in the process called blending. However, blending is typically accomplished by taking only the beginning of one word and joining it to the end of the other word. In the worldwide, there is a product that is used as gasoline but is made from alcohol, so the 'blended' word for referring to this product is gasohol. To talk about the combined effects of smoke and fog, we can use the word smog.

There are some example of blending word such as smaze (smoke + haze) and smurk (smoke + murk), bit (binary/digit), brunch (breakfast/lunch), motel (motor/hotel), telecast (television/broadcast) and the Chunnel (Channel/tunnel), connecting England and France.

### 2.1.3.6 Clipping

The element of reduction that is noticeable in blending is even more apparent in the process described as clipping. This occurs when a word of more than one syllable (facsimile) is reduced to a shorter form (fax), usually beginning in casual speech. English speakers also like to clip each other's names, as in Al, Ed, Liz, Mike, Ron, Sam, Sue, and Tom. There have to be something about educational environments that encourage clipping because so many words get reduced, as in chem, exam, gym, lab, math, phys-ed, poly-sci, prof and typo.

### 2.1.3.7 Back Formation

A very specialized type of reduction process is known as backformation. Typically, a word of one type (usually a noun) is reduced to form a word of another type (usually a verb). A good example of backformation is the process whereby the noun television first came into use and then the verb televise was created from it. One very regular source of back-formed verbs in English is based on the pattern worker – work. The assumption seems to have been that if there is a noun ending in -er (or something close in sound), then we can create a verb for what that noun -er does. Hence, an editor will edit, a sculptor will sculpt and burglars, peddlers, and swindlers will burgle, peddle and swindle.

### 2.1.3.8 Conversion

A change in the function of a word, as for example when a noun comes to be used as a verb (without any reduction), is generally known as conversion. Other labels for this very common process are ‘category change’ and ‘functional shift’. A number of nouns such as a bottle, butter, chair, and vacation have come to be used, through conversion, as verbs: We bottled the home-brew last night; Have you buttered the toast?; Someone has to chair the meeting; They’re vacationing in Florida. These conversions are readily accepted, but some examples, such as the noun impact being used as a verb, seem to impact some people’s sensibilities rather negatively.





### 2.1.3.11 Prefix and Suffix

Some affixes that have to be added at the beginning of root is called prefix. Some prefixes are de-, mis-, un-, non-, re-, and so on. The examples are *mis*understanding, *un*install, *non*-government, *re*call, and so more. Suffixes are affixes that have to be added at the end of the root. Some suffixes are -ity, -ion, -al, and so on. The examples of suffixes are *community*, *dehydration*, *magical*, and more.

### 2.1.3.12 Infix

There is a third type of affix, not normally used in English, but found in some other languages. This is called an *infix* and, as the term suggests, it is an affix that is incorporated inside another word. It is possible to see the general principle at work in certain expressions, occasionally used in fortuitous or aggravating circumstances by emotionally aroused English speakers: *Halle**bloody**lujah!*, *Absogod**d**am**l**utely!* and *Un**f**uck**i**nbelievable!*. In the film *Wish You Were Here*, the main character expresses her aggravation (at another character who keeps trying to contact her) by screaming *Tell him I've gone to Singa**bloody**pore!* The expletive may even have an infixed element, as in *god**triple**d*ammit!

### 2.1.3.13 Multiple processes

According to Danwantari (2014), Multiple processes are two or more processes which form in the creation of a particular word. For



expression that does not belong to standard English. And also she found four characteristics of slang words used by Justin Bieber in his song lyrics, those were blending, clipping, coinage, and an acronym.

The third previous study is Word Formation Processes On New Words Used In Foreign Exchange Trading Found In Metatrader4 And Universal Forex by Sabilla Danwantari (2014). There were a lot of new words in metatrader4 and universal forex. Both software were foreign exchange trading platform that used by people to trade online. The writer stated that word formation processes are used for studying the new word forms formed by two or more separates words joined becoming single word and some of them have new meaning. She analyzed the new word forms in foreign exchange trading activity. The commerce of country currencies around the world conducted by using internet networking in the trading platform.

