

CHAPTER III

FINDINGS & DISCUSSION

This chapter consist of findings and discussions. The data taken in this research are the figurative languages of the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. In this analysis, the writer is answers the problem statements that have been presented in chapter I.

A. Findings

In this research , the writer found 7 kinds of figurative languages in novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. They are:

1. Allusion

There are fourteen allusions that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about allusion in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the table above.

Table 4.2 Allusion

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	"...waiting, as we all do, for the sword of <i>Damocles</i> to give him the relief that he escaped." (Ch. 1, p. 5)	Hazel thinks of Patrick as blindly optimistic. Life has taken one of his balls and he got divorced, but he is still a cheerful person.
2.	"There will be no one left to remember	One day even the famous

	<p><i>Aristotle</i> or <i>Cleopatra</i>, let alone you. Everything that we did and built and wrote and thought and discovered will be forgotten and all of this.” (Ch. 1, p. 13)</p>	<p>people will not be remembered and everything will have been for nothing.</p>
3.	<p>“You’re like a <i>millennial Natalie Portman</i>. Like V for <i>Vendetta Natalie Portman</i>.” (Ch. 1, p. 17)</p>	<p>Augustus admires the depiction of heroism in V for Vendetta, connecting with the meaning attributed to a life sacrificed for the sake of a person.</p>
4.	<p>“You’re such a <i>Debbie Downer</i>,” his mom said.(Ch. 2, p. 27)</p>	<p>He seems to have a bit of a bad attitude.</p>
5.	<p>“I didn’t want to faint or anything. I was a bit of a <i>Victorian Lady</i>, fainting-wise.”(Ch. 2, p.30)</p>	<p>She gets tired very easily.</p>
6.	<p>“My mom was really super into celebration maximization. It’s <i>ARBOR DAY!</i> Let’s hug trees and eat cake! Columbus brought smallpox to the natives; we shall recall the occasion with a picnic!” (Ch. 3, p.40)</p>	<p>Mrs. Lancaster goes kind of crazy with all the celebrations, because Hazel's life might be short.</p>
7.	<p>“I am in receipt of your electronic mail</p>	<p>Hazel is so sick without the</p>

	<p>dated the 14th of April and duly impressed by the <i>Shakespearean</i> complexity of your tragedy. Everyone in this tale has a rock-solid hamartia: hers, that she is so sick; yours, that you are so well.” (Ch. 7, p.111)</p>	<p>possibility of cure and Augustus is well, there is only one way their romance will end and that is in tragedy.</p>
8.	<p>“The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars / But in ourselves.”(Ch. 7, p.111)</p>	<p>It is a contradiction of the line from “Julius Casear” by William Shakespeare. Hazel and Augustus did nothing to deserve cancer.</p>
9.	<p>“I had a moral opposition to eating before dawn on the grounds that I was not a <i>nineteenth-century Russian</i> peasant fortifying myself for a day in the fields.” (Ch.10, p 137)</p>	<p>Hazel refusing to eat breakfast before an early morning flight.</p>
10.	<p>“So there is this thing called <i>Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs</i>. Basically, this guy Abraham Maslow became famous for his theory that certain needs must be met before you can even have other kinds of needs.” (Ch. 13, p. 211)</p>	<p>Hazel mentions Abraham Maslow’s Hierarchy of Human Needs, because she cannot have all sets of basic needs set out in the pyramid.</p>

11.	"So while I waited for them to turn around and find us, I recited the only poem I could bring to mind, <i>'The Red Wheelbarrow'</i> by William Carlos Williams." (Ch. 18, p. 246)	Hazel makes some modifications to the poem to describe Gus' condition.
12.	"The last time so many people saw us kiss, we were in the <i>Anne Frank House</i> ." (Ch. 22, p. 270)	It was the moment that Hazel and Augustus shared their first kiss while they were at the Anne Frank museum.
13.	"He wasn't perfect or anything. He wasn't your fairy-tale <i>Prince Charming</i> or whatever. He tried to be like that sometimes, but I liked him best when that stuff fell away." (Ch. 25, p. 302)	Hazel likes Augustus the way who he is.
14	"It is <i>BastilleDay!</i> " She pulled her arms from behind her back, producing two small plastic French flags and waving them enthusiastically." (Ch. 25, p. 306)	Hazel's mom upset when Hazel just wants to stay at home and watch TV.

The sentences below shows the example of allusion used in this novel. It is indirect reference to a person, place, thing or events.

