

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of study

Oral communication refers to the exchange of information or ideas through spoken words.. It is one of the most fundamental methods of communication that people use, and it is vital to our personal and professional lives. Oral Communication Strategy is considered a useful tool for keeping communication channels open (Moattarian, 2012). That is the reason successful oral communication is often seen as a critical component of success in almost any industry.

In personal and social scenarios, oral communication is crucial for building relationships and maintaining social connections. This includes everyday conversations with friends and family, as well as more formal social occasions such as public speaking events, debates, and discussions. Retrieved from wahyuni, 2018(Wahyuni, 2018) communication becomes very important for personal growth. With communication, people discover themselves, develop their self-concept, and define their relationship with the world. However, sometimes in oral communication there is the use of slang words which as non-native speakers do not understand the meaning of these slang words.

Slang word commonly used by native speakers in daily conversation according to Burke, 2004 (Burke, 2004) Slang is only used by native speaker. Slang is a secret word or sentence that is used in daily conversation, magazine, book, movie, tv, or song lyrics. These words are created as a tool of communication for them and their members only know what the meaning is. Slang is secretly spoken English words in an informal manner which are created and used by certain public people

Slang words are informal expressions used within specific social groups or communities. They often convey a meaning that is different from their literal definition and are used to create a sense of identity or belonging among group members. Slang is always used consciously, with the desire to create certain identities (Andersson, Lars and Trudgill, Peter. Lars-Gunnar Andersson, 1992). Slang words are an integral part of everyday language and are used extensively by native speakers in their daily lives. These words are informal, often playful, and are used to express ideas or emotions in a way that feels natural and effortless.

Slang words are everywhere in modern culture and can be found in many different forms of media, including music, film, and social media. In the movie industry, slang words are often used by actors to improvise when playing a role. The use of slang words in movies can be a powerful tool for establishing context, creating authenticity, and building relationships between characters. Whether used to add humor, drama, or depth to a story, slang words play an important role in shaping the language of film and helping to bring characters and stories to life.

The use of slang words in movies is a common phenomenon in the entertainment industry. Slang words are daily words or phrases used in informal contexts to express certain meanings or emotions. These words are often associated with certain social groups or cultures, and can be used to create a sense of authenticity or realism in movies. But sometimes the audience does not understand the context of the storyline because of the misunderstanding of the slang word usage itself.

In real life watching movie can also increase the ability of English learning. According to research conducted by Jiaosheng Qiu (Qiu, 2017) found that English movies are an effective and useful way to enhance the listening skills of adult language learners. Movies can be an excellent tool for learning English. Not only do movies provide an opportunity to learn new vocabulary and expressions, but they also allow viewers to practice listening, speaking and

comprehension skills in a fun and engaging way. One of the benefits of using movies as a tool for language learning is that they provide a visual context that helps viewers to understand the meaning of words and phrases especially the use of slang words. By watching actors in different situations and scenarios, viewers can learn new vocabulary and grammatical structures in a more natural way. They can also observe how native speakers use intonation, stress and body language to convey meaning, which is essential for developing communication skills in English.

In Khoshniyat and Dowlatabadi's research (Khoshniyat & Dowlatabadi, 2014) shows that using English movies can improve EFL learners' English skills with an extensive vocabulary list, one of which is slang words. Therefore, the use of slang words in English movies can improve the English language skills of EFL learners.

EFL learners can get many benefits by studying the slang words in movies, by learning slang word it can be one of the alternatives that the students having new vocabulary and also enhanced communication with more vocabulary. Findings from slang words can be used to learn vocabulary. (Agesti et al., 2022)

Learning slang words can help EFL learners understand informal conversations, movies, songs and other forms of media that often use slang. This can improve their overall comprehension skills and make them more capable of understanding native speakers learning about slang words can make students' communication faster and easier to understand. (Agesti et al., 2022)

Slang words are often closely related to the culture in which they are used. By learning slang, EFL learners will gain insight into the values, beliefs and experiences of native English speakers. This cultural understanding can enrich their language learning journey and help them navigate different social contexts. By learning the slang word students can get access to English culture which is expressed by language (Agesti et al., 2022)

According to Situmorang,2021 (Situmorang, 2021) Many movie viewers from various ages do not understand the slang language used in a movie, it makes the real meaning of the movie does not reach the audience. One reason why some people may not understand slang words in movies is that they may not be familiar with the context in which the words are being used. Slang words can have different meanings depending on the situation or the group of people using them. For example, the word "lit" can mean "exciting" or "awesome" in certain contexts, but it can also mean "drunk" or "intoxicated" in others. If a viewer is not familiar with the context in which the word is being used, they may not understand its intended meaning.

