

# METAPHORS IN THE LYRICS OF LENKA'S SONGS

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## ABSTRACT

The research deals with the study of metaphors analysis in the lyrics of Lenka's song entitled Lucky, the descriptive qualitative method was applied in this research. From the analysis, it was found that there were four types of metaphor found in Lenka's songs. They were anthropomorphic metaphors, Synesthetic metaphors, Abstract to concrete metaphors, and Animal metaphors. The total number of Animal metaphors was 11 lyrics, the anthropomorphic metaphor was 8 lyrics, the abstract to concrete metaphor was 7 lyrics, and the last synesthetic metaphor was 1 lyric. The data of this research was in the form of the transcription of Lenka's song lyrics entitled "Lucky", "Everything at Once", and "The Show". The research applied the descriptive qualitative method. 27 lyrics were analyzed through the application of Ullman's theory, and the procedure of analyzing the data using data reduction, data display, and conclusion. The verification was carried out significantly. The research result showed that found (1) there were 4 types of metaphor found in the 3 songs of Lenka. They were Anthropomorphic, Synesthetic, Abstract to concrete, and Animal metaphors. That the dominant type found in those songs was an animal metaphor with 11 data found.

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## INTRODUCTION

Language is a communication system consisting of a set of written sounds and symbols used by people from a particular country or region to speak or write.

Language is a verbal communication tool and is a system symbol of sound that is arbitrary. Language humans use to convey someone's ideas, thoughts, and feelings. . The main function of language is a tool for communicating and interacting with others

(Chaer 2014: 32) to maintain social relationships, each individual maintains contact with the environment around, this can be done by asking about the news or just greeting the other person. Communication means sharing or exchanging information, news, ideas, etc. with someone. The most common medium of communication is language. Language has an important role in communication. Without language, communication is meaningless. The main function of language is as a tool to communicate and interact with other people, to maintain existing social relationships, each individual maintains contact with the surrounding environment, by asking how they are or just greeting others.

Metaphors can be classier in many ways. These are especially relevant to the cognitive linguistic view of metaphor; classification according to the conventionally, function, and level of generality of metaphor. Metaphors are used in lyrics for aesthetic purposes, to make songs beautiful, and pleasing to the eye. Generally, metaphors are not easy to take literally, because they have a special character that cannot be expressed literally. Metaphors are difficult to understand for most people, but in song lyrics, metaphors are widely used by composers to inform

social issues, because they are considered easier to understand by using metaphors than using literals. Metaphors can be more graded in many ways. Metaphor is one of the most common and widely used figurative language. Figurative language is used to give a special effect or message in each of his writings. Figurative language inserts with various purposes. For example, giving a more detailed and direct meaning, telling about a deeper meaning that cannot be conveyed in ordinary language or just telling a picture of the speaker's imagination.

this research discusses semantics which is focused on metaphors. The researcher took three Lenka's songs entitled Lucky, everything at once and the show to be researched because the songs have many figurative sentences. Additionally, the researcher found a lot of metaphors in the lyrics of lenka's song. Researcher used the theory by Ullman (2009: 270).

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

The method of this research is an important part of finding the answer in research and analyzing or determining the result. The researcher uses qualitative research in writing this research. Qualitative research was research conducted by directly

observing the data sources, the data collected was in the form of words. Qualitative research placed the object as something that developed as it was as a result of a completed, dynamic thought construction, and could not be manipulated by researchers (Sugiono, 2013:15-16)

Researcher uses qualitative methods because they want to know the meaning and the types of metaphors in lenka's songs. this qualitative method can help researcher correctly find the meaning and the types of metaphors in lenka's songs. and the researcher want to describe the meaning and the types of metaphors. the researcher used the theory from Ullman.

The sources of the data in this study were lingual units that contain metaphors and metaphorical meaning in three of Lenka's songs which are "Lucky", "Everything at Once", and "The Show". The data of this study was collected from a transcription of Lenka's song lyrics entitled "Lucky", "Everything at Once" and "The Show" which had been downloaded from the internet. The researcher focused on the sentences that contained types of metaphors in the three songs and analyzed the meaning and dominant metaphor used in those three songs.

