#### **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter consists of background of the study, problems of the study, objectives and significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key term.

# 1.1 Background of Study

Language is used for communication with other people using sound, symbol and words in expressing a meaning and language is a part of human everyday life. Wardaugh (1977:3) said that language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbol used by human communication. It means that language as a system that contains system of sound and system of meaning. Human beings use a language to communicate and interact each other. This statement gives explanation that language cannot separate for human life. A language is very important in a society. A language is used in every social activity. People use language to many purposes, like communication, discussion and other activities which have purpose to deliver information to other. The way to deliver the information can be presented by written and spoken. In written language, it deals with poem and novel, while in spoken language it can be songs, speech and others which are called literary work.

Some people, who have a great talent in art, try to present in a beautiful words. They express their feeling in a short of melodies called song. Song is containing of some lyrics. According to Gorlee definition of song lyric translation as a text that is similar to its source text in aspect relevant to its target culture presentation as a staged narrative to music. (Gorlee, 2005:263). Composers will compose a poetic text or lyric. They make melodies which have rhymes that poetic text. Then people can be persuaded to listen to what they said through their song.

In a song, there are some aspects that must be fulfilled by the composers, for instance figure of speech, rhyme, tone, theme and etc. In writing of song, a composer has limitation of using a word to express the message in a good and meaningful song in simple way. A song usually uses figure of speech in order to make a deep and great meaning. The composer's writing is different from what the common people usually states. The composer constructs sentences that need more attention to understand because they depart from the standard and imply literal meaning in figurative language. (Perrine, 1983:36). Another opinion said that Figure of speech are an of saying something than ordinary way. Since language can be conveniently classified as either literal or figurative, when we speak literally it means we intend to exactly what each word conveys, when we use figurative language we intend to something other than the actual meaning of the words (Di Yanni, 1994:412)

One example of stylistic devices in a literary work is the use of figure of speech. Figure of speech is the thing that makes the writing seems more beautiful than ever, for example: "I saw those rockets and bombs shining in the sky like drops of rain in the sun's light" in this example, it can be seen what the song talk about. It compares two things. In this context, it is comparing bombs shining in the sky which is like drops of rain in the sun's light. The figure of speech that is used in this lyric of the song commonly called simile.

The writer find those sentences or words most of in the song. the writer know that song is popular from past until present, the writer usually hear several famous singers as Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber, Selena Gomes, Ed Sheeren and so on. But in this research, the researcher focused on the message of Sheeren's song.

Some people have their own way to say or tell their feeling or thought by written and spoken. Many people like to deliver it in literature way, it can be in the form of speech, song and so on. Song is a universal language which has attractive power. Each word in a song has relation which gives sense.

Every sentence is selected in good formation by the author or the composer. It makes the sentences have unique when the reader read and make the reader have many possible thought about it. There are many things that the readers do after reading some of literature works especially song that has

beautiful word and enjoy for listening. The writer chooses to deeper in song. The writer will be analyzed the lyric of some Ed Sheeren's songs that consist of figure of speech and the meaning that found in the lyric based on its figure of speech. Actually, there are another theorist who explained about theory of figure of speech, but, the the writer used Perrine's theory of figure of speech. Because she described this theory well and could be understood easily, those made the writer easy to apply in analyzing data.

The writer chooses this analysis because Ed Sheeren is the success younger singer and composer from United Kingdom. He started to play guitar at a young age and also composed his own songs. He got many awards because his works that accepted by the listeners. When he was teenager, he moved to London to pursue his music, and improved his works with creativity that he has. Finally, he got the result that appropriate with his hard work. His song became number one on the iTunes chart before he ever signed with a record label. Ed Sheeren showed his genius and unique by writing the interesting topic in his song, as Lego House, Thinking Out Loud and others.

Another reason why the writer choose Ed Sheeren in this research, because most of the previous studies used poem as their object. The previous study by Elmega Febti under title "The study of the figure of speech in Wystan Hugh Auden's poems". Elmega wanted to know the kind of figure of speech and what are the meaning of figure of speech that are used in Wystan Hugh Auden's poems. Elmega takes the data from poem but in this research

the writer take the data from the song. Another previous study by Eka Kuswandini with the title "Figure of speech in the Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Poems". She is analyzing the types of figurative language and the figurative meaning in Browning's poems. But, in this research the writer analyzing the kind, the meaning and the mostly figure of speech that used in Ed Sheeren's selected song. Vinna was also analyzed about figure of speech with the title "The figure of speech used by the writer of "Pojok" column in "Kompas" newspaper". Vinna's study found out the figure of speech that appears in the newspaper. There are different purposes in here; the writer purpose is to show the figure of speech by Ed Shereen song, and Vinna's purpose to show what the figure of speech used in newspaper. There are many previous study analyzed about figure of speech but Ed Sheeren's song never analyzed before. That is why the writer interest to analyzes the figure of speech that used by the Ed Sheeren's songs entitled "The Figure of Speech in Ed Sheeren's Selected Songs".

#### 1.2 Problem of the Study

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

- 1. What kinds and the meaning of figure of speech which appear in *Ed Sheeren's* selected songs?
- **2.** Which figures of speech are mostly used by the author?

## 1.3 Objectives of the Study

In relation to the previous problems above, the objectives of the study are:

- 1. To find out the kind and reveal the meaning of figure of speech is used in *Ed Sheeren's* selected songs.
- 2. To identify the mostly used figures of speech in *Ed Sheeren's* selected songs.

### 1.4 Significance of the Study

The significance of this research is to get clear the kind, the meaning, and the most of figure of speech that found in these songs lyrics. Based on this, the writer hopes that the readers can get more advantage, especially for the student to understand using of figure of speech as an effective way of communicating an idea that is not easily understood because of its abstract nature.

## 1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research is linguistic which is specified into figure of speech that used in Es Sheeren's selected song and their meaning by using an approach the basis of semantic. This research is limited on theory of figure of speech by Laurence Perrine (1987), they are Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Apostrophe, Metonymy, Symbol, Allegory, Paradox,

Overstatement, Understatement, Irony. The writer also limit her study on five songs of Ed Sheeren, they are *Thinking out loud, Don't, Photograph, Lego House, and Kiss Me*. The researcher chooses Ed Sheeren's songs because those contain of figure of speech and also fame in the entire of teenagers.

#### 1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In this explanation the writer will give definition related to support the title and also to avoid misunderstanding and the best way for the reader knows this study.

Figure of speech is figurative language in the form of a single word or phrase. Moreover, according to Perrine figure of speech is another way of saying something than the ordinary way (Perrine, 1987:581)

Song is set of word or set of music to be sung. Song is the combination of word or lyric and the musical instrument (www.oxforddictionaries.com)

Ed Sheeren is a name of the younger singer and also composer who was born on February 17, 1991, in Halifax, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom.