

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Research Background

Speaking is a form of expertise in communicating which aims to convey a message to others. According to (BK, 2020), Speaking is a skill that enables individuals to communicate with their surroundings and express ideas and feelings while conveying message through spoken language. This statement from BK indicates that speaking can involve a person's ability to articulate verbally so that the message brought acquired and understood well by the listener. In the context of speaking, the diversity of grammatical components in conveying missives can improve their effectiveness and flavor. The researcher often utilizes figurative language to make their work more artistically adequate and stimulate cognitive creativity. Utilizing this technique, the writer's phrases become more efficient and impressive.

Figurative language is a type of language or words that utilize to convey information to the reader or listener but not accurately represent the true meaning (Hulu et al., 2021). Besides, (Dewi et al., 2020) said that the utilize of figurative language can enrich sociable communication abilities, with a figurative language proficient able to revise listeners and readers comprehension of a word or concept by comparing it to something else figurative language comes in many forms, one of which is a song. According to (Irviani, 2022), song is a form of communication that utilizes tone to express itself and is closely associated with music because songs are always accompanying background music. Figurative language can also be a subject of interest to researcher because it can be an emotional appeal of the song, providing insight into how that matter to affect the listener's emotional involvement to investigate why certain songs become so emotionally powerful.

In a song, many sentences utilize figurative language that make the comprehending to reader a little confused with the meaning contained in a song heard by the reader because some figurative language is confusing. An example is the lyrics of the song "*don't let them in, don't let them see*" by Idina Menzel. "*Don't let them in, don't let them see*" is a form

of figurative language repetition. In the lyrics of the song, the singer states the command not to let others know the true side of ourselves. This could mean an attempt to hide parts of ourselves that we do not want to show to others for reasons of privacy, shame, and wanting to maintain a certain image in the eyes of others (Yunanda et al., 2021). The importance of figurative language is illustrated by this case for those who utilize the English language due to the absence of misunderstandings and beautiful sentences. Somebody who comprehends figurative language can know the meaning of the song.

Moreover, figurative language is also important in the world of education, particularly English language learning. While Jauhari et al., in Fatimah et al., (2020) argues, "The utilize of figurative language through song help students understand the lesson by motivating them to learn, enriching language and cultural knowledge, guiding students to think critically, and providing feedback to improve students' comprehension skills". Therefore, It is expected that this research will make a significant impact in the academic field, particularly in the analysis of figurative language discourse in song lyrics. Due to songs being learning at each level, from junior to high school even up to the university level for students who take English study program.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher conducted research to explore further "A Figurative Language the Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023". Therefore, the researcher became more interested in analyzing "A Figurative Language the Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023". In this case, it is also the reason the researcher tries to make this research as interesting as possible.

B. Research Focus

The researcher wants this research to focus on figurative language analysis and comprehend in "The Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023".

C. Research Question

1. What are the types of figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023?

2. What are the contextual meanings of the figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023?

D. Research Objective

1. To find out the types of figurative language utilized in the best song of imagine dragons 2023.
2. To find the contextual meaning of the figurative language utilized in the best song of imagine dragons 2023.

E. Research Benefit

The researcher is hopeful that this research can offer readers valuable knowledge and many benefits, especially for English students, English teachers, and subsequent researchers.

1. First, for English study program students. The researcher hopes figurative language can improve and strengthen insights in literary analysis. So that students can express how figurative language can utilize to form structures and discourse patterns that can be apply to the discourse analysis course.
2. The second is for English language teachers, the researcher hopes they can utilize this research as an example in their classroom. This research can influence them, one of which is in English Literature in English Language Teaching (ELT) courses. When the teacher figurative language to students. Therefore, they can use a song as a source of figurative language analysis in their class.
3. The third is for subsequent researchers who are interested in conducting the same research on this topic, which can be utilize as study material and can help further researchers find an easier way to fit with the steps taken in their research.