

ANALYSIS OF SEMANTIC IN LYN LAPID SONGS

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ABSTRACT

Song is a short poem or other set of words set to music or meant to be sung. By listening to the songs, we can get knowledge about appreciating literature and the background of the song. The objective of this study is to analyze the lexical meanings and the contextual meaning in Lyn Lapid song lyrics that are "In My Mind" and "Itsy Bitsy". The aim of this discussion is to try to make sense of the song lyric from the side view of semantic meaning: lexical meaning and contextual meaning. The step to obtain the data is by collecting sources of the data from Lyn Lapid song's lyrics that are "In My Mind" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider" that has been posted in youtube. After that selected the lyric which contain of semantic, reads and listens to the lyrics to understand the content of the songs conducts and analyzes the collected data and makes conclusion. The result of this research is as follows: (1) related to the lexical meaning, while (2) related to the contextual meaning.

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I. Introduction

A branch of linguistics that learns about the meaning of linguistic expressions that are semantic. With semantics we can know how and what is the meaning of the lyric in literal or in contextual. It means that meaning in linguistic semantics was needed for us to limit ourselves to the expression of meanings in a single language. Semantics is one of the important branches of linguistics, and deals with interpretation and meaning of the words, sentence structure, and symbols. It deals with the reading comprehension of the readers, in how they understand others and their interpretations.

In addition, semantics constructs a relation between words and clarifies the sense of a sentence, whether the meanings of words are literal or figurative. In the semantics there is a kind of meaning that is lexical and contextual (Britannica, 2017)

Lexical meaning refers to the sense (or meaning) of a word (or lexeme) as it appears in a dictionary. Also known as semantic meaning, denotative meaning, and central meaning. Contrast

with grammatical meaning (or structural meaning). The branch of linguistics that's concerned with the study of lexical meaning is called lexical semantics (Longman, 1992)

Contextual meaning is a linguistic meaning in context. (Longman, 1992). For example the meaning of a word is in a sentence or a sentence is in a paragraph. For example, the sentence "They come out to play" can mean literally they came just to play but in this case, Lyn Lapid talked about her thoughts that always come in her head. This research is focused on the meaning of the lyrics that are Lexical meaning and contextual meaning that appear in the lyrics of Lyn Lapid song, those are "In My Mind" and "Itsy Bitsy". In this study, song lyrics are the data that is analyzed. The lyrics are collected from the Lyn Lapid songs, those are "In My Mind" and "Itsy Bitsy". Katelyn Lapid or commonly known as Lyn Lapid is an American singer and songwriter of Filipino descent. She gained popularity on the video sharing app TikTok, where she recorded covers of various songs, and teased her debut single, "Producer Man".

There are hidden messages or meanings in the song lyrics. The first song tells about the overthinking situation of the person and second is about someone who can't escape from his past. These songs give us how overthinking can impact how it works. Song lyrics use non familiar or uncommon language, compared to the word used in daily conversation. Sometimes the listener can misunderstand the lyrics. While the listener knows the meaning of the lyrics, it will have its own opinion. Therefore, people will translate or interpret it by their understanding without knowing the truth of the purpose of a composer. Beautiful words will have valuable meanings and require the ability to deliver ideas through semantics

II. Methods

This research applied Descriptive qualitative methods. Qualitative description (QD) is a label used in qualitative research for studies which are descriptive in nature, particularly for examining health care and nursing-related phenomena (Polit & Beck, 2009, 2014).

The data has been collected from the lyrics of Lyn Lapid songs "In My Mind" and "Itsy Bitsy", the data are analyzed to find the meaning of it.

III. Findings and Discussion

This analysis used one word to explain the meaning of the term in "Lyn Lapid" lyrics (Goddard, 2011). Terms here were word or combination of words which are used by "Lyn Lapid" lyrics in her lyrics to show her feeling, there are many data that have different meanings lexically and contextually. This research has a clue for about one word and the other word that it wants to analyze. For example, a clue for the first stanza was S1. And then, for about a line in the stanza was L1, and then, for the next word continued for this clue. So, the reader is not confused to read this research.

In My mind

The first data is “In My Mind” lyrics by Lyn Lapid in “The Hating Game” album, which was posted in 2021.

Table 1. “In My Mind” lyrics by Lyn Lapid in “The Hating Game” album

No	Word	Stanza and line	Lexical meaning	contextual meaning
1.	Quiet	S1 and L1	Making very little noise	Less talk and keep quiet about something keep something quiet
2.	Lightning	S1 and L2	A flash, or several flashes, of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity	Very fast things comes through
3.	Monsters	S1 and L5	An imaginary creature or animal that is very large, ugly and frightening	The thought that rumbling the mind
4.	Toxic	S2 and L6	Containing poison; poisonous	Very unpleasant, especially in the way somebody likes to control and influence other people in a dishonest way
5.	Play	S3 and L3	To do things for pleasure, as children do; to enjoy yourself, rather than work	To have an effect or influence on something, and coming on and on
6.	Violent	S4 and L2	Involving or caused by physical force that is intended to hurt or kill somebody	The thought that says want to do a physical attack to the other

Itsy Bitsy

The second data is “Itsy Bitsy” lyric by Lyn Lapid, it was published in 2021.

Table 2. “Itsy Bitsy” lyric by Lyn Lapid

No	Word	Stanza and line	Lexical Meaning	Contextual Meaning
1.	Downed	S1 and L1	Down something to finish a drink or eat something quickly	To force something or feeling to go out or make it disappear
2.	Voice	S1 and L1	The sound or sounds produced through the mouth by a person speaking or singing	To express your feelings, worries, etc.
3.	Pain	S1 and L3	The feelings that you have in your body when you have been hurt or when you are ill	Emotional feeling that hurt from the inside, emotional damage
4.	Cycle	S2 and L1	The repeated process, bicycling or motorcycling	The fact of a series of events being repeated many times, always in the same order
5.	Web	S2 and L5	A fine net of thread made by a spider to catch insects	A complicated feeling or word.
6.	Edge	S9 and L1	The outside limit of an object, a surface or an area; the part furthest from the center	To be in a difficult situation where any mistake may be very dangerous, start to come apart or to fail

Discussion

After analyzed the data, the data are discussed about the story of these lyrics’ song by “Lyn Lapid” song, the first data that is “In My mind” lyrics in “The Hating Game” album is told story about how her thought rumbling their head and make her stay awake every night, even though everyone tell her a quiet person but, in her head, she is the loud person. The second data is “Itsy Bitsy” lyric by Lyn Lapid, it was published in 2021, it told a story about how she tried to escape his life from the cycling life of heartbroken.

From the discussion of the data above, it can be discussed that the lyric of the Lyn Lapid song is told about a short story how she conversing her feeling and her situation, after finding the lexical and contextual meaning of the lyric, can be conclude that the Theme of those song is sadness and confusion, which is the famous theme in the youth generation right now.

IV. Conclusion

In order to know the meaning of lyrics of the song, the terms have to know not only lexical meaning, but also contextual meaning. The lexical meaning here is the meaning of the terms used in the lyrics of “Lyn Lapid” songs described in the lexicon or dictionary (Logan, B, et.all. 2004). This research explained those as suitable as were written in the general dictionary (Longman, 1992). The meaning of the term used in the lyrics of “Lyn Lapid” songs from the lexicon or general dictionary is slightly different from the meaning in the context. It is different from the lexical meaning. The contextual meaning is the terms explaining the actual meaning according to the situation in which they were used. In this case, the situation meant the above terms in the lyrics of “Lyn Lapid ”. This discussion is an interesting event unique to be learned in order to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

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