2. Hyperbole

There are twelve hyperboles that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about hyperbole in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.3 Hyperbole

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	“I was veritably swimming in a paralyzing and totally clinical depression.” (Ch. 1, p. 4)	You cannot actually swim in depression.
2.	“He had some fantastically improbable eye cancer.” (Ch. 1, p. 6)	Improbable means something that is so outrageous that you'd never admit you believed but not impossible.
3.	“He dwarfed the molded plastic elementary school chair he was sitting in.”(Ch. 1, p. 9)	Hazel describes Augustus physically who has long and leanly muscular.
4.	“I looked like a normally proportioned person with a balloon for a head.”(Ch. 1, p. 9)	Hazel is exaggerating her head because it is so puffy and swollen.
5.	“I realize that this is the kind of deep question you always hoped your readers would ask- what becomes of	The hamster is one of the less important things and Hazel is trying to make a big deal out of

	Sisyphus the Hamster?" (Ch. 5, p. 70)	it.
6.	"Come over here so I can examine your face with my hands and see deeper into your soul than a sighted person ever could." (Ch. 5, p. 74)	Hazel is visiting Isaac for the first time since he had his eyes removed. He is exaggerating because he cannot see Hazel.
7.	"My mouth tasted horrible, and I tried to keep it shut for fear of poisoning the airplane." (Ch. 6, p. 99)	Hazel's breath is smell bad.
8.	"... but there was nothing they could do to dim the supernova exploding inside my brain, an endless chain of intracranial firecrackers..." (Ch. 7, p. 105)	Hazel's head is pounding, and she's in a kind of pain she cannot describe.
9.	"...his sob roaring impotent like a clap of thunder unaccompanied by lightning." (Ch. 13, p. 215)	Hazel is exaggerating. She feels pain when she see Augustus cry.
10.	"Augustus Waters was the great star-crossed love of my life. Ours was an epic love story, and I won't be able to get more than a sentence into it without disappearing into a puddle of	Hazel is comparing Augustus with star because he changes her life.

	tears.” (Ch. 20, p. 259)	
11.	“I’d been asked this question hundreds of times over the years” (Ch. 21, p. 263)	When she go into the ER, the first things they always ask is same.
12.	“You’ll live forever in our hearts, big man.” (Ch. 21, p. 264)	You will live forever in my memory.

In the following sentences, the researcher gives the example of hyperbole. It occurred because the author uses intentionally exaggeration or overstating in his conversation on novel.

3. Irony

There are five irony that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about irony in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.4 Irony

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	“And you too might be so lucky!” (Ch. 1, p. 4)	It is something that you say in order to tell someone that what they want is not likely to happen.
2.	“Thank you for explaining that my eye cancer isn’t going to make me	Isaac uses sarcasm to his surgeon about his eye cancer

	deaf. I feel so fortunate that an intellectual giant like yourself would deign to operate on me.” (Ch. 1, p. 15)	that is not going to make him deaf.
3.	“Okay is BURSTING with sensuality.” (Ch. 6, p. 102)	Gus uses sarcasms to describes the context of how he and Hazel used ‘okay’.
4.	“How are the eyes?” “Oh, excellent,” He said. “ I mean, they’re not in my head is the only problem” (Ch. 14, p. 225)	Isaac using sarcasm about his blind.
5.	“Last time, I imagined myself as the kid. This time, the skeleton.” (Ch. 15, p. 233)	When he had cancer, he saw himself as a kid. But he knows he is going to pass sooner.

From the example of irony above, we know that irony is uses expression of something which is contrary to be intended meaning.

4. Metaphor

There are sixteen metaphor that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about metaphor in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.5 Metaphor

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	“..but even if we survive the collapse of our sun” (Ch. 1, p. 13)	In the end we will not survive forever.
2.	“We are literally in the heart of Jesus.” (Ch. 1, p. 16)	The Support Group is held in a church basement.
3.	“....., and my father was trying so hard not to sob that when he did, which was regularly, it was an earthquake.” (Ch. 2, p. 25)	It was very painful for Hazel to see her father is crying.
4.	“... That's what love is. Love is keeping the promise anyway. Don't you believe in true love?” (Ch. 4, p.61)	Monica did not truly love Isaac because she dumped him.
5.	“I am a grenade and at some point I am going to blow up and I would like to minimize the casualties, okay.” (Ch. 6, p. 99)	Hazel has thought about and she constantly worries about all of the people she will hurt when she dies.
6.	"People talk about the courage of cancer patients, and I do not deny that courage. I had been poked and stabbed and poisoned for years,	She essentially views herself as dead already.

