

# **An Analysis of English Taboo Words in Deadpool 2 Movie**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This research entitled An Analysis of English Taboo Words in Deadpool 2 Movie is aimed to find out the classification of English taboo words and the investigation of connotative meaning of English taboo words in Deadpool 2 movie. This research employs descriptive method with the use of the researcher and a data sheet as a research instruments. The source of the data are taken from Deadpool 2 movie and its transcript, especially the dialogues that contain taboo words. The subject of the research is Deadpool 2 Movie and the objects of the research are the classification of English taboo words and the investigation of connotative meaning of taboo words. This research employs simak and catat technique to collect the data from Deadpool 2 movie. The results of this research are the researcher has found 5 from 6 kinds of taboo words based on Wardhaugh's theory. And then, the investigation of connotative meaning of English taboo. They are words, phrases and sentences.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Interacting is a human activity that cannot be separated with language and social both have a connection. When interacting, humans use language and it is also how humans socialize with fellow human beings. Therefore, Language and social are highly related things that are very important to discuss. In the science of language itself, the study of language and social life is called by sociolinguistics. According to Holmes (2013:1) said that sociolinguists study the relationship between language and society. They are interested in explaining why we speak differently in different social context, and they are concerned with identifying the social functions of language and the ways it is used to convey social meaning. Examining the way people use language in different social contexts provides a wealth of information about the way language works, as well as about the social relationships in a community, and the way people signal aspects of their social identify through their language. Fauzia (2011) states that language in its use in a society is not observed individually, but is always related activities in society. A social phenomenon also can be part of language not only an individual symptom. Linguistic factors do not only determine a symptom of social, language, and language users, but also nonlinguistic factors,

namely social factors and situational factors. Research conducted by Fauzia (2001) as a social phenomenon, activities in Battalion Infantry 403 are not only involved an individual, but also involved a group of individuals included in the activity. Social symptoms reflected by these individual because these individuals are not alone in an environment but always interact and communicate with each other in that environment.

In communication, sometimes people use formal and informal language. Many people communicate with inappropriate language as speaking with friends or family by using impolite language for example taboo language. As we know that, taboo language is the language that avoided by everyone. But, nowadays taboo language becomes common phenomenon, people free to speak what they want, there are many people used taboo language to express feeling and emotion. American modern hear taboo language on the street, at home, at school, in the radio, in television, etc. Today, movie is going rapidly, one of the reasons why do many genre of movies appear using taboo words is to amuse the audience. One of the movies that uses many taboo words is Deadpool 2 movie by Simon Kinberg, Lauren Shuler Donner, Ryan Reynolds, and it will be the object of this research.

This research has two purposes as a theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the results of this study are expected to contribute and benefit for the other researcher and reader who need information related to this research as a reference source of information to analyze the same subject. Practically, The results of this study are expected to provide benefits about taboo words for everyone in using and choosing words for daily life and understand the meaning of the words therefore they can use the words wisely and pay attention with the speech situation or place they are in.

## **REAEARCH METHOD**

This research uses descriptive qualitative method due this research will not has quantity data. This analysis will describe the kinds of taboo words occur in Dead Pool 2 movie. According to (Tracy: 2013) Qualitative research is about immersing oneself in a scene and trying to make sense of whether at company meeting, in a community festival, or during an interview.

The researcher uses simak and catat as data collecting methods of this research. Based on the theory of Mahsun (2012:92) defines that this method of providing data is given the name

of simak method because the method used to obtain the data is done by listening to the use of language. The term listening here is not only related to the use of spoken language, but also to the use of language in writing. Note taking technique is a technique that is carried out when applying the simak method by taking note or the researcher can do the recording. This method has basic techniques that are tangible. The data is limited only for the conversations that contain taboo words. Firstly, the researcher watches the Deadpool 2 movie to observe the taboo words occur in the movie. Secondly, the researcher transcript the movie and focus on the taboo words that are used by the actors and actress in the conversation it similar with note taking collect while watching the movie. All of the sentences that contain taboo words found in this movie is noted down to get the relevant data. After all the data are listed, then every taboo word will be classified by the theory of Wardhaugh and also it will be find the related meaning through connotative meaning theory.

Data analyzing method is the way researcher attempt directly into the problems that are related to the data. The handling can be seen from the existence of observing actions which are immediately followed by "dissecting" or passing and clarifying the problem in particular specific ways. The analysis begins right when the provision of certain relevant data is carried out afterwards, and the analysis which is similarly terminated or considered may end when rules relating to the object being the problem have been found. As long as the researcher has not found the rules regarding the problem, during that time the analysis is still feasible and needs to be done. (Sudaryanto: 2015)

In this last case, the identity of sentence constituents (in the form of certain lingual units, can be words can be phrases), the determination is based on elements of reality that are outside the language but which are actually referred to by the language in question (sentence constituents single).

