

**SWEAR WORDS USED BY JOHN BENETT
IN *TED 2* MOVIE SCRIPT**

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Abstract

The thesis writer focuses on the analysis swear words used by John Bennett in *Ted 2* movie script. The objectives of the study are, to find out the types of swear word used by John Bennett in *Ted 2* movie script, and the reasons of John Bennett using swear words in *Ted 2* movie script. The thesis writer applies the theory Liedlich (1973) to find the types of Swearing and applies the theory of Neel Burton (2012) to find The Reasons of Swearing and the thesis writer also applies a qualitative research.

Key Word: Swear Words, Ted 2 Movie script

INTRODUCTION

Background of Study

Communication is the act of conveying intended meanings from one entity or group to another. So that communication becomes one of the important parts on human life. As stated by Pearson, communication can be counted as a medium of interaction which people can use when they want to negotiate certain meaning of any matter (1985: 14). Communication itself succeeds if the information delivered in the message can be understood by the speaker and the listener (Susilo, 2017).

Communication is not only used to deliver the information, but it also used to express people's feelings, everyone has many ways to express their feelings. Someone's happiness, sadness, or anger is able to be expressed through words. To express their feeling some people use swear word. Swear word itself is not only regarded as impolite words, as Jay and Janschewitz (2008) state that swear words can be used in a polite and impolite ways. They are regarded as polite when they elevate social harmony. Meanwhile, they can be rude when they are used to assault others.

In daily life, swear words are regarded as taboo things because they contain inappropriate words. According to Karjalainen (2002:18) someone might think that all use of taboo words which refer to taboo are swearing, and although all swear

words are taboo. However, not all of taboo words are swear words because taboo words that are used for swearing are the words that have relation with swear words. So, not all taboo words are used in swear words.

However swear words are not only found in our daily life, but also we can find them on films because movie is a reflection of human's real life, a movie can be considered as a good or bad movie. In this research, the researcher interested in findings the types swear words used by the main character John Bennett in *Ted 2* movie script, and also what is the reason of John using swear word.

Statements of Problem, Based on the explanation the background of the study, there are two problems which are going to be formulated. What types of swear words are used by John Bennett in *Ted 2* movie script?, and What are the reasons of John Bennett using swear words in *Ted 2* movie script?.

Objectives of Problem, Based on the statement of the problems of this thesis, the objectives of the study are: to analyze the type of swear words used by John Bennett in *Ted 2* movie script and; to analyze the reasons of John Bennett using swear words in *Ted 2* movie script.

THEORITICAL BACKGROUND

Swearing

As stated by Jay and Janschewitz (2008: 268), swearing is the employment of taboo language in order to express the speaker's emotional feeling and to communicate information to the listeners. It implies that the language which is employed in swearing is intended to reflect someone's emotion. Similarly, Ljung (2011: 4) states that swearing is emotive language, in which its primary function is to express the speaker's feelings. It means, swearing is an instrument to express the speaker's emotion to something, or it can also be addressed to someone.

According to Liedlich 1973 (cited by Winda, 2014:22), there are eight types of swear words that utilize indecent words and phrases:

- a. Copulative terms such as "fuck"
- b. Excretory terms such as "shit"
- c. Body function term such as "ass"
- d. Sexual irregularities term such as "bitch"
- e. Animal terms such as "bullshit"
- f. Death Term such as "go to hell"
- g. Religious Term such as "jesus"
- h. Mother in law term "motherfucker".

Reasons of Swearing

Jay (2006:153) states that swear words are able to be used for a variety of reasons. It is usually used to express frustration, anger, surprise or joy. These swear words is able to be name calling or want to hurt someone, so it is no wonder

they are often a defining feature of hate speech, verbal abuse, sexual harassment and obscene phone calls. According to Neel Burton (2012) there are 5 reasons of swearing:

- a. Pain relief, Swearing is called as "fight or flight" response that cause adrenaline to express emotion, such as frustration, hurt and etc.
- b. Power and control, Swearing can give us a greater sense of power and control over a bad situation. It is able show that we are not passive victims but empowered to react and fight back.
- c. Non-violent retribution, Swearing enables us to get back at bad people or situations without having to resort to violence.
- d. Humor, swearing that makes a mockery or joke to the other person so that the atmosphere does not become tense and turn into pleasant conversation.
- e. Self-expression, swearing that describes clearly of our feeling such as angry, sad, happy, sick, etc. It also makes us more lively and interesting, for example, to add emphasis or to our utterances or speech.

