

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this chapter, the writer emphasizes the theories related to swearing. Swearing is related to verbal or obscene words which are categorized as taboo words. The following sections describe the idea of swearing and verbal obscenity and also the categories of verbal obscenity.

2.1 Sociolinguistics

When people interact with others in society at anytime and anywhere they must use a language. The role of language for the people in this life is very important. The study of linguistics reveals that language and society cannot be separated. It developed into sociolinguistics or the sociology of language. Fishman (in Chaer and Agustina, 2004:3) says that, “sociolinguistics is the study of characteristics of the language varieties, the characteristics of their functions, and the characteristics of language varieties, the characteristics of their functions, and the characteristics of the speaker as these three constantly interact, change and change one another within a speech community”. In addition, Holmes (2001:1) says that sociolinguistics is concerned with the relationship between language and the context in which it is used. Examining the way people use language in different social context provides a wealth information about the way language works, as well as about the social relationships in a community,

and the way people signal aspects of their social identity through the language.

Sociolinguistics actually discusses about language, sociolinguistics also discusses on how a language is used, so as understand the function well. From this statement, so it is clear that the role of sociolinguistics is to manage a language as its functions in society, or in other words sociolinguistics deals with a language as means of communication.

1.2. Taboo Words

The English word taboo is firstly derived from the ancient Polynesian language which simply means 'to forbid', 'forbidden' and refers to any sort of prohibition (Radcliffe-Brown, 1939:05). The prohibition might be in term of certain rules of etiquette, or command issued by a certain chief that orders people to obey such as an injunction to woman not to meddle with the possession of men. Freud in recent study completes the concept of taboo, that it denotes everything like persons, place, or transitory condition whose connotation refers to the words like 'sacred', 'above the ordinary', 'dangerous', 'unclean', and 'uncanny' (Freud, 1983: 20). Taboo words are not universal. Karjalainen (2002: 15) states that cultural background is the main factor that leads into culture specific taboo. He perfectly gives an example that the word 'meat' for Finn signifies meat in general function.

According to Sumarsono (2009: 05), Linguistics also concerns a lot with the taboo words as the result of the changing meaning of the words. The words which are supposed to be taboo are not used but then they are

used with other meanings. The words therefore have their different additional meanings. The taboo words are related to the politeness in social life, but on the other way round show the relationship among the speakers or the writers.

2.3 Swear words

Swear words is the way someone uses obscene words orally to insult or to curse, or even to offend something (someone or action), and also for emphasizing, when the person has strong emotion (Liedlich, 1973: 100). Usually, when someone has been insulted, the same person will feel offended and easily become angry. Sometimes, quarrelling and fighting will follow this situation. Before quarrelling and fighting, the person usually yells out the “swear words” to express his emotion to the other. However, those words still appear in the post of some people including their friends.

2.4 The Categories of Verbal Obscenity

Verbal obscenity has some categories of which all of them are viewed as indecent, dirty and always with the negative judgments. According to Liedlich (1973: 108), these indecent words and phrases are classified in many categories. There are six categories of verbal obscenity as follows:

a. Copulative Terms

These terms come from the terms ‘couple’ which means: a combination of two people (man and woman) united by marriage, and also having united in sexual intercourse. This term becomes ‘couple’ which

means something that connects or joins together, and then it becomes 'copulatives' which means things related to sexual intercourse between man and woman. The example of these categories is 'k*nthu', 'J*nc*k' (fuck).

b. Excretory Terms

These term 'excretory' comes from excrete' which means to separate and eliminate the solid waste matter or the bowels from our body through the anus. The word related to this term are 'tai,ta*k,t*lek' (shit),

c. The Name of Certain Scary Creature

The terms come from 'name of certain scary creature', such as 'Setan' or 'Iblis' (Devil), in English these words is not swearing, but based on Javanese culture is the representation of vice and scary physical appearance. It means that devil is association for someone with both ugly face and immoral.

d. Sexual Irregularities Term

The terms related to sexual irregularities (the person does not have permanent partner for sexual intercourse), which explain that the person likes to change a sex partner. The words related to his term are 'lonte' and 'kimcil' (bitch).

e. Animal Terms

The terms related to the behavior of animals, such as 'bajingan' (flea) frm the word 'bajing' (squirrel), 'asu' (dog), 'kethek' (monkey), 'jangkrik'

(cricket), and 'celeng' (pig). Sometimes these words are used to curse or to swear the bad attitude of a person.

f. Body Terms

The terms related to the part of body, such as 'rai mu' (your face), 'untu mu' (your teeth), 'ndas mu' (your head). Sometimes these words are used to express their emotion.

2.5 Purposes in the Use of Swear Words

In *Coming to Terms with Language: An Anthology*, Liedlich (1973: 108-115) says that the principal purposes of verbal obscenity are as follows:

a. Creating Attention

Using swear words in the society is successful in creating public attention. Swear words provide the most jolting and evocative stimulus to the society and it draws attention to it self as well as those who were using it. Although this may be a unique function of verbal obscenity, it is nevertheless its initial purpose.

b. Discrediting

Verbal obscenity expresses "a profound contempt for society's standards, a revolt against authority, and irreverence for things sacred" (Liedlich, 1973: 110). Discredit can happen when people who use swear words to express their disbelief about many things in reality which they assumed were not suitable with public opinion. As a result,

a person who likes to use swear words to discredit certain person, or institution is considered “breaking the rules”.

c. Provoking Violent Confrontation

One of the function of verbal obscenity is provoking violent confrontation. Even though physical acts of violence, such as throwing bricks and bottles in the window can provoke violent acts, verbal obscenity is the “most effective rhetorical method available to agitators for inciting a violent response” (Liedlich, 1973: 111). Some of the swear words contains this purpose when the speakers or the writers expects a certain response (violent confrontations) from the hearer or the reader. Therefore, these swear word is considered successful when the response is suitable with speaker or writer’s expectation.

d. Term of Endearment

This terms is a condition when somebody calls their friends’ names or nicknames with swear word without causing anger, so they use the swear words not to insult, to curse, to mock, and to offend their friends, However, the swear words not to insult, to curse, to mock, and to offend their friends. However, the swear words are used to make him and his friend closer in relationship.

2.6 Review of Previous Study

To enlarge our knowledge about linguistics, the writer reviews the previous study which has correlation with this study in the term of problem, research methodology and findings. The first previous was conducted

by Ardilies Trisila (2004) titled "Javanese swear words in the conversations of Petra Christian University male students in the boarding house". She observed the form of swear word in the conversations of Petra Cristian University male student in boarding house. In her thesis her researching on the style of language students in the boarding house who are constantly using swear words to communicate with their friends. The second previous is Desi Rahmawati (2013) titled "The use of swear words by junior high school student's 1 at Kota Baru Karawang West Java", in her thesis she analyzed the swear words used by student of junior high school. While, in this thesis the writer observed about purposes and categories of Javanese swear words in Javanese facebookers posted. In this thesis the writer analyze kinds of Javanese swear word in facebook and the writer also analyze the purpose. In two previous studies above the writers discuss about Swear word in male, but in this thesis the writer discuss about swear word in female, object this study is fecebookers post in facebook, this thesis has a purpose, the purpose is the writer want to help the rider to understand about Javanese swear word, kind of Javanese swear word and purpose someone used Javanese swear word, and the result of this thesis is the writer can fond kind of swear words and purpose of facebookers used swear words in facebook.