CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Research Background

Literature is essential because it helps many people convey meaning and ideas through the written word. It is a powerful form of communication that has been used for centuries to capture the human experience's complexities and share knowledge in education. According to (Dame, 2018), literature can create a world of imagination and literature is also a medium of expression that transcends its literal interpretation. This statement from Norde Dame is tells people about language contains inherent complexities that allow interpreting meaning beyond words. In literature, the diversity of elements can enhance its meaning and flavour. Writers often employ figurative language and imagery to render their works more aesthetically pleasing and thought-provoking. Through such techniques, the writer's words become more effective and memorable.

Understanding figurative language also improves reading comprehension, which is crucial in literature. Figurative language is a term used to describe language that is not meant to be taken literally, with the meaning of the entire phrase being different from the literal meanings of its individual parts (Vulchanova et al., 2015). There is figurative language in all kinds of writing, particularly poetry. It provides ambiance, inspires emotions, and adds depth to literature. Those who comprehend figurative language can evaluate and analyze literature more thoroughly and accurately. In literature, there are so many sentences using figurative language that can make non-native readers of that literature a bit of confuse because some figurative language is confusing. An example is a sentence, "I am hungry and want to eat a whole of the world." The meaning of this sentence is not necessarily real about a man who wants to eat a whole of the world. This case is why figurative language is so crucial for everyone who uses the English language, for there are no misunderstandings and beautiful sentences in the language. People who understand figurative language can recognize the resercher's decisions and the tale's or poetry's aim. Figurative language is also used in many arts, such as stories, poems, and songs.

Furthermore, it is also essential to comprehend and understand imagery in reading comprehension. The usage of imagery illustrates and describes a

sentence into something that can be imagined. This is certainly vital for both writers and readers. Moreover, as (Arp et al., 2009) stated, imagery should employ suitable literary disciplines wherever possible. To make the text more effective to read and imagine, imagery should be used to create a vivid and realistic understanding of the text for the reader, as it can be used to evoke emotion and portray the characters or events in the text more dynamically. Furthermore, it can provide a basis for comparison or contrast to help readers understand the text better. An example of imagery is, "The sun appeared as a luminous ball of flame in the sky". This sentence is an example of imagery language as it utilizes vivid descriptions to draw a picture in the reader's imagination. Using "luminous" and "flame" to describe the sun, the reader can envisage the sun in the sky, forming a vivid image. Individuals ought to be aware of and capable of recognizing imagery language since it can aid in creating a vivid image in the reader's mind, making the text more captivating and evocative. To further illustrate this point, imagery language can also describe a wide range of topics, such as emotions, actions and objects, enabling the reader to understand the text better.

Literature comes in many forms, particularly songs that everyone of this world widely hear. A song becomes an art in music, language, and sound art involving the rhythm and colour of the singer's voice.. In contrast to becoming a language and a form of sound art, each song also works as a form of sound art that integrates the melody and hue of the singer's voice (Suciati, 2021). Songs are also a way for musicians or artists to communicate their issues, feelings, or viewpoints through a creation that may be performed at any time. This creates music priceless for each individual who listens to it. The song becomes the most prevalent aspect of people's everyday lives since it has various effects on the listener. Due to the enormous numbers of song listeners worldwide, song listeners ought to be able to understand the meaning of the song's lyrics so that no misunderstandings or misinterpretations occur. The prevalence of songs employing figurative language is another reason why song interpretation is so important. Many evolutions of song from every era cannot be denied that many genres, bands, or musicians in this world will fade over time. But in case not always old musician can be replaced by the new one. Some singers, bands, or someone sometimes cannot fade of the time, one of them is the 1960s' greatest band from Liverpool, England, the Beatles.

The Beatles' popularity has produced many songs that many people in this world still listen to. The beatless songs' beautiful meanings must conceive some language elements, such as figurative language. Their popularity also can be seen in their music, and their style still lingers now. According to (Redondo, 2015) due to the oversaturation of modern songs on the radio and other platforms today, people are fond of hearing old music to bring back pleasant memories. He also states that listening to the music performed these days could quickly become tedious. Based on the fact that many older songs have their unique positive traits and nuances, making them incomparable to more contemporary music. In his statement, (Belk, 2012) also said that an old song would bring back wonderful memories. The Beatles are one of the most well-known bands in history (Gutzmer, 2019) . Their popularity also caused some production about The Beatles still makes things that are inspired by them, like a song, books, or movies and also their song are still popular for many people in this world. Many people are still excited about some movies inspired by The Beatles. One of the movies is "Yesterday" movie in 2019. Based on IMDB sites, this film reached about $154.6 million for its views. It means The Beatles still being a great band and looking forward to this world that never changes by the time until now.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher conducts research to explore further the figurative language and imagery used in the Beatles album entitled Abbey Road. Thus, the researcher becomes interested in further analysing figurative language in The Beatles album. This is also why researchers would strive to make this study as appealing as possible.

Research Focus

This research focuses on categorizing and understanding the figurative language and imagery utilized in The Beatles' Abbey Road album. The researchers concentrates on these two topics, whereas individuals cannot easily discern figurative language and imagery from music in this album.

Research Question

1. What are the types of Figurative Language that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles?
2. What are the types of Imagery that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles?
3. What are the meanings of the Figurative Language that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles?
4. What is the most dominant figurative language and imagery in the Abbey Road album?

Research Objective

1. To find the types of Figurative Language that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles.
2. To find the types of Imagery that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles.
3. To find the meanings of the Figurative Language and Imagery that can be found in Abbey Road album by The Beatles.
4. To find what is the most dominant figurative language and imagery in the Abbey Road album

Research Benefits

The researcher expects this research can give a lot of benefits and valuable knowledge to the readers, especially students of English Education at Muhammadiyah University of Metro, English teachers, and future researchers. The researcher wishes this research can improve and strengthen the insight of literature, particularly figurative language and imagery for students of English Education at Muhammadiyah University of Metro. So they can increase their skills and insight about figurative language and imagery in the literature course.

Secondly, English teachers, the researcher expects that they can use this research as an example in their class. This research could influence them in English Learning Teaching (ELT) class when they teach figurative language and imagery to their students. So they could use a song as the source of analyzing figurative language in their class.

Third, the researcher provides examples of figurative language and imagery research for future researchers who interested in research on the same topic so that it can be used as study material to be continued by researchers in

the future. Researchers hope this research can help future researchers with the proper steps that researchers which were taken in this study. So that future researchers can find an easier way to conduct their research.