RESEARCH METHOD

In conducting this research, the researcher applies qualitative research. According to Creswell (2008) qualitative

research is a method used to explore and understand the meaning made by individuals or groups of people from social or human problem.

ANALYSIS

Types of Swear Words

a. Copulative Term

Ted : Yeah. I'll trade you, catch!
[Ted picks a up sample semen cup and throws it at John] John : What the...? Holy shit!
[the semen cup falls to the floor spills] Oh, God!
John : What the **fuck**? That's somebody's **fucking** kid!

Quotation above happened when Ted was playing with John by throwing sample of the semen to John and it spilled, John got mad by saying *fuck* to show his angry emotion, because it might be somebody else's kid. This swearing term belongs to copulative terms as it has *fucking* word. *Fucking* word has First *fuck* in this conversation doesn't refer to sexual contact but what had Ted do by throwing cup of semen and spill it on the floor. The second *fucking* word also doesn't refer to couple or someone doing sexual contact. But it is just phrases to emphasize John emotion. Based on the theory taken, *fuck* belongs to copulative term even it has no sexual contact.

b. Excretory Term

Ted : Hey, so, uh...listen, I got, uh...I got some big news to tell you.
John : Oh, yeah. What's that?

Ted : Tami-Lynn and I are gonna have a baby. John : **Holy shit!** You?

On the conversation above, it seems Ted and John having conversation about Ted who wanted to have a baby, it was a happy situation and Ted wanted to share his happiness to his best friend. Because both of them were friends since they were kid so their relationship become brothers and as brothers knowing that his brother wanted to have a baby that was an amazing moment, in this case John. So John expressed his happiness by saying holy *shit*. *Shit* has a bad meaning but, *shit* here followed by holy, something associated with God or with religion and it is regarded as sacred, so that it is not regarded as something disgusting, but to expresses happiness. As *shit* is used to express feeling so this kind of swearing belongs to excretory term.

c. Body Function Term

Ted : Johnny, that's a great idea. Hey, hey, maybe we can get one of them Harrison Ford lawyers who gets shot in the head and then turns all retarded and nice and goes "What we're doing is wrong."
John : Yes. You know, we get out there and we stick it to 'em good. We take that shit all the way up to Judge Judy if we have to.
Ted : Yeah. But we don't know any lawyer, all our friends make sandwiches.
John : No, we just google Boston lawyers. Ted : Ah.
[John googles it using his phone]
John : Jesus, look at that **black cock**.
[Ted and John meet a lawyer, Karl Jackson]

The conversation happened when ted and John wanted to hire a lawyer to help their problem, but actually they didn't

know any lawyer to be hired, and they didn't have friend who worked as a lawyer, so that John started to give suggestion how if they goggled to find any lawyer in Boston. At last they found him and he was black, John was Shocked and said *Jesus* to express his first shocking impression, at the same time John here regarded him as *cock*, *cock* regarded sex organs of human beings used for producing next generation. John said *black cock* because of course if their part of their skin has a color, so the rest of it would get the same color, except someone who has certain skin disease.

d. Animal Term

Ted : This is a nightmare.

[Ted meets John in the park and shows him the letter about his marriage to Tami-Lynn]

Ted : I mean, Tami is the woman I love.
You know, I would have never even
have tried to adopt a dog If

I'd known that it was gonna cause me this kind of shit storm.

John : This whole thing is complete **bullshit**. If you ask me, we gotta fight it.

