

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

Language can be used both in oral and written forms based on their contexts. While from its context, language can be used in formal and informal situations. People usually use formal or standard language in formal context, while in informal context people usually use informal one. There are some kinds of language varieties that used in informal context, one of them is slang. The use of slang has developed from time to time. Long time ago, slang was mostly used by criminals, but now many communities make their own slang. They create a lot of new words and modify standard words for internal using.

According to Chloupek (2013), “slang is an ever changing set of words and phrases that speakers use to establish or reinforce social identity or cohesiveness within a group or with a trend or fashion in society at large. The existence of vocabulary of this sort within a language is possibly as old as language itself, for slang seems to be part of any language used in ordinary interaction by a community large enough and diverse enough to have identifiable subgroups.”

It is often taboo and unlikely to be used by people of high status. It tends to displace conventional terms. Coleman (2004) Slang is informal, nonstandard words and phrases, generally shorter lived than the expressions of ordinary colloquial speech, and typically formed by creative, often witty juxtapositions of words or images an important aspect in American culture.

It is more effective than standard or conventional English to describing sport, sex, and intoxication in daily conversation. .

Slang's primary reason for being was to establish a sense of commonality among its speakers. What differentiate slang from other categories of speech is the reasons for using it. Hotten (2008) says that the reason for using slang language is the desire to be different, to enrich the language, to engage in playfulness, to identify one's self with the certain school, trade or social class and to be secret. Slang is always used self-consciously, with the desire to create a particular identity. Slang changes its identity according to who is speaking. What is slang to one, to another is not, depending on ones educational, economic or social position, and even according to location and generation. Slang also changes over time, and either disappears quickly.

Slang expressions often embody attitudes and values of group members. They may thus contribute to a sense of group identity and may convey to the listener information about the speaker's background. Before an apt expression becomes slang, however, it must be widely adopted by members of the subculture. Slang emanates from conflicts in values, sometimes superficial, often fundamental. When an individual applies language in a new way to express hostility, ridicule, or contempt, often with sharp wit, he may be creating slang, but the new expression will perish unless it is picked up by others. If the speaker is a member of a group that finds that his creation projects the emotional reaction of its members toward an idea, person, or social institution, the expression will gain currency according to the unanimity of attitude within the group.

There are some reasons which make slang become a problem for the translator in translating film. They are the difficulties in understanding the meaning and in finding the equivalence. It needs the translator understanding about the meaning of slang it self. It is because slang is uncommon language. Sometimes, it causes the translator misunderstand the real meaning of slang because slang contains specific terms. It means that slang should be tackled carefully in translation.

Schjoldager (2008) states that translating non-standard language such slang words is not a simple task. Even though the skilled translator has understood the original of the source text, the cultural background, and the social level, the problem of translation still remains of how to reproduce the different variety of English and how to transfer it to another language. Thus, it needs some strategies of translation in order to overcome these issues. In this research, thw writer choose the translation strategies proposed by Mona Baker to analyze the translation of slang expression in the “ Spy” movie script.

A study about slang expression and it’s strategies has been conducted by Allison (2012) with entitle “ An analysis of slang expression in “The Expandable “ movie into persian. The authors of this study have applied translation strategies of translation to English-Persian slang expression, this study aims to decide how successful the two Persian translations had been in preserving the slangs of the movie and to discuss the major problems in translating slang in the movie —*The Expandable 2* by using Mona Baker’s strategy.

In this study, 72 slang items were randomly regarded, compared and analyzed based on the Mona Baker's strategy. The results showed that in the case of preserving slang items in the translation of dialogues, based on the strategy proposed by Mona Baker and with regard to the results of both translations are similar in their application of the strategies in preserving slang items. The results also indicate that the most frequently employed translation strategy for transferring slang in —"The Expandable" in both translations is translation by a more general word (superordinate) "Translation by a more general word (superordinate) is one of the commonest strategies dealing with many types of non equivalence, particularly in the area of propositional meaning". Since there is a trend of domestication in the target text, it attests to the fluency of the translation and the translator's invisibility. It should be considered that although many readers understand and accept translations which are domesticated, the cultural and linguistic features of the ST are sacrificed for the naturalness and fluency of the translation.

However, using strategy can reproduce the original picture and truthfully transform the human atmosphere and spiritual essence of the ST, especially to the parts where the source culture is different from the target cultures. It is good for combining two cultures and is beneficial for keeping the characteristics of the SL texts. Nevertheless, it may cause an information overload and cultural shock, and thus may be difficult for the TT readers to accept and understand the translation.

Based on the prior observations, some studies have reported significant differences in the opposite direction. There was a gap between fact and theory. According to Mona Baker (1992) there are eight translation strategies that we used to translate text, book, or even movie. But after analyzing a half of data in "Spy" the writer found that the translation strategy proposed by Mona Baker is not enough to translate the slang expression in the "Spy" movie.

The impersonal was found there are several slang expressions that can't be translated by using the translation strategy proposed by Baker. The writer found one new strategy that can be used to translate slang expressions that can't be translated by the translation strategy proposed by Baker. The new strategy is expansion. Expansion is used when the original requires an explanation because of some cultural nuance not retrievable in the target language. It adds an explanation in the TT because some cultural references from ST do not exist in the TT.

Example :

ST : I shouldn't have been looking for *my ChapStick*

TT : *Aku seharusnya tidak mencari lipstikku*

The speaker uttered the expression *chapstick*, because the speaker wanted to express her disappointment for wasting her time to look for something meanwhile she has important business to do at the time. The translator translates the slang expression "my chapstick" into *lipstikku* in Indonesian because the source item is not lexicalized at all in the target language. So, we need expansion strategy as an explanation because of some cultural nuance not retrievable in the target language.

From the preliminary data above, it can be concluded that the translation of slang is a difficult task for every translator since this language phenomenon is closely knit with the culture and society of the source language. The strategies discussed in the translation of slang help much to perform the action of translation. However, the translator should achieve such translation which is linguistically correct and acceptable to the reader of the target language.

1.2. Problem of Study

Based on the description of the background of the study stated above, the problems of the study are formulated as following:

1. What types of translation strategies were used in “Spy” movie ?
2. How the translation strategies were transferred into the target language ?
3. Why the translation strategies were used in “Spy” movie ?

1.3. The Objectives of Study

The objectives of this study are to answer the three research questions, as formulated above. To be more specific, the objectives of the study are:

1. To analyze the types of translation strategies in “Spy” movie
2. To analyze How the translation strategies were transferred into the target language
3. To analyze the reason why translation strategies were used in “Spy” movie in “Spy” movie

The Significances of the Study

Finding of the study are expected taken significant theoretical and practical. Theoretically, the findings of the present study are expected to be useful for those who are interested in translation work especially for the translation of phrasal verb.

Practically, it is also hoped that it will be useful for translator who is concerned with translating and the researcher hopes that this research will provide additional references for those who want to conduct studies in this field.

