

## AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS IN “RAMONA AND BEEZUS” MOVIE

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### **Abstrak**

*Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengklasifikasikan jenis-jenis slang, memahami makna kontekstual dari slang, dan mengidentifikasi fungsi slang dalam film Ramona dan Beezus. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Sumber data penelitian ini adalah film dan percakapan dalam film. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa ada 47 bahasa gaul dalam film Ramona dan Beezus. Peneliti menemukan bahwa kata slang diklasifikasikan berdasarkan jenis slang yaitu fresh dan kreatif, flippant, imitasi, akronim, klipling. Temuan kedua adalah faktor sosial dan jarak sosial pada percakapan dapat menentukan makna kontekstual dari slang, yaitu partisipan yang terlibat dan topik percakapan. Temuan ketiga, penulis menemukan lima fungsi slang, yaitu untuk menyapa, mempermalukan, memulai percakapan santai, mengungkapkan kesan, dan mengungkapkan kemarahan.*

**Kata kunci:** *fungsi, makna kontekstual, slang, tipe, tokoh-tokoh.*

### **Abstract**

The objectives of this research are to classify the type of slang words, to work out the contextual meaning of slang words, and to spot the functions of slang in Ramona and Beezus movies. This research used a descriptive qualitative method. The source of data of this research used the movie and also the dialogue of the movie. The result showed that there are 47 slang words in Ramona and Beezus movies. The researcher found that the slang words are formed based on the types of slang those are, fresh & creative, flippant, imitative, acronym, clipping. The second of finding was about the social factors and social distant set the contextual meaning of slang words, which are participant and the subject of conversation. As for the third finding, five functions of slang words was found within the movie which are to address, to humiliate, to initiate relaxing conversation, to show impression, and to reveal anger.

**Keywords:** *characters, contextual meaning, function, slang, types.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Language may be a system of how humans communicate or interact with other humans in standard of living. In society and culture, language is utilized to specific feelings, ideas, thoughts,

and emotions. Languages always improve time by the time considering the social circumstance and human's requirements (Syamsu, Awaluddin., 2021). Chaika (1994) Languages change overtime, new words are created in any human language. Humans have capabilities to make words, using old (sounds, words and sentences) during a new style, arrange sentences they have never known before, and blend clauses into wholly new converses. When languages are modification, it will make many types in language. It based on wherein the language is utilized. Whether, it is from state or degree of education to gain diversities of languages. In language variant, it signifies humans talk in numerous systems over the period of time, for instance on the interest of linguists as lingua francas, pidgins, creoles, jargon, taboo languages and slang. This research is focused on slang as a language variant that happens in US. Some linguists imply slang as follows:

Eble (1996) States that slang is known as nonstandard or informal language and largely colloquial words and phrases that individuals commonly utilize in colloquial terms or utterance. In some societies, people use slang to establish or affirm social identity or cohesiveness within groups. For instance, the slang 'damn' is utilized by some persons in their circle to signify an utterance of amazement or wonderment. Holmes (2013) States that slang is included within the vocabulary area that reflects people's age. Slang also takes a prerogative of the youth on behalf of being considered uncommon by older people generally. Additionally, slang belongs to the identity of a particular group.

From the definitions above, it concludes that slang nowadays is straggle everywhere over the world. Slangs commonly found in teenagers or young persons' conversations. Slangs reflect the social status of the speaker. Additionally, people normally think that slang belongs to a partial group of people. In other words, slang is dominantly utilized by teenagers. Slang words not only happen in daily converse, but also it will even be discovered within the conversation of flicks. By movies, the watchers can recognize the purpose and values which are contained within the movie via the language that is gained by the actor or actress. Yet, in some points, the watchers rarely catch the aim of the movie or understand about language that appeared in the movie, especially when the variant of language is utilized, like slang. The instance is also a movie about American people. That thing cannot be separated from the social background of its society. In most cases, people understand that slang is dominantly utilized by teenagers. The occurrence of this research relies on the movie which can be elaborated. The use of Ramona and Beezus movies is employed in arranging research. This movie is a couple of standard American family among children and adults utilize slang dominantly. Arranging slang research on this movie is crucial, since this movie depicts American people. Nowadays, plenty of slang is utilized within the existence of America citizens. Thus, understanding slang will help us to avoid misunderstanding while interacting with America citizens.

## **METHOD**

The research method utilized during this research was descriptive qualitative because the aim of this research tried to supply a top level view of the types, contextual meaning and functions of slang utilized by the characters in Ramona and Beezus movies. Qualitative research is identifying phenomenon from the point of view of the participants. It suggests understanding a culture-sharing group and learns how it develops shared patterns of behavior over time. One of the key elements of collecting data during this manner is to look at participants' behavior during their engagement in activities (Creswell & Creswell, 2018).