Quotation above shows Ted got a letter about his marriage and he is in a bad situation it is known because Ted said on the first dialogue that it was a nightmare, nightmare is considered as a very frightening or unpleasant experience. That's why he wanted to share his condition to John, John also couldn't believe what just happened into Ted's life, that is why he said that this whole thing is complete *bullshit*. Based on the statement taken, *bullshit* itself has a meaning, that is the excretion of bulls (it can be said the feces of bulls). Bullshit has another meaning. It means the statement from someone that is not true or lies. John used *bullshit* on his word because all things that happened in Ted's life were not true. Based on the explanation above *bullshit* is considered as animal term because it contains animal's name.

e. Death Term

Samantha : Watch where you're going!

Stormtrooper : It's a crossroad, jackass!
We have right of way! Obi-Wan :
Yeah.

Quotation above shows four characters are arguing each other because it seems that they were getting an accident, started by Samantha to remain the stormtrooper and Obi-Wan to watch

where they were going because they were in a crossroad and so they wouldn't hit against Samantha or the other people. Stormtrooper and Obi-Wan couldn't take it so they started arguing. In the other hand John was a bit shock because Stormtrooper and Obi-Wan was character on Star Wars Movie and he was asking what the *hell* are they doing in there with dress like that. *Hell* is commonly used by people who get annoyed and hurt by other people. And in this case John felt annoyed because on the crossroad he found two people dressing like star wars character. *Hell* word in this conversation belongs to death term.

f. Religious Term

John : Alright.

[John gently lifts Tom Brady's bed cover as he sleeps, and they see a golden light shining through from Brady's groin area]

John : Sweet **God** and baby **Jesus**.

Quotation above shows where the condition John was opening Tom Brandy's bed cover when Tom was sleeping just a second after he lifted the bed cover, he saw a golden light shining from Tom's groin area, so that John get stunned and said sweet *God* and baby *Jesus*. Many people use this kind of swearing for showing their expression of many things such as, shocked, surprised, tired, and hurt. Because *God* and *Jesus* are the name of God those swearing belong to religious term.

g. Mother In Law Term

NYC Doctor : If you'd like you can go in and say you're goodbyes.
 [the trio go in to John's room to pay their last respects, Sam kisses him as she cries]
 Ted : Oh, Johnny. You were my thunder buddy.
 My thunder buddy for life. And you gave up your own life to save mine. The only problem is I don't know how my life works without you.
 Goodbye, John.
 [as Ted begins to cry suddenly John wakes and turns his head] John : I got you, you **mother fucker!**

Quotation above shows that John got an accident and he had to be treated at the hospital, it is showed by there was a doctor who took part in this dialog, the doctor began this conversation by giving a bad news that the trio in this case, Ted, Tami Lynn, and Samantha, by saying that whether if they would like to go into the John's room to said goodbye to him, it indicate that John had pass away, so three of them entered the room and gave their last respect so Samantha kissed him while she was crying, and when Ted began to cry, John woke up and turned his head in order to surprised them especially for Ted while saying I got you *motherfucker*. John used *motherfucker* word because he was ever treated the same thing when Ted pretended to die in *Ted I* movie. He described Ted as bad because he pretended to die as the person who has a sexual intercourse with his own mother in this case *motherfucker*. Because this dialogue contain of *motherfucker* so this data belongs to mother in law term.

Reasons of Swearing

a. Pain Relief

[Ted goes to use John's laptop]
 Ted : What the fuck?!?!?!?!? (in horror)

 Ted : You sick bastard! Look at this! Chicks with dicks?!
 John : Oh, my God! Oh, my God! I have a disease, all right? I need help!
 Ted : There are no chicks with dicks, Johnny! Only guys with tits!
 John : Well this is such a relief. You have to help, I'm glad I finally got caught. I wanted to be caught!
 Ted : Johnny, you listen to me. This is a wakeup call. Alright? You gotta get back out there and meet somebody because you are spiraling out of control here.
 John : All right, all right. Fine, I will. Just stop looking at that **shit**, please!