## **RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS**

In this research analyses the classification, connotative meaning and the fuction of taboo words occus in Dead Pool 2 movie. This research uses Wardhaugh's theory to classify the taboo words. There are six kinds of taboo words based on Wardhaugh's theory such Death, Sex, Bodily Functions, Excretion, Religious and Politics. Beside it, this research will find out the connotative meaning in words, phrases and sentences. In addition, to understand why people use taboo words, the researcher will discuss the function of taboo words. There are four ways reasons in

functions of using taboo words: To draw attention with oneself, To show Contempt, To be provocative and To mock authority.

1. Classification of taboo words

a. Sex

Sex is gender (Oxford, 2015). It relates to genital "anus" for example 'fuck' related to sexual 'sex'. For more specific explanation, it will be discussed with following way below.

Jhon K : Fuck. I could have sworn I fixed that fourth wall.

From the example, fuck means to have sexual intercourse with or to have sexual course. Therefore, it belongs to sex. On the other hand, fuck is meant to have sex. Fuck is a vulgar and offensive word which people should avoid using it.

b. Death

Death is a category of taboo word. In taboo word, sometimes the word that exist is not the real meaning. It sometimes tells something implicit. For instance, the word "damn" is a sample death, it does not explain about dying or the end of the life. "Damn" is commonly used to damnation, a condemnation, usually by a god; to affirm to be bad or failure; to swear at or curse. Thus, it belong to taboo word. In Dead Pool 2 movie, it appear in the conversation. For more details, the researcher will present the data below.

Dead pool : Damn it!

c. Excretion

Excretion is a banishment from sexual organ. The substance excreted, as urine or sweat, or certain plant products. According to Amalia (2018:35) states that excretion is related to excretory term that refers to the elimination of bodily wastes from human or living thing (animal).

Deadpool : Shit, you said the magic theme word.

"Shit" is excrement; feces. An act of defecating, evacuation. It indicates to the destruction of bodily wastes and the correlated parts of the body are also noted "dirty" or shocking. "Shit" is a vulgar word.

d. Bodily function

Bodily can be classified into taboo word if it consists of information about private parts of body which is used to insult the other person. Indeed, body part are not taboo words. in Dead Pool 2 movie, bodily as taboo word include;

Ryan Reynolds : What other weak-ass mutants did we get the rights to?

e. Religious matters

Religious matter exists when someone is using religious terminology in a profane, secular, or uncaring manner such as "Holy shit, Goddamn", "what the hell", and "Goddammit". In Dead Pool 2 movie, it occurs in the conversation that researcher puts below.

Deadpool : I'm the Goddam Kool Aid Man of fourth walls, Johnny boy.

"Goddamn" implicates the taboo word because it associates the divine word "God" with the bravery "damn". God is a indigenous word of English which means the Lord, definitely, or godliness while damn mean abuse, curse, or invective.

f. Politics

Category politics appear when a person uses a mockery that can lead to political wars, such as race.

In Dead Pool 2 movie, the researcher did not find this type. In this case, the words of a political-type English taboo are not used in the movie.

2. Connotative meaning

To have a language without meaning would be like having lungs without air (Riemer, 2010:3). Kriedler (1998:45) defines that connotative meaning refers to the personal aspect of meaning, emotional, association that the word arouses.

a. Connotative meaning in words of English taboo occur in Dead Pool 2 movie

Word is a unit of language, consisting of one or more spoken sounds or their written representation that functions as a principal carrier of meaning. Connotation is often contrasted with denotation. Connotation has something implicit. If a word's denotation is the collection of things it refers to; its connotation is what it implied about the things that are used to refer to. In this research, not all taboo words have connotative meaning. Therefore, the researcher found some taboo words that have connotative meaning in the movie. Here is the finding result found by the researcher below:

**Fuck.** It does not mean to have sexual intercourse with. Nevertheless, it has many senses. For instance, it used to express an anger, disgust, peremptory rejection, or to meddle, treat unfairly or harshly. Sometimes, it can be a person, especially one with annoying or contemptible. In Dead Pool 2 movie, it tells;

Deadpool : I'm never gonna dance again. Fuck.

The word fuck that stand alone meant feeling angry because he will never meet his wife anymore. It does not mean to have sexual intercourse in the real meaning or denotation.

b. Connotative meaning in phrases of English taboo occur in Dead Pool 2 movie

A phrase is a group of words without a verb, especially one that forms part of sentence (Hornby, 1995:868 in Krisnawati, (2011:46).

Noun Phrase

Noun phrases consist of a noun and its modifiers. A noun phrase is a group of words that work together to name and describe a person, place, thing, or idea. When we look at the structure or writing, we treat a noun phrase the same way we treat a common noun. Like all nouns, a noun phrase can be a subject, object, or complement.