	and still I trod on. But make no mistake: In that moment, I would have been very, very happy to die." (Ch. 7, p. 106)	
7.	"I'd always thought the world was a wish-granting factory." (Ch. 7, p. 110)	Everything you wish for cannot come true.
8.	"The risen sun too bright in her losing eyes. That's God, I think, the rising sun and the light is too bright and her eyes are losing but they aren't lost." (Ch. 10, p. 148)	It sates the that eyes are loosing but not lost, it emphasizes on rebirth and continuity and the immortal dwelling of the soul.
9.	"The sun was like a toddler insistently refusing to go to bed: It was past eight thirty and still light." (Ch. 11, p. 167)	It was not sunset although it was past eight thirty.
10.	"... Some infinities are bigger than other infinities." (Ch. 12, p. 189)	Hazel's point is that she is grateful for the time they had.
11.	"His brain is Swiss Cheese." (Ch.12, p. 195)	It means you cannot remember things as well anymore.
12.	"You have a choice in this world, I believe, about how to tell sad stories, and we made the funny	Hazel and Gus joke about an upsetting and disappointing meeting they had with Peter Van

	choice.” (Ch. 13, p.209)	Houtan
13.	“Shadows of the branches intersecting and coming apart on the concrete.” (Ch.13, p. 210)	The experience they had with Van Houten was so bad that something so beautiful can be so close to something that is bad happening.
14.	"I'm on a roller coaster that only goes up..." (Ch. 14, p. 225)	He is describing his cancer journey in roller coaster form.
15.	“The marks humans leave are too often scars.” (Ch. 25, p. 311)	It is hard to be right and change the world. Someone ends up getting hurt.
16.	"My thoughts are stars I cannot fathom into constellations."(Ch. 25, p. 311)	My thoughts are so scattered that i could not put them in an organized meaningful way.

Those sentences above are the examples of metaphor because it compares between two things usually unlike.

5. Personification

There are twelve personification that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about personification in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.6 Personification

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	<p>“I couldn't catch my breath, and my lungs were acting desperate, gasping, pulling me out of the bed trying to find a position that could get them air, and I was embarrassed by their desperation, disgusted that they wouldn't just let go.” (Ch. 2, p. 25)</p>	<p>Hazel's were pain. But she describes her lungs like human actions.</p>
2.	<p>“Cancer is in the growth business.” (Ch. 2, p. 32)</p>	<p>Cancer is not person, so it cannot growth business.</p>
3.	<p>“...And then there are books like An Imperial Affliction, which you can't tell people about, books so special and rare and yours that advertising your affection feels like betrayal.” (Ch. 2, p. 33)</p>	<p>Betrayal is human being</p>
4.	<p>“The death cries of some injured animal.” (Ch. 4, p. 54)</p>	<p>Death cannot actually cry because it is human being.</p>
5.	<p>“That's the thing about pain,' Augustus said, and then glanced back at me. 'It demands to be felt.” (Ch. 4, p. 63)</p>	<p>Pain is demanding to be felt which is giving pain human like actions.</p>

6.	"...which was caused by my lungs swimming in fluid." (Ch. 7, p.106)	Swimming is human capabilities
7.	"We bottled the stars this evening, my young friends." (Ch. 11, p. 163)	It is bringing the stars to life referring to the taste of champagne.
8.	"I believe the universe wants to be noticed. I think the universe is improbably biased toward the consciousness, that it rewards intelligence in part because the universe enjoys its elegance being observed..." (Ch. 14, p. 223)	It is the thought of the universe having feelings and desires. Giving the universe a personality and needs.
9.	"Even cancer isn't a bad guy really: Cancer just wants to be alive." (Ch. 18, p. 246)	Cancer is not person, animal, or even plant. So it cannot be alive.
10.	"... and it felt like my chest was on fire, flames licking the inside of my ribs fighting for a way to burn out of my body." (Ch. 21, p. 263)	Fighting is human being. She is giving something with human capabilities.
11.	"Here it was that great and terrible ten, slamming me again and again." (Ch. 21, p. 263)	She is giving something with human capabilities.

12.	“You could hear the wind in the leaves, and on that wind traveled the screams of the kids on the playground in the distance.” (Ch. 25, p. 307)	Scream is human capabilities. Wind cannot do it.
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The other type of figurative language is personification such as the following sentences that gives the human characteristic to object such as animal, object or ideas.