Movies are commonly used as a media for viewers to learn about grammatical and English language features, particularly slang words. In this case researchers are interested to analyzing slang word found in movie series on the netfilx film streaming platform entitled Wednesday 2022 series movie.

Wednesday 2022 was released on Netflix streaming service on november 23, 2022. the series directed by Tim Burton from a script written by Alfred Gough and Miles Millar has set a record as a supernatural genre series. Retrieved from [www.deadline.com](http://www.deadline.com) (Campione, 2022)Wednesday has been watched for 341.23 million hours in its first week. Wednesday Addams, the main character in the series, is a spin-off character from The Addams Family series created by cartoonist Charles Addams in 1938.

The Wednesday series tells the story of Wednesday Addams (played by Jenna Ortega), the firstborn of the Addams family who has supernatural abilities with an eccentric gothic style appearance. Wednesday likes to wear clothes and makeup with all shades of black, she also likes to express sarcastic opinions on everything. Because of her abilities and eccentric appearance, Wednesday is often considered strange. Until one day, Wednesday finds her younger brother, Pugsley (played by Isaac Ordonez) being bullied by students from the swimming club. Not accepting the treatment of the swim club

members, Wednesday then takes revenge. When the swim club members are practicing in the pool, Wednesday releases two plastic bags full of piranhas.

Because of this, Wednesday was expelled from school. However, instead of being sad, Wednesday's parents welcomed him with excitement. As it turned out, Wednesday's expulsion allowed his parents to send Wednesday to Nevermore Academy. Nevermore Academy is the school where Wednesday's parents studied when they were young. It was also a school for people with supernatural powers who were excluded from society, known as outcasts. Although Wednesday was rebellious and disliked Nevermore Academy at first, she finally was able to adapt to the environment at Nevermore Academy. Until one day, Wednesday saw a murder committed by a mysterious monster.

Dealing with slang word and Wednesday series movie 2022, the researcher found most of slang word appear on that movie, and they can be use as a learning media to increase communication skill and vocabulary. "Slang word will provide students with relevant authentic sources on language use and improve students' informal communication skills" (Nsir, 2015). This series consists of 8 episodes in which there are slang words, therefore the researcher wants to examine the types and meanings of slang words used in this series.

#### **B. Scope and Limitation**

The scope of this research is about slang words. This research is focused on analyzing the meaning of slang words found in the Wednesday 2022 series. The limitation of this research is only find the type and kind of meaning of slang word In Wednesday 2022 series.

#### **C. Research Questions**

1. What types of slang are used in Wednesday 2022 series?
2. What kind of the meaning slang words are used in Wednesday 2022 series?

#### **D. The purpose of This Research**

The purpose of this research is:

1. To identify the types of slang used in the Wednesday 2022 series

2. To find out the meaning of slang words are used in Wednesday 2022 series

### **E. Significance of Research**

The findings in this research are expected to be useful and relevant in several ways, both theoretically and practically.

#### 1. Theoretically

The results of this study can add knowledge about the theory of slang, and can add to the study in analyzing the types of slang and the meaning of slang words.

#### 2. Practically

##### a. For researcher

To increase knowledge about slang words, both in terms of types and meanings, and one of the requirements to get a S1 degree

##### b. For students

To increase knowledge, especially in understanding about the meaning of the term slang word and knowing about the culture of slang word used in daily conversation

##### c. For teacher

As an alternative reference that may be useful to understand more about slang terms. The teacher could accept when students use slang words in daily conversation as a form of application of learning about slang words.

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