## RESEARCH METHOD

The writer was used qualitative approach for this descriptive research because she conducted to explain the meaning and describe how word formation of slang words used by caption on @lambe\_turah instagram account. Descriptive research attempt to describe, interpret and explain the condition. According to Kumar (2011), qualitative research method involve the use of qualitative data and it focus on interpretation of situations or phenomena in their natural settings.

Research instrument is known as the tool for research. The writer is the main instrument. The instrument of this research was the researcher herself because it is about qualitative descriptive research as like mentioned above. She has a role to collect after reading and identifying the data. Furthermore, the writer uses laptop or smartphone, paper notes, and pen as supporting gears.

The data was taken from one of instagram account that the caption discuss about Indonesian celebrities' life especially in their relationship, @lambe\_turah. This account type the caption in every post with slang words that only current people know and understand. The researcher choosed one month latest posts updated by @lambe\_turah instagram account. It was counted on January 2018.

### 3.5 Data Analysis

After obtaining the data, the researcher interpret the data by explain the meaning of each slang words based on its context. Then, the researcher classify the data based of the use on each type of word formation. Finally, the researcher analyse the data by meaning of every slang words that could be formed by each type of word formation.

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## FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

The researcher has identified the slang words used in caption Instagram of @lambe\_turah, there are 16 slang words that found in posts during January 2018. The writer has made a table of word formation and slangs. The first stage, the writer analyzed the meaning of slang words which found in captions of @lambe\_turah Instagram account. If needed, the researcher read the comments below the post in every caption to gain supporting information. Then, she analyzed the word formation process in slang words that used in the caption on @lambe\_turah Instagram account are explained in this section. The writer showed the screen-captured picture of the caption that contain slang words, then she underlined the slang words in order to attest reader the relation of explanation and evidence.

From the data which collected by the researcher, slang words used in the caption on @lambe\_turah Instagram account have meaning in every words. The researcher analyzed the meaning of them used dictionaries, such as *Chambers Pardon My English! An Exploring of Slang and Informal Language* by Michael Munro (2007) and website pages <https://www.urbandictionary.com/> for English slang words and

## *My Hubby*

- a. Hubby is a short word for husband, and was created to be used as a nickname for the man you are married to, but is also used to describe a good boyfriend that you believe you are likely to marry.
- b. Someone that you are dating that you think he will become a future husband.

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this is an adorable and lovely person. The admin of @lambe\_turah typed *unchhh unchhh* because she was welcoming a guy who just came from break in a jail. This guy is a dangdut singer, a son of King Dangdut of Indonesia, he is Ridho Roma. Ridho Roma has a lot of fans, most of them is girls. Because of his appearance, this handsome guy still has thousands fans even though he ever stayed in a jail because drugs.

9. Datum 9

 $DM$ 

*DM* is direct messages between 2 person in social media such as twitter, instagram, and so on. In this context, *DM* is an activity between two people in social media that has sent and received messages directly and confidentially without known by others.

In the caption on @lambe\_turah, DM is when the admin and other person make a private conversation in Instagram. DM is similar with personal chat in Instagram. It has a private room in Instagram, so people who do not join or not invited, would never know what was talked. Except, one of member in DM tells it to the public through *screenshot* of content which talked in DM.





lambe\_turah • Following

lambe\_turah .

Kemarin kan banyak dm masuk.

Sual cepa galau yess

Trs minceu ngobrol sama stevi hahaha

Eng ing eng ternyata mereka gak pernah pacaran lho 🤔

Tapi bala2 nya

pacaran kwkwk

Simak aja yess obrolan minceu sama stevi

Mirceu sih ngakak mulu selama ngobrol 😊

The picture above is a screenshot of caption by @lambe\_turah Instagram account. In the caption above, it contained term '*DM*' with complete sentence '*Kemarin kan banyak dm masuk*' that mean '*It was a lot of DM received yesterday*'. According to @lambe\_turah in its caption, it stated that yesterday a lot of *Direct Messages* was received.

