

# AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS IN THE LYRICS OF FAR EAST MOVEMENT SONG AS THE FORM OF LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND IT'S USED IN THE DAILY LIFE

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## Abstract

Language is the most important instrument for humans to make a communication. Along with the development of the era, language also changes and has many varieties. There are many varieties of language development used in the daily life. One of the varieties of language is slang words. Slang word means nonstandard words made by the modern community and usually used by young people in certain condition. Slang word often found in the daily conversation or literary work like movie, novel, even song. This study will discuss about slang word that found in literary work especially in the song. Since song is one of the literary work that can influence the use of language in the daily life. In this case, this paper would analyze slang word found in the lyrics of Far East Movement Songs using Sociolinguistic approach. Also how the song affect in the use of slang word in the daily life. This study uses descriptive qualitative method. The data collected from the lyrics of Far East Movement songs from Internet. This study tries to find and identify the slang word and analyze the characteristic of slang word uses in the lyrics of Far East Movement songs.

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## Introduction

Language is the most important aspect in human life. Language is needed not only by human but also by animals to communicate each other. "When two or more people communicate with each other in speech, we can call the system of communication that they employ a code. In most cases that code will be something we may also want to call a language" (Wardhaugh, 2006). Language is human code to communicate. According to Hickey, "Language is both a system of communication between individuals and a social phenomenon" (Hickey). Language is related to the culture and society. In Linguistic it is called Sociolinguistic. Sociolinguistic is the study that concern with the connection between language and society. As Hudson said, sociolinguistics is the study of language in relation to society. Sociolinguistics is the study of effects of various all aspects to society, including cultural, norms and contexts on the language is used (Hudson, 1980). It means that sociolinguistic concern how the language can affect the society, culture and norms, also how the society can affect the language itself. This study focuses on the changes of language. When languages change it will have a lot of varieties. There are many differences of language depend on the area where the language is used, the social status and the level of education of the person who use the language. Those aspects make language improve itself and have many variations. In the modern era, languages also improve in use and form. There are many aspects that influence the development of language. One of them is

the use of language in literary work like movie, poetry, and song. Since literary work connected with the society, the development in literary work also affect in the development of language. In this case, there are many new words found in the literary work especially songs. The new words appear in this society then called as slang words. One of the varieties is Slang word.

Slang word means nonstandard words made by the modern community and usually used by young people in certain condition. Slang word often found in the daily conversation or literary work like movie, novel, even song in the modern era. According to Fromkin and Rodman (1983:264), slang is considered as a result of the development of the new words happen as a creative expression from people to make the words more efficient and simpler to be uttered (Fromkin, Rodman, 1983). Slang words appear because of the needs of the instant and unique words. Slang words become a lifestyle in modern people. It can help young people to adapt in the society. Slang has many steps to process a new word. According to Yule, there are some steps to forming a new word; Coinage, Compounding, Clipping, Blending, Borrowing, Back Formation, Acronyms, Multiple Processes, and Affixes (Prefix, Infix, and Suffix).

This study will analyze slang word in literary works especially in song. This study will analyze the lyric of Far East Movement. Far East Movement is a group from America with hip hop and electronic genre. Far East Movement formed in 2003 and consists of Kev Nish (Kevin Nishimura), Prohgress (James Roh) and DJ Virman (Virman Coquia). Their single "[Like a G6](#)" hit number one on both the [Billboard Hot 100](#) chart and on the [iTunes](#) chart in late October 2010. Far East Movement is hip hops group that uses rap in almost of their songs. Since slang words usually used in rap song, this study will analyze the songs of Far East Movement. This study use Far East Movement's songs; "Freal Luv" and "Girls on the Dance Floor".

This study focuses on the slang word founded in the lyrics of Far East ovement songs. Also analyzing the slang words founded in the lyrics using the word forms and how it is used in daily life.

