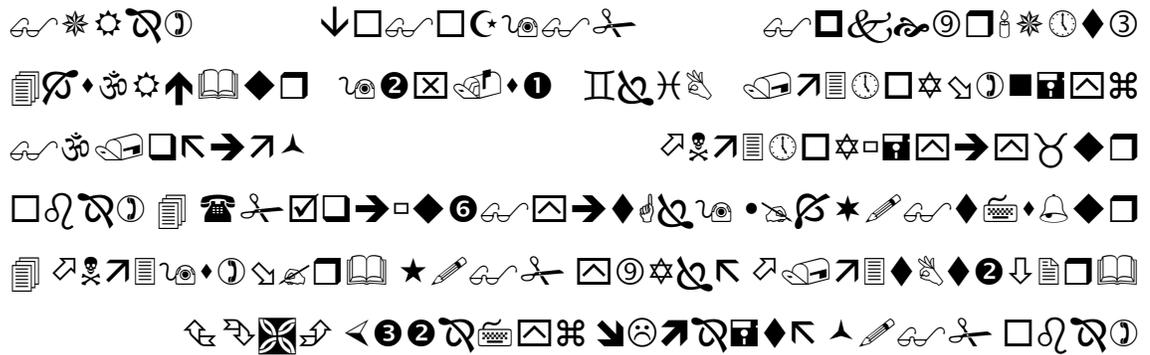


CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Rationale

Indonesia is a rich country with everything. Not only with natural sources but also vary in social culture life. Such as many tribes, cultures, religions, and language. Those are gift from Allah SWT. so that, people can see and know each other. In Alquran Allah says that people are created with many differences, tribes, religions, cultures, languages as in quran (al-Hujurat: 13) as follows:



From the verse above, we can conclude that Allah created all people are different, that can be seen from the word many nations and tribes. Among the tribes are hoped to know each other. To know each other people need to use language. Although every language is different depend on the country. Walt Withman stated that language is not an abstract construction of the learned, or of dictionary makers, but it is something

arising out of the work, needs, ties, joys, affections, tastes, of long generation of humanity, and has its basis broad and low, close to the ground.¹

Whatever people do when they come together – whether they play, fight or make a friend – they talk. We live in a world of language. We talk to our friends, associates, wives and husbands, teachers, family. We talk face to face and over the telephone and everyone responds with more talk. The possession of language, perhaps more than any other attribute, distinguishes humans from other animals. Ibnu Saad states that human is talking.²

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Learning language means learn how to use language itself. Henry Guntur

Tarigan states that:

*Apabila seorang mempunyai kompetensi bahasa yang baik, maka dia diharapkan dapat berkomunikasi dengan orang lain dengan baik dan lancar, baik secara lisan maupun tulisan. Dia diharapkan menjadi penyimak dan pembicara yang baik, menjadi pembaca yang komprehensif serta penulis yang terampil dalam kehidupan sehari-hari.*³

Language also can be defined as a system of conventional vocal sign by means of which human beings communicate.⁴ Perhaps the most important word in our definition is system, we speak in pattern. A language is not just a collection of words,

¹ Victoria fromkin,dkk. *An Introduction to Language*.(Australia: Harcourt Barce & Company.1996.) P.3

² Ibnu Saad. *Ilmu mantiq*. (Mesir: Furqan) p.28

³ Henry Guntur Tarigan, *Pengajaran Kompetensi Bahasa*.(Bandung: Angkasa, 1990) p.2

⁴ Thomas Pyle and John Algeo. *The origin and Development of The English Language*.third edition (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982)P.3

such as we find in a dictionary. It is also the rules or pattern that relate to the words to one other.

One of the famous languages in the world is English. Many academic and scientific books are written in English. People have to master English to understand the science well. Every language has its system, way, and special characteristic, how words construct to be a sentence, how to express past, present and future sentence. Someone who uses English very well is easy to communicate in everything, such as politics, economy, social and technology.

English has many varieties and one of them is English slang language. Many people define slang differently. Such as The Columbia Encyclopedia notes that slang is often said as well developed in the speaking vocabularies of cultured, sophisticated, linguistically rich language. Argot or Cant also stated that slang is special vocabulary used by a secretive social group. The interested definition is stated by John Algeo as University of Georgia professor that slang is humanity's first play toy. During the middle Ages, certain writers such as Chaucer, William Caxton, and William of Malmesbury represented the regional differences in pronunciations and dialect. The different dialects and the different pronunciations represented the first meaning for the term "slang".

