CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

A language is very important in our life to communicate to each other and also to show and share an expression, reaction, information, feelings, experience, knowledge, and to certain a situation. Without a language people do not know the meaning of something and will miss the communication which appears among each other. And also language is a systematic way of using words so that people can share information and show their emotion, ideas, feeling, experience, and knowledge efficiently.

Leech in his book entitled *Semantics* language divided into five functions, they are; informational function, expressive function, directive function, aesthetic function, and phatic function. Informational function is a one a function of language which most important because language has a message that have to be delivered to the hearer. Expressive function is a function of language which can use by speaker to express their feeling and attitude. Directive function is a function of language which usually aboutorders and requests to the hearer, the message more giving a stress in the hearer side. Aesthetic function is a function of language which can be defined as the beauty of word, like a poem, a poem has a many beauty words and hope the hearer can reach their sensitizing and imagination. Phatic function is a function of language which maintains the communication line in

order to remains open. Here, phatic function concerns to the vehicle to maintain the good communication (1981: 63-65).

The communication can be built if there is an understanding between a speaker and a hearer. The main aim is to indicate something or some relations or even some ideas. It can be shown or called as meaning. The meaning is important and significant. If the hearer cannot comprehend about the meaning of the speaker said, the meaning will not be delivered smoothly. According to Clark in Jan Rankema's book entitled *Introduction to DiscourseStudies* (2004: 42) communication as a joint activity adds information to the common ground of the participants. Deal with all kinds of everyday conversation.

A figurative Language may exist not only in a daily life conversation but also in a literary work as like novel, poem, and song's lyrics. A figurative language is a language that uses words or expression with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation (grammar.yourdictionary.com). When a writer uses literal language, he or she is simply stating the facts as they are. A figurative language in comparison, uses exaggeration or alterations to make a particular linguistic point. Figurative language is very common in poetry and song's lyrics. There are many different types of figurative language, such as; metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, symbol, etc.

Using a figurative language is an effective way of communicating an idea that is not easily understood because of its abstract nature and complex. Although figurative language does not offer a literal explanation, it can be

used to compare one idea to a second idea to make the first idea easier to visualize (education.seattlepi.com). A figurative language also is used to link two ideas with the goal of influencing an audience to see a connection even if one does not actually exist.

A novel, a poem, a short story, and a song lyric are the literary work there are kinds of beautiful words inside. Many of the writers used of figurative language to elicit an emotionand help the readers form mental images. The example such as; when the writer have a statement "Love is blind" it is not mean that love has an eyes but it is mean a person's love for another causes them to overlook faults and discount physical appearance.

In this research, the researcher discussed about a figurative language in Coldplay songs lyrics. A Figurative language has been widely examined by linguist for years ago. A Figurative language has the essence of style and beauty. Based on the data which analyzed by researcher, she states that a song is a poem played by the music with some instruments like piano, guitar, drum, etc. Song also is very important to entertain and refresh our mind. If you are depressed, you can listen to a song which can take you in peace. Song can break the saturation and bring you joy and also stimulate your imagination.

Listen a song is enjoyable activity, but the listeners better understand about the figurative language that commonly found in the song. Song usually consists of figurative language since the figurative language is used in the lyric that is written well. Based on the reason, it brings the researcher of the

thesis to analyze. In this research, the researcher analyzed figurative language in song lyrics of Coldplay.

Remember that the most songs lyric in this research about adore of the women, the researcher have to be determined about Islamic perspective in this case. In Al- Qur'an surah An-Nisa (4:19)said that "O You who believe! It is not lawful for you to inherit the women by force and do not constraint them so that you may take a part of what you have given them unless they commit an open immortality, and it is not lawful for you (men) to take back (from your wives) any of what you have given them, except when both parties fear that they would be unable to keep the limits ordained by Allah".

In surah An-Nisa in verse 19it's explained that recommendation not to do force the women and not troubling them because they are not slaves of the men unless they have committed lewdness. And hang out with them in a good way, if you do not like them just to be patient.

Coldplay is a Band from British, begin their career at 1998. Until today Coldplay have already seven songs albums, they are; first song album at 1999 entitled *The Blue Room*, the second album at 2000 entitled *Parachutes*, the third songs albums at 2002 entitled *A Rush Of Blood To The Head*, the fourth songs album at 2005 entitled *X&Y*, the fifth songs albums at 2008 entitled *Viva la Vida*, the sixth songs albums at 2011 entitled *MyloXyloto*, and the seventh songs albums at 2014 entitled *Ghost Stories*. (www.coldplay.com). until today Coldplay have already seven songs albums. The meaning of Coldplay songs not only about love but also about life and struggle and other

social issues. The researcher chooses five Coldplay songs because she wants to explore the Coldplay songs albums and also she is very familiar with the five songs.

Therefore, this is interesting object to be analyzed to find out the types of figurative language because this songlyrics of Coldplay has used many of figurative language. In these songs lyrics, Coldplay not only write the lyrics about love but also about life, struggle, faith, and many more. It also analyzed about social context used in that songs lyrics. Based on that, the researcher is able to understand the types of figurative language and social context used in Coldplay song lyrics.

1.2 Statement of Problems

Based on the description of the background above, the researcher formulates the research question bellow:

- 1. What are the types of figurative language which are found in Coldplaysongs lyric?
- 2. What are the social context that used in Coldplay songs lyric?

1.3 Objectives of study

Related to the previous problems above, the objectives of the study are:

- To find the types of figurative language which are found in Coldplay song lyrics.
- 2. To describe the social context that used in Coldplay song lyrics.

1.4 Significances of study

The significance of this research is to get clear the figurative type and description of social context that used in these songs lyrics. Based on this, the researcher hopes that the readers can get big an advantage, especially for the student to understand using of figurative language as an effective way of communicating an idea that is not easily understood because of its abstract nature or complexity.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

This research focused on a figurative language types which found in the songs lyrics and social context used in Coldplay songs lyric. The researcher had choosen five songs randomly from some songs albums, those songs are Yellow from their album entitled Parachutes, Fix You from their album entitled X&Y, The Scientist from their album entitled A Rush Of Blood To The Head, Paradise from their album entitled XyloMyloto, and Sky full of Stars from their album entitled Ghost Stories. The researcher used theory from Knickerbocker and Reninger to analyze the types of figurative language which found in the song lyrics.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In order to keep away from misunderstanding and misinterpretation, bellows are the key terms:

- 1. **Figurative language**: is a popular sense, covers also a very considerable variety of elliptical and indirect modes of expression (Grindon 1879:1). In other statement, figurative is a language that uses words or expression with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation (www.grammar.yourdictionary.com).
- 2. **Song Lyric:** are words that make up a song usually consisting of verses and choruses (en.wikipedia.org).
- 3. **Social Context**: definition of a word, a sentence, or symbol by explaining of the phrase or statement in the culture and situation in which it appears.
- 4. **Coldplay**: The British band and who start her debut album in 1999, and today already have seven songs albums (www.wowkeren.com).