

The Use of Swear Word in the Movie “Fast and Furious 5”

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ABSTRACT

This study was aimed at examining the use of swear word in the movie “Fast And Furious5”. The objectives if this study were to find out the ways of using swear word in the movie. This study was conducted by descriptive qualitative method. The source of data was transcript the movies. The data were identified, analyzed, and categorized based on Ljung (2012) theory. The technique of data collection was interactive model by Miles and Huberman (2014). The study showed that : 1. There are three ways of using swear words such as (1) interjection, (2) emphasizer, (3), expletive slot filler in each movies, but from all of that ways interjections is the most in this movie.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji penggunaan kata makian dalam film *Fast and Furious 5*. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui cara-cara penggunaan kata makian dalam film tersebut. Penelitian ini dilakukan dengan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Sumber data penelitian ini adalah transkrip film. Data diidentifikasi, dianalisis, dan dikategorikan berdasarkan teori L. Jung (2012). Teknik pengumpulan data menggunakan model interaktif oleh Miles dan Huberman (2014). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat tiga cara penggunaan kata makian, yaitu (1) interjeksi, (2) penegas (emphasizer), dan (3) pengisi slot ekspletif (expletive slot filler) dalam film tersebut. Dari ketiga cara tersebut, interjeksi merupakan bentuk yang paling dominan digunakan dalam film ini..

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1. INTRODUCTION

Language is the most important component of communication in the world. Humans apply language to establish communication and use it to communicate with one another. If they really speak the same language, they can communicate. The importance of language in human life cannot be overstated. Language is indeed a tool and the way of using for people in society and activity to interact and communicate and changing ideas that the other are welcomed in their lives. The ability to socialize is one of language's characteristics. It suggests a close relationship between language and society. It is important to know and comprehend to preserve interpersonal relationships through communication (Chaer and Austina, 2010:11).

Language is a system of communication based upon words and the combination of words into sentences, We are able to exchange knowledge, beliefs, opinions, wishes, threats, commands, thanks, promises, declarations, feelings – only our imagination sets limits. We can laugh to express amusement, happiness, or disrespect, we can smile to express amusement, pleasure, approval, or bitter feelings, we can shriek to express anger, excitement, or fear, we can clench our fists to express determination, anger or a threat, we can raise our eyebrows to express surprise or disapproval, and we can swear when we disagree about something or angry and when we heard badnews , but our system of communication before anything else is language. We use language to express inner thoughts and emotions, make sense of complex and abstract thought, to learn to communicate with others, to fulfill our wants and needs, as well as to establish rules and maintain our culture.

One of the language functions is a tool to show one's expression or feeling of anger, happiness, sadness, and loneliness. In expressing it, people have many ways of using language and one of them is by producing swearing words. People always associate swear words with nasty words, which are not allowed

to be used in a conversation or talk. Swear words are fascinating. Society condemns them, few admit use them, and still, everybody swears, at least occasionally. In simple words, swear words are contradictive for people in communication. Swearing makes many people upset, annoyed, insulted, mad or even angry. It is really a verbal harassment if other people hear it.

Hughes (1991) commented that swearing draws upon such powerful and incongruous resonators as religion, sex, madness, excretion, and nationality, encompassing an extraordinary variety of attitudes, including the violent, the amusing, the shocking, the absurd, the casual and the impossible. It can be simplified that the usage of swearing will give negative impacts on the hearers.

Meanwhile, Dutton (2007) argued that swearwords have negative meanings because they are disgusting, rude, and offensive. He also stated that most people found words such as *fuck* and *cunt* offensive at least to a degree and associated negative ideas with those who used such words. Hughes (1991) who said that people swear *by*, people swear *to* (do something), people swear *at* (somebody or something) and sometimes people swear simply out of exasperation. That means Swear words are a natural part of our language, and they are undoubtedly one of the most efficient ways to do away with extra frustration or anger in difficult situations.

