

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Language has an important role among the members of society. With language people can interact, socialize, getting information, express about something and etc. In this world, there are some cultures, groups, ethnic that spreads around the world. People always have their own language to express or telling some things and it might sounds weird or inappropriate for certain people. Because of some different cultures and societies, some people may use language that has a strong word or impact to other people who hear it whenever they feel angry, sad, happy, insecure and many else.

According to Holmes (1992: 1), Sociolinguistics is the study of the relationship between language and society. According to him also (2001: 73) stated that language variation is linguistics form which used based on social circumstances and also included vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation of dialect, and spelling in different language.

All languages in this world are involved in a great deal variation. Because of the variation, the speaker of the language speaks differently. The variation offers the speaker a choice of ways of expression in different ways. For example, people using bad language when they want to show anger, disappointment, and frustration. In linguistics study specifically in

sociolinguistics field, the term of bad language as known as taboo language.

We can find a lot of Taboo Words uttered by western culture and even eastern culture that we might not know the meaning. In English, *fuck* is the most common word said by people when they are trying to express their feelings. People usually produce taboo words because it is the most powerful ways to express their dissatisfaction. They sometimes emphasize people's real attention. According to Allan and Burridge (2006: 2-3), taboo refers to a term that denotes a person, object or act which is dangerous and therefore it must be avoided. Some of the group or society might say the taboo words are not that bad, because they use them in daily language. But how about the people who think it is inappropriate and they barely know the meaning of the taboo words.

There is an assumption that taboo words are only uttered by the lower class society with lower educational background since it affects the way people speak. On the other hand, the assumption somehow is not true because people with higher educational background also use indecent and offensive language in their conversation. When people uttered taboo words whether they are educated or uneducated, there must be a reason behind it.

The existence of taboo words can be seen from various sources such as in movies, song lyrics, and television shows. The existence of various taboo words in those sources caused by the fact that some people believe that employing taboo words is an appropriate way to express a strong feeling and emotion, especially in the form of swearing. Although,

a movie is a kind of fiction, it still can be said as the depiction of our daily real life.

Movie is such an entertain media for people describes and figures a condition of life. Movie has sort of kinds like a horror genre, comedy, romantic drama, drama, action, animation and many others. The researcher chooses a Drama/Sci-fi movie for the subject of study entitled “*Logan 2017*”. *Logan 2017* is a Drama/Sci-fi movie directed by James Mangold in 2017, *Logan* is a 2017 American superhero film starring Hugh Jackman as the titular character. It is the tenth film in the X-Men film series, as well as the final installment in the Wolverine trilogy, after *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* (2009) and *The Wolverine* (2013). The film, which takes inspiration from “*Old Man Logan*” by Mark Millar and Steve McNiven, based in an alternate bleak future, follows an aged Wolverine and an extremely ill Charles Xavier who defend a young mutant named Laura from the villainous Reavers led by Donald Pierce and Zander Rice, respectively.

The norms of using taboo words may vary among societies, or it can be concluded that nothing is taboo for all people under all circumstances for all time. Based on this consideration, the researcher is interested to analyze taboo words phenomenon in *Logan 2017* Movie especially on the types of taboo words used and the functions of taboo words uttered by the characters since they mostly came from the higher educational background. It is interesting to analyze the use of taboo words which are come from the higher educational background character because

it can provide an example of the occurrence of taboo words in well-educated society.

B. Problems of Study

Based on the explanation above, here are some problems of this research:

1. What are the types of Taboo Words found in *Logan 2017* Movie ?
2. What are the functions of Taboo Words found in *Logan 2017* Movie?

C. Objectives of Study

In accordance with the problems written above, the researcher of this research reset some objectives which concern with the problems of the study above:

1. To identify the types of the taboo words uttered by the characters in *Logan 2017* movie.
2. To describe the function of Taboo words uttered by the characters in *Logan 2017* movie.

D. Scope of Study

This study focuses on the research of an analysis of Taboo Words in *Logan 2017*. This approach is to identify and describe what the types and functions of taboo words uttered by the characters are.

E. Significances of Study

Regarding the background and the objectives of the research, the researcher expects that the research will contribute a great significance both theoretically and practically.

1. Theoritically,

This research findings add up more horizons to sociolinguistics theory especially taboo language and it will give additional information to the other linguistics researchers.

2. Practically,

a) For the students, this research can be used to give a better understanding on language phenomenon in society especially taboo language.

b) For the other researcher, this research can be used as a valuable reference in investigating the same subject.

c) For the readers, the readers will have new knowledge about taboo words especially about the types of taboo words and the functions of taboo words in conversation and will be able to understand if taboo words are bad language that is not supposed to say in any situation.