The source of data during this research used the movie and also the converse of the movie as primary data source. Additionally, the review of the movie was used as secondary data as references for social distant and social factors. The research instruments employed in this research were movie scripts of Ramona and Beezus, Ramona and Beezus movies that had a duration of 1 hour and 30 minutes, laptop and Media Player.

## FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

During this research there were three primary discussions. The first is that the classification of types of slang word. The second is the contextual meaning of slang words. The last one is that the function of slang words utilized by the characters in the movie.

### 1. The Types of Slang Words Utilized in Ramona and Beezus Movie

#### a. Fresh and Creative Type

14 data were found which had been classified as fresh and creative types. Fresh and creative means a slang language that is entirely a new word or vocabulary, informal variety, brilliance, imagination, and it can also be an up-to-date word. We probably did not recognize once we used slang because of the fact that slang is common in our mind since it came up a protracted long ago in our standard of living. The data has been established to be categorized as fresh and creative types, those slang words are *daddy, buddy, doofus, guys, doodles, bucks, fancy, troll, trendy, jerk, stuff, folk, crummy, gosh*. The primary slang word during this type is that the word daddy. In Dalzell (2018, p. 204), the slang word daddy is usually patronizing within the US of 1928 utilized as a mention of hail a person, especially for an older male.

#### b. Flippant Type

There 5 data were found that had been classified as flippant types. Flippant means a slang word created by two words or more within which those words arranged do not seem to be associated with the denotative meaning. When two words are detached, those absolutely have dissimilar meanings on those own, but when those words are putting on one phrase, the meaning is totally dissimilar from the initial words. the information categorized into flippant type are the slang words like *icky sticky, butt out, jungle gym, shake the rust out, big deal*.

#### c. Imitative Type

There are 20 imitative slang types. Imitative means slang words imitate Standard English, using SE in several meanings or a mixture of two different words. *Awesome, wanna, mudball, sweetie, crunch, pickle, honey, picky-picky, gonna, lemme, crush, babe, gotcha, lovelies, gotta, chief, sweethearts, nutball, kiddo, cool, kinda and shot* were the slang words that are established during this research. The primary slang utterance as imitative type is awesome. Awesome is combination of words which born of awe and some.

#### d. Acronym type

Acronym is that the type of slang word that utilizes the primary letter of every word in a very phrase or an acronym type is created by the initials from a gaggle or syllables of words to create an acronym. during this research, there is just one data of slang that is included in acronym type. It is the slang word A3.

#### e. Clipping Type

Clipping is one in every of a spread of slang created by erasing a few parts of longer words to be shorter from the identical meaning. Those words which are commonly utilized may be cut into shorter one. As an example, the word dad is shortened from the word daddy. Additionally,

this type is not suggesting utilizing in informal converse. There are 6 data found of slang words that include clipping types like *dad*, *thinkin*, *struttin*, *jammin*, *somethin*, and *mom*.

## 2. The Contextual Meaning of Slang Words Utilized in Ramona and Beezus Movie

This research used two different dictionaries and supported Holmes' theory, those are those are social distance and social factors to seek out the contextual meaning. Below is the example:

**Table 1.** Contextual Meaning of a Fresh & Creative

Data Code	Slang	Social Relation	Setting	Topic	Contextual Meaning
20/FCT/00:17:43	Doofus	Intimate	Bed room	Scared of something.	A stupid; incompetent person; a foolish person.
29/FCT/00:34:59	Bucks	Distant	Road	Car wash business.	A Dollar; to resist something.
33/FCT/00:45:55	Troll	Intimate	Washing room	Crack a raw egg in the head.	An ugly creature depicted as either a giant or a dwarf; an ugly person.

**Table 2.** Contextual Meaning of a Flippant

Data Code	Slang	Social Relation	Setting	Topic	Contextual Meaning
15/FT/00:07:51	Butt Out	Intimate	Kitchen	Bad report card	To stop interfering one's affair.
34/FT/00:52:30	Shake the Rust Out	Intimate	Music room	Playing music instrument.	To stop being so uptight about something.

**Table 3.** Contextual Meaning of an Imitative

Data Code	Slang	Social Relation	Setting	Topic	Contextual Meaning
07/IT/00:04:30	Crunch	Intimate	Living room	Asking for business.	To analyze something, especially a large amount of data.
27/IT/00:31:28	Nutball	Intimate	Beezus bed room	Angry feeling.	An odd or strange person; a crazy person.
41/IT/01:08:04	Shot	Intimate	Kitchen	Making dinner	An opportunity; an attempt to do something.