People do the swear because they want to express themselves and it is an expressive act. When people feel stressed, confused, angry, sad, they use swear words to express their feeling. Knowing English swear words means that people get new English non-formal vocabulary, so they can use it in the right place and situation. According to (Heins, 2007; McEnery 2006), “swear words are sanctioned or restricted on both institutional and individual levels under the assumption that some harm will occur is a swear word is spoken”. The exact nature of harm to befall the speaker, listener, or society has never been entirely clear. “Swear words are also useful and effective ways of conveying that you feel very strongly about something or of inciting strong feelings in someone else, even when used outside of their traditional emotions” (Jay, 2009a; Pinker, 2007). Reasons for using or not using swear words depend on the conversational goals of the speaker. Jay (2009a) stated that “swearing is like using a horn on your car, which can be used to signify a number of emotions (e.g., anger, frustration, joy, surprise)”. Swearing occurs when the people experience a strong emotion or when they want to accomplish certain goals through swearing.

The movie industry gave up a long time ago, although it is hard to pinpoint the exact moment when profanity became mainstream in movies and television. Those are two different histories, of course. Television was slower to accept profanity because the television sits meekly in the home, as a family friend. Its right to offend has never been universally accepted.

Movies, by tradition, required more effort. In 1970, if you didn't want to hear f-- in a movie, you didn't buy a ticket to Robert Altman's *M*A*S*H*, the first major studio film to use the word (when John Schuck, as Walter "Painless" Waldowski, tells an opposing football player: "All right bud, your f--ing head is coming right off").the spread of profanity in movies probably began in Britain,as it did in literature. Two British films used f-- in 1967: a version of James Joyce's *Ulysses* and the Michael Winner film *I'll Never Forget What's'isname*.

In the movies that we watch everyday we hear so many actors use swear words in various forms swear word, swear word that there is a form of taboo words or swear words but the meaning of the word it is not for the swearing opponent speech, but only to replace the original meaning of the swear word there is also a form of formulaic language and the last one swear word as a emotive language.

Swear words also used in movie by the characters. The writer is interested to analyze swear words in the movie because swear words are a part of English language that is popularly used in the world of media such as movies and music. Swear words in English often used by people in their daily life such as “fuck” and “shit” to convey their emotion of anger. The writer chose Fast And Furious 5, because the movie is one of popular movies and has the strong characters.

2. METHOD

This study will be conducted by applying descriptive qualitative design. According to Bogdan and Biklen (1992) qualitative research is descriptive. The utterances of characters will be transcript. And this study use the Magnus L. Jung theory approach they are (1) interjection, (2) emphaziser, (3) expletive slot fillers.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Ways of Using Swear Words

Theoretically, there are three ways of using Swear Word, they are (1) interjection, (2) emphaziser, (3) expletive slot fillers (Ljung, 2011). All of these ways are found in the movie. Each of there ways is presented as follows.

1. Interjections

Interjections are utterances of Swear Word expressing surprise, pain, fear, anger, disappointment, even joy, emphatic, disagreement, incredulity, speaker stance (Ljung, 2011). By using this concept as the predetermined category, the data analysis found out that the interjection happens in the movies, as show in data 1.

Data 1.

Jacob :Dom. Dom?

Dom :What the hell? This is **BULLSHIT**.

(FaF /p.23/L-24)

In data 1, the phrase *bullshit* to be swear word according to the encyclopedia of swearing. Its meaning is “ nonsense, rubbish, lies ” (Hughes,2006).

In data 1, the expression of “ *Bullshit* “ implicitly convey that Jacob thought that he was in consigning situation became his house was forfeited, it is informed in a notice sticked to his house wall.