6. Simile

There are seventeen simile that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about simile in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.6 Simile

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	“The Support Group, of course, was depressing <i>as</i> hell.” (Ch. 1, p. 4)	Hazel is comparing the support group to hell because she does not like the support group.
2.	“One eye had been cut out when he was a kid, and now he wore the kind of thick glasses that made his eyes (both the real one and the glass one) preternaturally huge, <i>like</i> his whole	He looks weird with one fake eye and glasses.

	head was basically just this fake eye and this real eye staring at you.”(Ch. 1, p. 6)	
3.	“I fear oblivion. I fear it <i>like</i> the proverbial blind man who’s afraid of the dark.” (Ch. 1, p. 12)	He feared being forgotten because, in time, there would be no one alive to remember.
4.	“An Imperial Affliction, the book that was <i>as</i> close a thing as I had to a Bible.” (Ch. 1, p. 13)	Hazel read this book religiously.
5.	“My hair looked <i>like</i> a bird’s nest; my shuffling gait like a dementia patient’s.” (Ch. 7, p. 108)	She is describing how her hair is mess.
6.	“I kept thinking that it sounded <i>like</i> a dragon breathing in time with me, <i>like</i> I had this pet dragon who was cuddled up next to me and cared enough about me to time his breaths to mine. “ (Ch. 8, p. 119-120)	She is expressing how her breath machine like her pet. It took control her breathing and it make noise, rumbling with each inhalation and whirring.
7.	“Lidewij drove a clunky gray Fiat with an engine that sounded <i>like</i> an excited four-year-old girl.”(Ch. 8, p. 122)	They are comparing the sound of the car to a four year-old excited girl.
8.	“Amsterdam is <i>like</i> the rings of a	It gets older as you get closer

	tree.”(Ch. 11, p. 156)	to the center.
9.	“I lit up <i>like</i> a Christmas tree, Hazel Grace. The lining of my chest, my left hip, my liver, everywhere.”(Ch. 13, p. 214)	He was referring to his PET scan for cancer. Any tumors or whatever are shown as lights.
10.	“...Augustus Waters kept his sense of humor till the end...., and his spirit soared <i>like</i> an indomitable eagle until the world itself could not contain his joyous soul.”(Ch. 18, p. 245)	It describe how Hazel feels about Augustus. She is comparing Gus’ life with eagle.
11.	“He took hold of my wrist, <i>like</i> I was a two-year-old about to out into the street...” (Ch. 20, p. 254-255)	She explains that her dad grabbed her wrist the same way he would to a two year old about to run into the street.
12	“Everything tastes <i>like</i> pennies.”(Ch. 20, p. 255)	He compare the taste of food and water to the taste of the pennies.
13.	“I will not tell you our love story, because— <i>like</i> all real love stories—it will die with us, as it should.”(Ch. 20, p. 259)	Hazel believes their love story should just remain with them and end with them.
14.	“It felt <i>like</i> losing your co-rememberer meant losing the memory itself, as if	This is a kind of loneliness anyone who is lost a loved one

	the things we'd done were less real and important than they had been hours before.”(Ch. 21, p. 262)	can understand.
15.	"I remember once early on when I couldn't get my breath and it felt <i>like</i> my chest was on fire, flames licking the inside of my ribs fighting for a way to burn out of my body, my parents took me to the ER." (Ch. 21, p. 263)	She explains how she is feeling when the pain come.
16.	“Pain is <i>like</i> fabric: The stronger it is, the more it’s worth.” (Ch. 23, p. 284)	The more pain then the more people are going to care about it
17.	“No, you threw it <i>like</i> twenty feet over the car.” (Ch. 23, p. 285)	He is expressing how bad he missed the car by saying he missed it by twenty feet.

All of sentences above are simile because it compares two things and uses words such as “like, seems, as”.