**Table 4.** Contextual Meaning of an Acronym

Data Code	Slang Words	Social Relation	Setting	Topic	Contextual Meaning
30/AT/00:37:26	A3	Distant	Hobart's car	Make a joke	Anywhere, anytime, any place

**Table 5.** Contextual Meaning of a Clipping

Data Code	Slang Words	Social Relation	Setting	Topic	Contextual Meaning
38/CT/00:34:26	Struttin'	Distant	Road	Ignoring someone	To walk proudly and show off one's best features or talents.
35/CT/00:52:32	Jammin'	Intimate	Music room	Palying music instrument together	To play music with others; improvising with other musicians.

### 3. The Function of Using Slang Words Utilized in Ramona and Beezus Movie

#### a. To Address

##### 06/FCT/00:04:19

Ramona :” Dad’s home! **Daddy** prepares for the impact!”

Robert :” Hey! How’s my beautiful girl?”

According to Dalzell (2018, p. 204), the slang word daddy is commonly patronized within the U.S. 1928 utilized as a mention of hail a person, especially for an older male.

##### 09/FT/00:04:48

Robert :” Sorry about that, **icky sticky**.”

Ramona :” Dad, it’s Picky-Picky. When are you gonna learn his real name?”

The use of slang features a tendency to keep up intimate relations because of the very fact that Robert used this type of hail to form a sally with her daughter. Thus, the slang of icky-sticky had purposed to address.

#### b. To Humiliate

##### 42/FCT/01:08:16

Ramona :” Quimby residence here. Oh, Henry. I ain’t sure Beezus is available.”

Beezus : “Give it! Stop! Give it to me!”

Ramon :” She’d be at the bathroom.”

Beezus :” Go away! You **jerk**.”

This slang word is categorized as expressing humiliation when the speaker used this type of slang word to disgrace other speakers. The word jerk means a stupid or a worthless person (Spears, 2000, p. 228).

#### c. To Initiate Relax Conversation

##### 38/FT/00:59:35

Beezus :” He ain’t as funny as those days.”

Henry :” What’s going on?”

Beezus :” He lost his job a few weeks ago.”

Henry :” Beezus, it was a **big deal**. Why don’t you tell me?”

The word **big deal** means something really important (Spears, 2000, p. 29). Henry used slang words a **big deal** rather than a heavy problem because he wanted to initiate relaxing conversation

by using another variant of word. Speakers who have close relationships with others tend to use specific vocabulary so as to form the dialogue run more relaxed so that they may feel easier.

#### d. To Express Impression

31/FCT/00:44:13

Howie :” Whoa. You look **fancy**, Susan.”

Susan :” My mother helps me pick out the perfectly ensemble.”

Howie complimented Susan since she wearing an enthralling look. Howie chose the slang word fancy instead of pretty because he tendency to go with Susan in a very another way. Thus, the slang word fancy includes a showing impression.

01/IT/00:02:16

Howie :” You’d have seen it through a window. It’s **awesome**.”

Romana :”It made me really dizzy, but I want to do it again.”

Howie was amazed by Ramona’s engaging at school. He utilized slang awesome to mean great or excellent in purpose to indicate his impression because of the actual fact that Ramona did a beautiful thing by hanging the other way up on a monkey ring in school.

#### e. To Reveal Anger

15/FT/00:07:51

Robert :” Why’d she wrote this, Ramona?”

Ramona :” Cause, she ain’t fun. She made us all used the same words from the same list and when I tried to be an original, she just shot me down .... What kind of teacher is that? She couldn’t tell kids not to invent words. She ain’t president of the word. You should **Butt out** Beezus.”

The setting of the conversation occurred within the kitchen. Robert asked Ramona if she got a nasty report from Ramona’s school and she made a reason that her teacher was not good, harking the non-sense reason Beezus laughed at Ramona, and she expressed anger utilized slang words **butt out** instead of go with herself business. Thus, this slang word is categorized into showing an anger.

## CONCLUSION

This research has examined three problem statements, which are: (i) There were five types of slang words those are fresh and creative, flippant, imitative, acronym, and clipping type, (ii) In the contextual meaning there are three distant relations and eight intimate relations, (iii) There were five functions of slang words. Which are, to address, to humiliate, to initiate relaxing conversation, to express impression and to revealing anger. In total slang words employed by the characters within the movie, 47 slang words were found which are classified as types of slang words in which fourteen in the fresh & creative, five slang words of flippant, twenty slang words of imitative, one slang word of acronym, and six slang word of clipping. From those slang words, the contextual meaning is decided supported the relation and social factors like the participant, the setting of converse, and also the topic of converse. In addition, in the functions of slang, 7 slang words are found. Those are, 2 slang words to address, 1 slang word to humiliate, 1 slang word to initiate relaxing conversation, 2 slang words to express impression, and 1 slang word to reveal anger.

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