This situation made Jacob feel angry or disappointed and spontaneously by expressions his feeling by saying “ what the hell “

In this movie, the interjjection is used to express 7 kinds of meaning as seen in table 4.1

Table 4.1 The swear word used in Interjjection

No	Quotes	Identity	Swear word
1	Surprise	(Faf /p.24/L-20)	Jacob :Luke. Luke? Luke? Luke :What the HELL ? This is BULLSHIT
2	Fear	(FaF /p.29/L-6)	Reyes :Hey, what is he doing?We've got him!Close down the bridge!Do something, ASSHOLE !Kill him, DAMMIT !
3	Disappointment	(FaF /p.6/L-8)	Dom : DAMN ! [listen the explanation from vince]
4	Emphatic	(FaF /p.3/L-20)	BRIAN: This roofing plastic says YOU'RE FULL OF SHIT .
5	Disagreement	(FaF /p.5/L-13)	Brian : that is such HORSE SHIT [listen the explpain from vince]
6	Incredulity	(FaF /p.3/L-13)	Brian : Bridge! There is a bridge! Brian: OH, SHIT ! [when the car jump to the river]
7	Speaker stance	(FaF /p.5/L-6)	Hobbs : STAY THE FUCK OUT OF MY WAY . [listener the police]

2. Emphasizers

Swearing in English is often used to place emphasis on a following noun (Ljung,2011). In this definition, *emphasis* is considered as giving stress on something. The emphasis is usually formed in WH-words, as seen in data 2

Data 2

Brian : That's just it. I don't remember shit about my dad. I don't remember him yelling .I don't remember him smiling . To be honest with you, I don't even remember **what the Hell** looked like. I don't remember. he just.... he was just never there. (FaF/p.8/L-18)

In data 2 *Hell* is considered as swear word. Firstly, it is because the word matches the characteristic of swear word as presented in the encyclopedia of swearing (Huges,2006). The meaning of “fuck” in the encyclopedia is not any more as it was, meaning something related to copulation. Currently, its meaning becomes wider and its use also wider, not limited certain speaking or situation. According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, the *Hell* means anger, contempt or disgust. In the four movies, swear words are used once by using swear words as seen in table 4.2

Table 4.2 The swear word used in emphaziers

No	Quotes	Identity	Swear word
1	Interrogative	(FaF/ L-18)	Brian : That’s just it. I don’t remember SHIT about my dad. I don’t remember him yelling .I don’t remember him smiling . To be honest with you, I don’t even remember what the Hell looked like. I don’t remember. he just.... he was just never there.

3. Expletive slot fillers

Expletive slot fillers are expressions indicating a speaker attitude towards something by using swear word. The function of the swear word in the expression is to intensify the attitude. The intensify function of the swear word may be realized by using swear word with (1) adverbs which intensify the adverb, with (2) adjective which intensify the adjective and (3) using the swear word itself as adjective. By using this concept as the predetermined category, the data analysis found out that the expletive slot fillers happens in the movies, as show in data 3

Data 3

Hobbs : The GT40 that was missing from the manifest.

Mac :87, Followed the trail a couple of miles.Pretty easy in this scrub.Can’t move without leaving a sign.

Hobbs :Give me **the DAMN** veggies.

Mac:The ground rolls into a hardpack and we lost that track, too. (FaF/L-11)

In data 3, *Damn* is considered as swear word because according to encyclopedia of swear word, damn belongs to swear word. The meaning of damn in its original sense is *damnare*, which in Latin, it means secular and legal, “to condemn, doom to punishment or inflict damage upon,” which are the early senses of *damn* in Middle English. (Hughes,2006)

The word of *damn* is used to express of speaker attitudes of Hobs, he felt anger to Dom and tried to looking for Dom and want to show he is a hero and stronger than other. In the four movies, swear words are used seven times as seen in table 4.3

Table 4.3 The Expletive slot fillers are used by using two different class of way