The conversation happend when Ted was opened John's laptop and directly he was shock because of what he saw. He found that John was collecting some porn videos and one of them named "chicks with dick", Based on the real meaning, chick is a kind of chicken. Furthermore, chick is known as a young woman which usually in American movies look sexy and beautiful (Kipfer 2007:150), and dicks is refers to man's sex organ, so that it is impossible that woman has man's sex organ, it is indicate that John had a tendency bisexual, that's why on the next dialogue he is calling his God and asking for a help, after that he mentioned that he was glad that finally someone caught him

collecting those videos, and I wanted for it, in the last dialogue he used *shit* word that refers to all of his porn videos, and he committed to stop looking at the videos again, the reason why he collected the videos is John didn't have somebody accompanied him, that's how he felt frustrated so he release his sexual desire into those videos, that he called it a *shit*. *Shit* regarded as something wasted and that's how he described those videos. So word *shit* in this conversation regarded as something to expressed the emotion.

b. Power And Control

Shep Wild : And, uh, why does Ted not possess a, uh, male appendage? Is it a freak of genetics?

Tami-Lynn : No, **asshole**. He ain't got a dick cause he's a fuckin' toy. What's your excuse?

Ted: Oh, take a burn!

John : Yeah, how does your tongue taste in your own **ass**, Poindexter.

Quotation above shows four characters were having conversation and it started by Shep Wild who was asking about why that was Ted in this case didn't possess male appendage or it was because Ted had genetic problem, Tami-Lynn argued his statement by shouting "no, asshole" and followed by saying that Ted was just "fucking toy" Tami-Lynn said that because she wanted to fight back Shep's statement so John also shouting word as he agree with Tami's statement and it showed that he is not passive and has a power to fight back

because John and Tami are on the same side, by saying "how does your tongue taste in your own ass".

c. Non-violent Retribution

John : She's **fucking** begging for it!

Ted : She's totally. Yeah, get it! Get in there! Bachelor Party Guest: Look at her! She wants it bad!

[we see they are watching a nature program where two bears are copulating]

Quotation above shows that John Ted and the bachelor party guest were watching tv shows together that showed two bears were copulating, and it began by John who started the conversation by saying that she which is refers to female bears begging something more, so that John was adding *fucking* word, even though *fucking* belongs to swear words, but John didn't have any tendency to make trouble or violence. Based on the explanation above, the reason of John Bennett swearing belong to non-violence retribution. He conversation shows that Samantha, Ted and John having conversation about the author and Samantha started saying one name Francis Scott Fitzgerald but Samantha said his name by F. Scott Fitzgerald, so that John started to think that what did "F" stand for and he is joking by saying it was *fuck*, Samantha argued that statement and explained that It was Francis, but John and Ted stick in to *fuck* word because. If he has a good name like Francis why it should be hidden, then it must be *Fuck* Scott Fitzgerald. *Fuck* in this data is used to make some joke so

that, *fuck* in this conversation classified

as humor reason.

d. Self-expression

Samantha : Oh, I'm Samantha
Jackson.

The conversation shows Ted and John met Samantha for the first time, the case began with Ted was asking Samantha's middle name, Samantha answered it "Leslie" and it remained Ted into one of the most famous actor Samuel L. Jackson but Ted said it Sam. L. Jackson so they sounds like the same person, because of that name John get excited by saying *fucking* followed by great because it seems like they met one of the greatest actor, *fucking* word in that conversation was emphasize the word great and it refers to Johns feeling that he is so excited just like he met an actor. As this conversation shows that John described his feeling in this case happy and excited, so this reason belongs to the self-expression.

CONCLUSION

The findings shows that John Bennett didn't use all the swear words types, namely copulative, excretory, body function, sexual irregularity, animal, death, religious matter, and mother in law term. Based on the findings, John Bennett uses seven swear words types, namely copulative, excretory, body function, animal, death, religious matter, and mother in law. From the findings number of swearing in every swear words types were different. However the copulative term was the most frequently used types.

Based on the findings that has

been analyze in Chapter IV, John Bennett used all the reason of swearing, namely pain relief, power and control, non-violence retribution, humor, and self-expression. The most common reason that John Bennett used was self-expression, John Bennett used swear words to express his feeling toward other or situation.

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