This research instrument is the researcher himself (human instrument), which is referred to as (human instrument) as the main instrument with the help of supporting instrument and who collects, arranges, analyzes, and reporter the data found which are the meaning of the metaphor, and the dominant types of metaphors used in Lenka's songs.

## FINDING AND DISCUSSION

This research aims to know the meaning of metaphor found and the dominant use of metaphor in Lenka's songs. The researcher chooses Lenka's songs especially "Lucky", "Everything at Once" and "the show" as the object of the research. There are four types of metaphors according to Ullman. These are *anthropomorphic metaphors*, *synesthetic metaphors*, *abstract to concrete metaphors*, and *animal metaphors*.

Generally, Lenka's songs especially "Lucky", "Everything at Once" and "The Show" is telling about Lenka's love experience, ambitions, and life. In those three songs, there are 27 metaphor data. The researcher found the types of metaphors and the researcher classified them into four types namely anthropomorphic

metaphor, synesthetic metaphor, abstract to concrete metaphor and animal metaphor.

the researcher presents the answers to the two research problems that are in the first chapter and this study, there is the meaning of metaphor in Lenka's songs and the dominant types of metaphors used in Lenka's songs especially "lucky", "everything at once" and "The show". A theory of metaphor and a theory of the source of metaphor, the researcher used the theory of Ullman (2009), this theory explains that metaphor is divided into four types. These are anthropomorphic metaphors, synesthetic metaphors, abstract to concrete metaphors, and animal metaphors. The appearance of those types could be seen below:

Based on the description above, it can be seen that the dominant metaphor used in Lenka's songs was the Animal metaphor with 11 data found. All of those 11 data are mentioned below.

So, from the whole analysis above, it could be concluded that the Animal metaphor was very frequently used in Lenka's song. So it makes the animal metaphor the most dominant metaphor with 11 data found.

After analyzing all the data obtained in the three songs of Lenka namely "Lucky",

"Everything at Once" and "The Show", the findings were reported as follows:

1. There were four types of metaphors found in the 3 songs of Lenka. They were anthropomorphic, synesthetic, abstract to concrete, and animal metaphors and their meanings were connected to each type.
2. The metaphorical processes in those types were most frequently applied to the type of animal metaphor. It was shown that there were 11 lyrics out of 27 lyrics from three songs selected. The use of animal metaphor was dominating the song of Lenka, and it had the characteristics of the songs in the metaphorical process.

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Based on the result of the data analysis in Lenka's song contained in chapter four, this study was intended to draw the following conclusions:

1. There were four types metaphor found in Lenka's song titled "Lucky", "Everything at Once" and "The Show" based on theory from Ullman (2009). The four types of metaphor were Anthropomorphic Metaphor, Synesthetic Metaphor, Abstract to Concrete Metaphor, and Animal

Metaphor. That the most dominant type of metaphor in Lenka's song lyrics was animal metaphor with the totals were 11 lyrics, secondly by anthropomorphic metaphor was 8 lyrics, thirdly it was abstract to concrete metaphor was 7 lyrics, and the last synesthetic metaphor with the total was 1 lyrics.

2. The way metaphor attached to the root was based on the meaning of the words itself in the sentences. As in animals that are compared to humans or parts of the human body, it refers to the metaphor of animals, as well as an inanimate object compared to humans or parts of the human body so it refers to anthropomorphic metaphors, whereas to objects that are intangible when compared with something that is clear in its form, it refers to the abstract to concrete metaphor, and the last one, if a human sense, such as the visual sense, is compared to other human senses, for example, the hearing sense, then it refers to a synesthetic metaphor.

In the relation of the conclusions, suggestions can be staged as:

1. For lecture, the result of this research could become additional information in studying semantic meaning that focused

on metaphor, types of metaphor, and the metaphorical meanings.

2. For student of English Education it was hoped that the result of this researcher helped them study about semantic meaning that focused on metaphor, types of metaphor, and the metaphorical meaning.
3. For other researcher or readers, this research is expected to give information about semantic that focused on metaphor.

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