No	Quotes	Identity	Swear word
1	Adverbs which intensify the adverbs	(FaF /p.7/L-11)	Hobbs :Give me the DAMN veggies.
2	Adjective which intensify the adjective	(FaF /p.5/L-18)	Vince : Ithought the job was for the cars.I didn’t know. All they want is the chip. Dom : DAMN!
3	Using swear word itself as adjective	(FaF /p.12/L-33)	Tej : That’s for DAMN sure
4	Adjective which intensify the adjective	(FaF /p.13/L-2)	Rome : Ooh. Hello, beautiful. Look at those dimples. Sexy sexy love those glasses.Where did you get them from? Are those like Gucci frames or something? No English? No, no , no. DAMN.
5	Adjective which intensify the adjective	(FaF /p.5/L-18)	Vince : Ithought the job was for the cars.I didn’t know. All they want is the chip. Dom : DAMN!

No	Quotes	Identity	Swear word
6	Using swear word itself as adjective	(FaF /p.12/L-5)	Hobbs : Wilkes! Run the photos of known associates of Toretto and O’Conner againts customs entries into Brazil in the last two weeks. Check planes, trains, boats, everything short of THE GOD DAMN space shuttle
7	Adverbs which intensify the adverbs	(FaF /p.15/L-6)	Diogo : Held the record on the Avenida three years running . DAMN , bro

Tabulation of the ways of using swear word

No	Ways of using swear word	No	Quotes	Data	Total
1	Interjection	1	Surprise	(FaF / p.23/L-24) (FaF /p.3/L-11) (FaF/p.3/L-13) (FaF/10/L-25)	23
		2	Pain	(FaF /p.24/L-21) (FaF /p.11/L-6)	
		3	Fear	(FaF /p.29/L-6)	
		4	Anger	(FaF /p.21/L-18) (FaF /p.20/L-25) (FaF /p.21/L-18) (FaF /p.24/L-25) (FaF /p.5/L-9)	
		5	Disappointment	(FaF /p.6/L-8) (FaF/p.14/L-23)	
		6	Even joy	(FaF p.6/L-3)	
		7	Emphatic	(FaF /p.3/L-20) (FaF /p.10/L-12) (FaF/p.11/L-29)	
		8	Disagreement	(FaF /p.5/L-13) (FaF /p.3/L-20) (FaF /p.5/L-13)	
		9	Incredulity	(FaF/ p.3/L-13)	
		10	Speaker stance	(FaF/ p.5/L-6)	
2	Emphasizers	1	WH-Question	(FaF /p.6/L-20) (FaF /p.20/L-25) (FaF /p.21/L-18) (FaF /p.24/L-20) (FaF /p.24/L-25) (FaF/ p.9/L-29) (FaF/ p.18/L-20) (FaF/p.8/L-16) (Faf/p.17/L-18) (FaF /p.24/L-7) (FaF /p.8/L-16) (Faf/p.28/L-12) (FaF /p.23/L.13)	13

No	Ways of using swear word	No	Quotes	Data	Total
3	Expletive slot fillers	1	Adverbs	(FaF /p.7/L-11)	3
		2	Adjective	(FAF/p.7/L-14)	
		3	Swear word itself as adjective	(FaF /p.7/L-3)	
Total					39

B. Discussion

Based on the data analysis, showed that there are three ways of swear words in the four movies there are (1) Interjection, (2) Emphasizer, and (3) Expletive Slot Fillers, and interjection is the movie. Psychology motives give the big effect to the using of the swear words of them in the movies.

4. CONCLUSION

If we relate it to everyday life, swear words can be an example of non formal words. So, that its use can also be done outside the formal environment, such as at home, in the park or at the mall, and with focus on the purpose of the interlocutor such as our friends or partner. Based on the context of conversation and monologue in Fast and furious 5, the intention of using swear words are to inform, to express anger, to show annoyance, to show exasperation, to show satisfaction, to show the feeling of panic, to show sense of fear, to sneer, to show surprised, to show resentment, to show dislike, to show upset, to show aggravation, to show frustration, and to make a joke. And the theory of Magnus ljung are (1) interjection, (2) emphaziser, (3) expletive slot fillers, the ways of using the swear words.

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