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Abstract

The researcher investigates vulgarity words uttered by *Amy Schumer* in her stand up comedy performance. There are 3 title stand up comedy performance will investigate by researcher that entitled : *Mostly Sex Stuff* (2012), *Live at the Apollo* (2015), *The Leather Special* (2017). The researcher using stand up comedy as an object, because stand up comedy is a part of humor.

This research aims to investigate vulgarity word that used by *Amy Schumer* in her stand up comedy performance. This research will discuss about vulgairty word and the reason using vulgarity word in humor. Therefore, the objectives of this research are to identify type of vulgairty and describe the speaker reason of using the vulgarity words in stand up comedy performance.

This research using document analysis as the method because the source of the data is from the transcript. The primary instrument to collect and analyze the data was the resaercher, while the second instrument was the data sheet.

Based on the analysis, in this research found that the type of vulgarity in this stand up comedy are included in 5 types, namely religious, scatological, sex organ, sexual activities and mother (family) theme. In this research, it is also found that stand up comedian is more often using vulgarity words is sex organs. The sex organs is the most dominant type used by stand up comedian. In addition, there are reason of using vulgarity word in stand up comedy. The common reason is to elicit humor and the use of vulgarity words it depends on the stand up comedian itself.

Keywords : *vulgarity, humor, stand up comedy, Amy Schumer.*

Introduction

Humor is as universal as language. Humor is a form of communication. As well know, the purpose of the humor was to entertain or to provoke laughter. All of people, ages, and cultures respond to humor. Mostly people are able to experience humor be amused, smile or laugh at something funny and thus considered to have sense of humor. As well as, in Americans sense of humor more referring to the rude sarcastic thing. Difference with sense of humor of Indonesians that is *slapstick* as an example: the mutual thrust until the fall, anoints the face with flour, or mutually open disgrace. The

creation of humor can be appeared in stand up comedy, joke telling story, film, and etc. The example of humor using vulgar speech is stand up comedy. In this era, humor that were the rage a generation of millennial is stand up comedy.

Stand up comedy is a combination of various linguistic features of joke telling such as wordplay and punning, hyperbole, repetitions, timing, and paralinguistic choices. According to Brodie (2014:5) “the form of stand up comedy takes, therefore is very much the same form of intimate talk that occurs in face to face encounters”. In sum up, stand up is a vulgar art. In stand up comedy, stand up comedian gives the humor used a vulgar speech. The use of vulgar speech in stand comedy is about issues related, such as : corruption, politic or etc. A stand up comedian create their own style of performing. One of stand up comedian has own style of performing is *Amy Schumer*. Amy Schumer is a American stand up comedian and actress. Stand up comedian that use vulgar language or very mature theme.

This research dealing with vulgar language. Vulgarity or vulgar language can refer to language which is offensive. Vulgarity is being common, coarse, or unrefined. In other hand, sense of vulgarity is an inability to properly to convey idea, and remains to be an intense substitute for a properly constructed sentence. Vulgarity has similar meaning with cursing or swearing these types of bad language might be offensive. According to Jay (1992) “Vulgarity means the language of the common person, the person in the street, or the unsophisticated, un-socialized, or under-educated”. Vulgar language can be appeared through by humor. A vulgar joke making explicit and offensive reference to sex or bodily functions; coarse and rude.

This research would like to analyze the vulgarity in stand up comedy. The researcher concern to find type of vulgar language and how the relation between vulgar language and humor especially in stand up comedy. Utilizing Vulgarity language in humor that often appear in stand up comedy but there's no many people who review or examine it especially in STKIP PGRI Jombang, bringing researchers to conduct a research under title “ A Vulgarity in Stand up Comedy by *Amy Schumer* “. .

Method

This research was a qualitative research. According to Ary (2010:420) “qualitative inquiry is a generic term for an array of educational research approaches, such as ethnography, naturalistic inquiry, narrative research, case studies, interpretive research, fieldwork, field studies, and participant observation. Qualitative research seeks to understand and interpret human and social behavior. The required data was gathered through the document analysis. Ary, et al (2010:29) state that document analysis or content analysis focuses on analyzing and interpreting recorded material to learn about human behavior. The material may be public records, textbooks, letters, films, tapes, diaries, themes, reports, or other documents.

In this research, the researcher focuses on content or document analysis. The researcher aimed to analyze the type of vulgarity and relation between vulgar language and humor used in the stand-up comedian by *Amy Schumer*. The researcher choose this method since it can be the best way to analyze the phenomenon related to vulgarity language as potrayed in stand up comedy by *Amy Schumer*.

Result

Based on the analysis, the following findings can be drawn to answer the research questions in chapter I. The first research question is : What are the type of vulgarity used in Stand up Comedy by *Amy Schumer*? Based on the the analysis in chapter IV, the types of vulgarity found in the stand up comedy are various. The types are the religious theme, the scatological theme, the sex organ theme, sexual activities, and the mother (family) theme. Thus, the sex organ theme is often used as vulgar language. From the analysis, the vulgar language belong to the sex organ theme are *vagina*, *penis*, *cunt*, and *dick*. Meanwhile, *bitch*, *fuck*, *ass*, *asshole* are included in scatology theme. Then, *cums*, *masturbating*, and *semen* include in sexual activities. The vulgar language belong to the religious theme is *damn*. The last type which is found in the stand up comedy is mother (family) theme and the word *motherfucker* is as the example.

The second research question is : Why has *Amy Schumer* blended her humor with vulgarity on her stand up comedy performance? The reason *Amy Schumer* blended her humor with vulgarity on her stand up comedy performance it depends on the stand up comedian. Since humor is defined disguised hostility then vulgar language can be device to communicate genuine feelings, vulgar language used to elicit humor.