### **Finding and Discussion**

Literary work is connected into the society. Song as the one of literary work reflects reality happen in society, for example like the use of slang word in the lyrics of the song. This study analyzes slang word in the lyrics of 2 songs from Far East Movement entitled "Freal Luv" and "Girls on the Dance Floor". From the analysis, the lyrics of Far East movement contain many slang words and also the characteristic of word formation in the lyrics. The word formations in the lyric of Far East Movement are: Blending, Coinage, Clipping, and Acronym. There were 24 data collected from the lyric of Far East Movement that will be written on the table along with the types of word formation.

Based on the data above, it is found the slang word in Far East Movement lyric. There are many slang words in different form. This study will only concern on four form of slang. They are; Blending, Clipping, Coinage

#### ***Blending:***

Blending is a process of combining two or more words become a new word. Usually it is combining the end of the word and the beginning word. Based on the data in the table above, it can be seen that the lyrics of Far East movement song contains slang words and uses blending process to form the word. In this case there are eight words in Far East Movement lyrics that use blending process; *Freal, I'll, wanna, I'd, ain't, you'll, imma, gotta.*

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Slang Word	Sentence	Correct Word	Word Formation
Freal	<i>Freal Luv</i>	For Real	Blending
Luv	<i>Freal Luv</i>	Love	Coinage
Spinnin'	<i>When the world stops spinnin</i>	Spinning	Clipping
I'll	<i>I'll know it's you</i>	I will	Blending
Wanna	<i>when you really wanna take me there</i>	Want to	Blending
I'd	<i>I'd give it all up for you I swear</i>	I would	Blending
Lovin	<i>Lovin that real luv</i>	Loving	Clipping
Lockin'	<i>Lockin me down like the police</i>	Locking	Clipping
Ain't	<i>We ain't never be lonely</i>	Is/am/are not	Blending
Protectin'	<i>Protectin' my love</i>	Protecting	Clipping
You'll	<i>You'll be the only one</i>	You will	Blending
N'	<i>combine n' steadily rise</i>	and	Coinage
Babe	<i>babe we got temples to build</i>	Baby	Coinage
Chillin'	<i>I...I.I.I..I..I see you chillin' by the bar</i>	Chilling	Clipping
Yer	<i>Why don't you grab yer girls and come here with a star?</i>	Your	Coinage
VIP	<i>Yup, up in VIP.. drinks on me</i>	Very Important Person	Acronym
Imma	<i>Imma get you drunk and make you lose control</i>	I'm going to	Blending
Da	<i>Follow me to da floor</i>	The	Coinage
Lil'	<i>They can drink a lil' mo</i>	Little	Clipping
Tho	<i>Oh, you don't hear me tho?</i>	Those	Clipping
Ya	<i>If ya lookin' for me, I'm with da..</i>	You	Coinage
Lookin'	<i>If ya lookin' for me, I'm with da..</i>	Looking	Clipping
Walkin'	<i>You see that girl walkin by?</i>	Walking	Clipping
Gotta	<i>Gotta arch your back, swing your hair</i>	Going to	Blending

- **Freal:** The title of the song used in this study is “Freal Luv”. *Freal luv* itself is slang words. Because the word *freal* does not exist in the formal vocabularies. The word *freal* is combining two English words for and real, and it is made to be simple to be said.
- **I'll:** This word combines two words, *I* and *will*. But in these days people often used this kind of slang word.
- **Wanna:** this word combines two words; want and to become the word wanna.
- **I'd:** This word combines two words I and would become I'd.
- **Aint:** This word combines two words is/am/are + not become a simple word ain't.
- **You'll:** This word combines two words you and will become you'll

- **Imma:** This word combines some words I+ am+going+to become a new word imma.
- **Gotta:** this word combines two words going and to.

### *Clipping:*

Clipping is the process of reducing the word to become shorter without changing the meaning. Based on the data in the table above, it can be seen that the lyrics of Far East movement song contains slang words and use clipping process to form the word. In this case there are eight words in Far East Movement lyrics that use clipping process; spinnin', lovin', protectin', chillin', lil', tho, lookin', walkin'.