Slang language is not suggested by some linguists for teaching in foreign language learning. But in fact, all of languages have slang language; there are differences between formal language and informal language. Language differs between many social statuses in community and it can show their level. For some people, using

language not only to communicate formally but also they use language to communicate well, friendly and kindness.

The writer interested in the Columbia Encyclopedia and Argot or Cant definition. They stated that slang language is special vocabularies of cultured used by certain people in certain area. The writer will observe about English slang because we have little English slang research and the writer chooses a place in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School, where English is used for everyday conversation. Darul Istiqamah is a modern Islamic Boarding School for Girls which is the curriculum as school of government. All of students have to speak English all day formally and also informally. The writer thinks that English slang can grow in this area. This research is done in academic year 2009/2010

Because of those reasons, the writer is interested in conducting a research entitled: SOME COMMON SLANG USED BY STUDENTS AT DARUL ISTIQAMAH ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOL BARABAI CENTRAL HULU SUNGAI REGENCY

To avoid any misinterpretation with the title above, the writer needs to explain some terms on the title as follows:

1. Common

Usual or familiar, happening or found often in many places.⁵ If something is common, it is found in large numbers of it happens or seen often.

2. Slang

⁵ Oxford Learner's Dictionary. AS. Hornby. P.228

Informal English language. Slang is defined as words, phrases etc used in very informal conversation, not suitable for formal situation.⁶ English slang is used for daily conversation with friends that known well. According to The Oxford Companion to the English Language, English slang is often defines as an ever changing set of informal words and phrases generally considered distinct from and socially lower than the standard language.⁷

English Slang is words, phrases or expressions are used by some groups, but incomprehensively by common community⁸. Just certain group understands the language. English slang is one of language used in the society.⁹ When people use English slang, they are free from mistakes in talking with other people.

3. Common English slang

Common English slang is English slang that is used in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School and they are common to use it in daily conversation.

Based on the explanation above -- the title of this thesis means a research activity about English words, phrases and expressions used by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Regency academic year 2009/2010.

B. Formulation of Problems

⁶ Ibid.p.388

⁷ *Hello Magazine*. No.274.October 2008.p.33

⁸ Djoko D. Muktiono,*Embarrassment-Free Dictionary* (Jakarta: Gramedia Pustaka Utama, 2004) p.XXXiX

⁹ Fathuddin. *Bahasa Inggris Gaul* (Jakarta, Gemagung Ikhtiari,2005) p.iii

1. What words or sentences of English slang are used by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Central Barabai Hulu Sungai Regency academic year 2009/2010?
2. What factors influence the use of English slang in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Regency?
3. How is the students' knowledge about English slang?

C. Reasons for Choosing the Title

There are some reasons for choosing this title, they are:

1. English is one of the most popular languages in the world that has become the main communication device in the field of science and technology.
2. The writer wants to know about English slang that is used in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Barabai Central Hulu Sungai regency.
3. More and more people know about English slang is better because they can differ the situation to use English slang according to the time and condition. Such as language for formal situation and language for informal situation. And people can learn more about English, especially English slang which is one of the sociolinguistic studies.
4. English slang is informal English language, one of language variety; it is unique used in daily conversation in certain domain such as in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Regency.

D. The Purposes of the Research

Based on the problems formulation above, the purposes of this study are:

1. To find out what words or sentences are used by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls in daily conversation
2. To know the factors influencing the use of English Slang in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Central Hulu sungai Regency
3. To know how the students' knowledge about English development or English Language variety especially about English slang is.

E. Significances of the Research

This research has significances as follows:

1. Additional references for Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Regency about language development especially English slang
2. Enrich the writer's knowledge and experience in the specific research especially about language variety
3. To make easy conversation in students' daily life in Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girls Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Regency.
4. To give knowledge about English slang to the students and tell them about the situation to use English slang.

F. Organization of the Contents

This paper is divided into five chapters, as follows:

Chapter I, introduction, consists of rationale, formulation of problem, reasons for choosing the title, the purposes of the research, significances of the research and organization of the contents

Chapter II, theoretical review on related subject, consist of some definitions of slang, brief history of English slang, some influential factors of using English slang, slang in sociolinguistic point of view

Chapter III, methods of research, consist of subject and object of the research, data and sources of data, technique of data collecting, technique of data processing and analysis, design measurement and research procedure.

Chapter IV, report of research result, consists of general description about the research location, data presentation, and data analysis.

Chapter V, closure, consists of conclusion and suggestion