7. Symbolism

There are six symbolism that found in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. To know more about symbolism in *The Fault in Our Stars* can be seen in the following table:

Table 4.7 Symbolism

No.	The Example	The Meaning
1.	<p>“I didn’t want to take the elevator because taking <i>the elevator</i> is a Last Days kind of activity at Support Group.” (Ch. 1, p. 8)</p>	<p>Hazel would rather carry her oxygen cart up and down the stairs than take the elevator because taking the elevator shows weakness and foreshadows death.</p>
2.	<p>He had leukemia. He’d always had leukemia. He was okay. (Or so he said. He’d taken the elevator.) (Ch. 1, p. 11)</p>	<p>Hazel thinks that the sicker take the elevator and the healthier took the stairs.</p>
3.	<p>“You put the killing thing right between your teeth, but you don’t give it the power to do its killing” (Ch. 1, p. 20)</p>	<p>Augustus always carries a pack of cigarette and says it is a symbol for strength by not giving it power to kill or hurt you.</p>
4.	<p>“That’s part of what I like about the <i>book</i> in some ways. It portrays death truthfully. You die in the middle of your life, in the middle of a sentence. But I do—God, I really want to know what happens to everyone else...” (Ch. 5, p. 67)</p>	<p>Hazel’s fixation with the ending of her favorite novel might have something to do with her more deep-seated desire to know what life is like beyond cancer or after death.</p>

5.	“...with this <i>swing set</i> , your child(ren) will be introduced to the ups and downs of human life gently and safely...”(Ch. 8, p. 124)	The swing set in Hazel's backyard is a symbol for childhood, and how Hazel is trying to get back her childhood years.
6.	“Mom is going to become a <i>Patrick</i> .”(Ch. 24, p. 298)	Patrick became a symbol for the job Hazel’s mother wants to apply for.

As shown in the sentences above, the researcher takes the example of symbol because it gives the name to a specific literary movement.

The results of the figurative languages from the above can be seen clearly through the following table:

Table 4.8 Total of Figurative Language in *The Fault in Our Stars*

Kinds of Figurative Language	Frequency
Allusion	14
Hyperbole	12
Irony	5
Metaphor	16
Personification	12
Simile	17
Symbolism	6

Total	82
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From the table above, that the use of figurative language simile in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green is very prominent.. From 82 figurative languages in this novel, the writer found 7 kinds of figurative languages consist of 14 allusion, 12 hyperbole, 5 irony, 16 metaphor, 12 personification, 17 simile, and 6 symbolism. The most dominant figurative languages used is a simile as many as 17.

All of the figurative language that are used in *The Fault in Our Stars* made to be descriptive, understandable and imaginable. Some figurative in this novel were used to describe something funny, serious, or unpredictable.

B. Discussion

As stated in Chapter I, there are three purposes of the present study. First, it seeks to find the type of figurative languages are used in novel *The Fault in Or Stars* by John Green. Second, it attempts to identify what types of figurative languages are most frequently used in novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. Third, the present study tries to investigate what are the meaning of those figurative language.

After analysis, it is found that the expression of simile is the typemostly found in novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. It is proven that the most dominant that used in the novel is simile with the results of the data found 17 of 82 figurative languages. The purpose of the simile in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* is comparing two different things using as or like. This is appropriate with

the study of the theory that the simile is the comparison between one thing with another thing using as or like.

As mentioned before, there are some results of the analysis that has been found, one of which is the following: "I lit up *like* a Christmas tree, Hazel Grace. The lining of my chest, my left hip, my liver, everywhere." This sentence is categorized as simile because it uses the word "like". He was referring to his PET scan for cancer. Any tumors or whatever are shown as lights.

From 82 of figurative languages in *The Fault in Our Stars*, there are 17 of simile in the novel. These simile uses for describing physic and mental of characters. Besides, Green mostly uses the expression of simile to explain the characters physically. He compares the physic of characters with the things such as the book, tree. In characterization, he mostly uses the showing technique because the author explains the novel figuratively. Indeed, he uses figurative languages to tell about the characters but it can be interpreted by the reader based on context.

The use of allusion is used to reference to people, place, or event. Then, metaphor is addressed to the portrayal of characters physically and mentally. Besides, hyperbole is used to illustrate the strong feelings of the characters like the feeling of happiness, pain and love. Furthermore, irony is used to show a disappointment because of what the characters expect is different with reality. Then, personification is used by Green to create the novel more interesting in making inanimate objects as if they can act like human. So, the use of

personification here will make the reader more entertained and excited to read and to discover the meaning of the language style use in the novel. Meanwhile, symbolism is using an object or action that represents something else.

The important thing we learn literature especially figurative language. It is focus on how people communicate their personal affective experiences. Besides that, we can identify the language that people used in their communication to show their feeling particularly in emotional communication. Emotions such as anger, sadness, pride, happiness are subjective experiences, and it difficult to capture in literal terms. Usually it used in daily conversation.

In this novel, the author used figurative language to make the readers understand what the character's feeling, how topics of conversation, individual, social setting, and related factors influence, type, and interactional consequences.