- **Spinnin':** This word has been reduce from spinning into spinnin' by erasing the last letter. In the word spinning the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become spinnin'. When people said spinnin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.
- **Lovin':** This word has been reduce from spinning into spinnin' by erasing the last letter. In the word lovin' the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become lovin'. When people said lovin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.
- **Protectin':** This word has been reduce from spinning into spinnin' by erasing the last letter. In the word protectin' the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become protectin'. When people said protectin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.
- **Chillin':** This word has been reduce from spinning into chillin' by erasing the last letter. In the word chillin' the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become chillin'. When people said lovin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.
- **Lil':** This word has been reduce from Little into lil' by erasing some letters. In the word lil' the letters "t" and "e" has been erased to make a simple new sound.
- **Tho:** This word has been reduce from Though into tho by erasing some letters. In the word tho the letters "u", "g" and "h" has been erased to make a simple new sound.
- **Lookin':** This word has been reduce from looking into lookin' by erasing the last letter. In the word lookin' the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become lookin'. When people said lookin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.
- **Walkin':** This word has been reduce from walking into walkin' by erasing the last letter. In the word walkin' the letter 'g' has been erased to make a new simple sound become walkin'. When people said walkin' without 'g' actually it results the same sound but there is different stress in the last sound.

### *Coinage:*

Coinage is forming a new word that adapt from the word that already exist. Based on the data in the table above, it can be seen that the lyrics of Far East movement song contains slang words and use coinage process to form the word. In this case, there are six words in Far East Movement lyrics that use coinage process; luv, babe, yer, da, and ya.

- **Luv:** This word comes from the word 'Love'. This word include in coinage process because it results the new word by adapting the word that already exist.
- **Babe:** Babe come from Baby, that is usually used to persuade or used by lover. This word include in coinage process because it results the new word by adapting the word that already exist.
- **Yer:** This word includes in coinage process because it results the new word by adapting the word that already exist.
- **Da:** This word comes from "the" word. This word includes in coinage process because it results the new word by adapting the word that already exist.
- **Ya:** This word comes from "You". This word is often used in the daily conversation. This word includes in coinage process because it results the new word by adapting the word that already exist.

### **Acronym:**

Acronym is the process of forming the new words from the initial letters of a set of other word. Based on the data in the table above, it can be seen that the lyrics of Far East movement song contains slang words and use acronym process to form the word. In this case, there is only one word in Far East Movement lyrics that uses acronym process; VIP

- **VIP:** this word belongs to acronym because this word exists because of collecting and combining the initial sound or the first letter in each word. VIP is shortening from Very Important Person.

In the previous explanation, it has already mentioned that language is connected with society. Slang word as the development of the language also connected with the society in case that slang used in the daily life by teenagers or young people. Here some examples about the conversation which uses some of the slang words found in Far East Movement song.

Boy: hay babe what are you doin' now?  
 Girl: Just tryin' to go to bed now  
 Boy: I wanna to meet you tomorrow  
 Girl: Okey let's meet then

The conversation above is the example of slang word using in the daily life. It prove that the development of language also affects the society.

### **Conclusions**

From the analysis of slang word in the lyrics of Far East Movement songs, it can be found that slang word exists in those songs and often appears in most of Far East Movement songs since it is hip hop group and always consists some rap part.

Based on the analysis there are many steps or kinds of the word formation that become the process to form slang word. In this analysis, there are four types of slang words which are analyzed in this research. The first type is clipping. In this type, there are eight slang words. They are; *spinnin'*, *lovin'*, *protectin'*, *chillin'*, *lil'*, *tho*, *lookin'*, *walkin'*. The second type of word formation is acronym. In this type, there is one slang word, VIP. The third type of slang word is blending. In this analysis, it was found eight slang words. They are *Freal*, *I'll*, *wanna*, *I'd*, *ain't*, *you'll*, *imma*, *gotta*. The fourth type of slang is back coinage. They are *luv*, *babe*, *yer*, *ya*, *da*.

This study also gives the example of slang word using in daily life that prove the slang word is used in the society. The meaning of the slang words in this analysis refers to denotative meaning since the meaning in the lyrics does not change the original meaning.

Thus, the slang words only reform the word without changing its meaning.

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