This term also used by other people who active in social media, even DM are spoken directly in a real life daily conversation. The term DM never be used before, since the rapid of internet and social media, *DM* is used by most people around the world.





a. *Kepo* (datum 6)

*Kepo* is a shortening from *knowing every particular object*. It takes every initial letter to make a new term. It can be an adjective or adverb or nouns, because the literal means of this word is really curious.

b. *DM* (Datum 9)

*DM* is a very short slang word that categorized as acronym in a word formation. Acronym is taking first letter in every root. The normal form of *DM* is *Direct Messages*.

#### 4.1.2.4 Coinage

Coinage is a study about the invention of a word of totally new terms. The writer collected 2 data that referred as a coinage process. There are *gimmick* and *selfie*. Here is the explanation.

a. *Gimmick* (datum 2)

*Gimmick* is a word that first use in 1911. The origin of its word is unknown or alteration. Firstly, this term used by people when they were in selling something or in a play of theater.

b. *Selfie* (datum 5)

*Selfie* is a term that invented in photography terms. Then it used to label people who love to take a picture by her/himself.

#### 4.1.2.5 Reduplication

Reduplication is a word formation process that duplicates a letter, syllable, or word. Based on the data, the writer found only one slang

word that categorized as reduplication. That is *unch-unch*, and below is the explanation.

a. *unch-unch* (datum 8)

From urban dictionary, *unch* is a slang words that means a genital part of a man. In Indonesian slang, the term *unch* duplicates become *unch-unch* to change the literal meaning. It duplicates from ***unch*** become ***unch-unch***.

## 4.2 DISCUSSIONS

In this section, the writer elaborated the discussion of findings stage above. From more than 100 posts by @lambe\_turah on Instagram during January 2018, the writer found 9 slang words that interpret the meaning of the context and 9 slang words that analyzed using word formation. Actually, the slang words that found on caption in posts of @lambe\_turah instagram accounts are more than 9. But the writer only takes 9 slang words, because the other slang words are coinage from Indonesian slangs.

The meaning of the slang words based on its context mostly known by people who often read caption of @lambe\_turah. People who outside of @lambe\_turah's community, most of them know what is the slang words and often used it in their daily conversation. There are slang word that has warns meaning like **hoax** which has meaning as *lie news*. However one slang word that has intimacy meaning is **my hubby**, which the meaning is a beloved husband. Its also slang words that appear from photography field such as **selfie** which has

mean taking picture with camera phone by itself. There is ***unch-unch*** that literally has negative meaning, but when it sounded by Indonesian it would be an intimacy meaning.

There are also found slang words such as ***Gimmick***, ***baby***, ***kepo***, ***DM***, and ***netizen***, that has new meaning on its context based on caption that typed by @lambe\_turah in its Instagram account. ***Gimmick*** is an act that done by people who want to make some pretending activities. ***Baby*** is to call someone with a sweet-call or special person who are loved. ***Kepo*** is an act that people so curious about something. ***DM*** is an acronym of Direct Message that used to deliver messages in personal ways on social media. ***Netizen*** is people who interact in the internet.

The result of word formation on a slang words, there are 5 processes of word formations that contain slang words which taken from the data. As conducted by George Yule's theory, there are 5 word formation that used to analyze the data, such as borrowing, blending, acronym, reduplication, coinage. The total data that has been analyzed in word formation is 9 data. The most frequent @lambe\_turah used in slang words are coinage. Hence, the writer uses a half of all Yule's theory related with word formation process in morphology. The table of the data that has analyzed using word formation process shows below.





## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The writer found the result of this research. The writer has the conclusion to answer all research problems. The first is about the meaning of slang words based on its context. Second, is word formation that formed slang words.

The researcher analyzed the data by the meaning and word formation. She collected the slang words which typed on caption of @lambe\_turah instagram account posts during January 2018. Then she categorized the slang words where they belong to word formation. The researcher used George Yule and Lieber theories to support her analysis. For the meaning of slang words, she used theory of Janet Holmes that has most same orientation of its context. And also the writer read the comments in every post to support detail information to gain more explanation about slang words.

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## 5.2 SUGGESTION

Therefore, the researcher suggest to the next researcher who interested in word formation and slang words, they tend to be more active and creative. She hopes that the next researchers gain more theories data in different field. Because slang words are terms that always changing. So, it needs more researchers who have fresh and new idea to fullfil the desire of this research field.



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