

ABSTRACT

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The study deals with the function of swearing in Donald Trump's utterances during the presidential debate. This study focuses on the types and the functions of swearing in Donald Trump's utterances during the presidential debate. The research used the descriptive qualitative method. The data were taken from video's transcript of America presidential debate in 2016. There were three video's transcript used as the sample, they were first presidential debate broadcasted on September 26th, 2016, second presidential debate broadcasted on October 9th, 2016 and third presidential debate broadcasted on October 19th, 2016. Based on the analysis of data, it was found that there were five types of swearing and three function of swearing in Donald Trump's utterances during a presidential debate in 2016. The types of swearing that were found were those that defined as a politic term, religious matter, death term, animal term, and sex or copulative term. The functions of swearing that were found were those that defined as descriptive swearing, abusive swearing, and idiomatic swearing.

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