(i) Determiner article + Adjective + Noun

The fucking car is a noun phrase. It consists of determiner article the, adjective fucking, and the noun head car. The fucking car denotatively a sexual car, but actually there is no meant by sexual car. It has the connotative meaning to understand the context. It connotatively means unlucky car. To understand the connotative meaning, we need to focus on the sentence before and after.

(ii) Possessive + Adjective + Noun

His ample ass is a noun phrase. It consists of possessive his, adjective ample, and the noun head ass. It denotatively means he has a big ass, but connotatively means his stupidity.

c. Connotative meaning in sentences of English taboo occur in Dead Pool 2 movie

Oshima and Hogue (1997:15) in Krisnawati (2011:44) tell that a sentences is a group of words that contains at least one subject and one verb. Here are some examples of sentences that contain taboo words found in this study:

Deadpool : That babysitter of yours is high as fuck right now.

High as fuck right now means that unable to handle or in a moment at a loss to what to do. It does not mean fuck to have intercourse with or to have sexual with,

Deadpool : Fucker can't stay in a panic room forever.

Fucker does not mean a person who do a sexual thing, but it replace a bastard person.

Deadpool : My pile of shit father took off and bailed.

Shit father does not mean "shit" a banishment from sexual organ. It connotatively he has bastard father who has no responsibility for his son.

3. Function of taboo words

This research will explain the functions of taboo words uttered by the characters in Dead Pool 2 movie. All three functions of taboo words, as well as to draw attention to oneself, to show contempt, and to be provocative are presented with some examples below.

a. To draw attention

Sometimes people use taboo words to get attention from the listener, in order to express what they are feeling in that time about the situation even about the listener itself. The function can happen when someone express a taboo word which has a strong connotation to gain the listener's attention. In addition, by using powerful language such as taboo word, the listeners will instantly respond the speaker's utterance. To make the definition clearer, the researcher will explain using the data below.

Dead Pool : Hey! Asshole!

He calls someone using taboo word "asshole" is to draw attention from the listener. He uses that word because he feels angry, in order word, the listener runs away and Dead Pool tries to get him and calls him using taboo word.

Al : Motherfuck. The hell you doing here?

To get attention from the listener, the speaker uses taboo word "Motherfuck". Because she feels surprised and suddenly said the word "Motherfuck" to get attention from the listener.

#### b. To Show Contempt

This function can happen when people utter taboo words to show their disrespect feeling toward the addressee. In the other words, the aim of the speaker is to offend their opposite pride because they feel that their opposite partners are completely worthless. To make the definition clearer, the researcher will explain using the data below.

Dead Pool : Fuck your rules!

It shows that the speaker against the rules and feel disrespect with the rules. If we pay attention with the conversation, Dead Pool said Fuck your rules, I was fight for what's right it explain that the taboo word that is used by Dead Pool is to show contempt because of he feels disrespect toward the addressee.

Dead Pool : That babysitter of yours is high as fuck right now.

It shows that he feels angry and disrespect the babysitter using taboo word.

#### c. To Be Provocative

This function occurs when a speaker utters taboo words to provoke a certain response from the listener such as violation or anger. To make the definition clearer, there are some examples of this example that are explained one by one below.

Dead Pool : You pick the wrong shithole to fuck, future boy.



Because he feels that he has a different thought that's why he used the taboo words to provoke what he thinks and feels.

d. To Mock Authority

When people feel disappointment sometimes they will use taboo words to express their feeling also to mock authority therefore they will feel better when they use it. To make the definition clear, there are some examples that will explain below.

Dead Pool : Holly mommy fucking shit

He uses the taboo words in order to express his anger and to mock authority because he feels fed up with something.

Dead Pool : fuck wolverine!

It shows to mock authority because it does not have any meaning. It used to express his feeling therefore he will feel better about the situation.

## **CONCLUSION**

The researcher concludes this research as follow:

1. There are 5 from six kinds of classification of taboo words base on Wardhaugh's theory such Sex, Death, Excretion, Bodily Function and Religious Matters. Nevertheless, the researcher did not find any Politic kind of taboo words in Dead Pool 2 movie.
2. The connotative meaning that is used by researcher are connotative meaning in word, connotative meaning in phrases, and connotative meaning in sentences that are appear in Dead Pool 2 Movie. These connotative meaning are observed to understand the implicit meaning that are used by the characters in the movie. In order to get the closest and the equivalent meaning from the conversation.
3. There are four functions of taboo words in this research. To draw attention with oneself, o show contempt, to be provocative, and to mock authority. All the functions are analyzed in order to find out why people use the taboo words itself.

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