

A SEMANTIC ANALYSIS ON ED SHEERAN SONGS

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ABSTRACT

Semantic is the branches of linguistics. This branch is the important one, and there are lexical meaning and contextual meaning. By listening to the songs, we can get knowledge about appreciates literature and the background of the song. Therefore, the researcher was interested in analyzing the kinds of meaning used in Ed Sheeran songs. The researcher dedicated to give the title of this research "Semantic Analysis on Ed Sheeran Songs". The problem of this study is: (1) what are the lexical meanings in the Ed Sheeran Songs? (2) What are the contextual meaning in the Ed Sheeran Songs. The researcher takes five songs from different album. This study used a descriptive qualitative method because the researcher would analysis and interpret the research object of Ed Sheeran Songs. The step to obtain the data is by collecting sources of the data from Ed sheeran Songs and from internet. After that she selects the songs 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. The researcher expects this research will be useful for the other researchers who are eager to know more about semantics. Moreover, semantic is an important branch of linguistics that is interesting to be studied, especially when it is applied to literary works, such us songs or poem etc.

Key Words: Semantic, song, lexical meaning, contextual meaning, Ed Sheeran, word.

Introduction

In this research, the researcher chooses literary works like songs. Song is any poem even there is an attention of it being set to music. In this research, the researcher chooses the literary problem about song. It was "Ed Sheeran" Song. The study was limited on lexical meanings and contextual meanings.

The researcher chosen "Ed Sheeran" song because her song is very interesting to examine and research in more detail. Beside that, the researcher have a some reason to be analysis this

research. First of all, this song tells about love story. And then, the researcher takes five songs in different album. The five songs are about love story that have same story with the researcher in the daily fact. This love story is introducing for the reader and listener that if we wants to make a good relation with our partner, we must to be know about all of the physical, characteristic, and about inherit of family. Besides this song give a lexical meaning and contextual meaning and than gave a massage for someone who loves their partner until the end of life.

This songs is very quite to be heard. Ed Sheeran also writing and produced song for international singer like justin beiber, Raihana, Taylor Swift ect, and have been always hits in the billboard hot 100.Ed Sheeran is an English male singers, he was born on February 17, 1991 with the full name of Edward Christopher Sheeran. He became one of the singer-songwriter successful British global today. The genre is pop music he is playing. In the world of music, Ed Sheeran career arguably still very short. He started his debut album in 2011, and has released three studio albums. Uniquely, he named the album their corresponding mathematical symbols, ie “+” (plus sign) and “X” (the time) “-:“ (devide). Although still relatively young, but the career Ed Sheeran able to climb quickly. Here the researcher will present the full profile and biography.

Statement of Problem

There is problems that the researcher wants to answer in this research. This is the problem about a semantic analysis on Ed Sheeran Song. The writer divided the problem into two questions, they are:

1. What are the lexical meanings in the lyrics of Ed Sheeran songs?
2. What are the contextual meanings in the lyrics of Ed Sheeran songs?

Objective of the Study

1. To explain the lexical meanings in the lyrics of “Ed Sheeran” songs for reader.
2. To explain the contextual meanings in the lyrics of “Ed

Sheeran” songs for reader.

Significance of The Study

This study provides several significant contributions to the reader that can be enjoyed with the song. Especially, in knowing about the lexical meaning and contextual meaning are used in the lyrics of Ed Sheeran songs.

Scope and Limitation

In this research, the researcher focuses and analyzes on five lyrics of “Ed Sheeran” songs in different album. The titles of the song are “Shape of you”, ”How Would You Feel”, “Thinking Out Loud ”, “Photograph ”, “Give Me Love ”,

Research Design

In this research, the researcher used descriptive qualitative. The qualitative method was a research procedure which result in descriptive data including written and oral word from the research objectives whether it is from society or books. The researcher studied lexical meaning and contextual meaning. Unfortunately, it describes the data in the form of words and uses the text of the lyrics to be analyzed. Therefore, this research was descriptive qualitative because it depends very much on narrative descriptive. Qualitative approach took because this research was in discussing.

Data Collection

The researcher collected the data in following step. First, the researcher reading all the data sources.

Second, selected the appropriate songs in the lyrics “Ed Sheeran” songs. Next, chooses five lyrics covered in the song. The last, the data to be arranged systematically in accordance with the research focuses. To arrange the data, the researcher defined about the lexical meaning, and the second explained about contextual meaning.

Research Findings

In this analysis, the researcher used one word to explain contain of the term in “Ed Sheeran” lyrics. Term here were word or combination of word which are used by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in her lyrics to show he feeling to her boyfriends to show he feeling or love, there are many term that have difference meanings lexically and contextually. This research has a clue for to be know about one word and the other word that wants to analyze. For example, the researcher give a clue for the first stanza was S1. And then, for about line in the stanza, the researcher give a clue for the first line was L1. And then, for the next word continued for this clue. So, the reader not confused to read this research.

Shape Of You

The first data were “shape of you” by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in “Devide (÷)” (2017) album.

NO	WORDS	STANZA & LINE	LEXICAL	CONTEXTUAL
1	“Handmade”	S2 and L2	one production objects have been made by someone using their hands or using tools rather than by machines	professes his love for this girl. They may have met a short time ago, but they have hit it off. He thinks she was made for him-just the right amount of beauty and crazy and body

				perfection. The girl is really into him too.
2	“Crazy”	S2 and L4	affected with madness or insanity, or someone deranged and possibly dangerous	Its mean that, someone made himself pictured by his words
3	“Grab”	S2 and L6	” to take hold of something or someone suddenly and roughly	feeling deep in heart for somebody and he want to something like women and you can get it comfortable resting place that near him.
4	“Magnet”	S3 and L2	the loadstone; a species of iron ore (the ferrosferic or magnetic ore, Fe ₃ O ₄) which has the property of attracting iron and some of its ores, and, when freely suspended, of pointing to the poles; (physics) a device that attracts iron and produces a magnetic field	when we feel that attraction in our heart, we feel it as a kind of love and love always wants to bring us closer to what we love.
5	“Handmade”	S2 and L2	one production objects have been made by someone using their hands or using tools rather than by machines	professes his love for this girl. They may have met a short time ago, but they have hit it off. He thinks she was made for him-just the right amount of beauty and crazy and body perfection. The girl is really into him too.

How Would You Feel

The second data is “How would you feel” by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in “Devide” (2017) album.

NO	WORDS	STANZA & LINE	LEXICAL	CONTEXTUAL
1	“True”	S1 and L2	consistent with fact or reality; not false; "the story is true"; "the true meaning of the statement"	is made. (Its mean that, she has poisoned his mind.)
2	“Younger”	S1 and L2	a used of the younger of two persons of the same name especially used to distinguish a son from his father; "John Junior"; "John Smith, Jr." - junior - younger; lower in rank; shorter in length of	the lover is one who is celebrating existence. The celebration is the pleasure that is the external manifestation of the lover.

			tenure or service.	
3	"Alone"	S1 and L4	" to take hold of something or someone suddenly and roughly	isolated from others .
4	"Stealing"	S2 and L3	the act of taking something from someone unlawfully	imagined. Its mean that, her someone made himself pictured by his words.
5	"Spendin g"	S3 and L3	The act of spending or disbursing money.	Spending timetogether for long periods of time
6	"Deeper"	S3 and L4	If something is deep, it extends a long way down from the ground or from the top surface of something	He believe that the expression "love" means giving up any preconceived intentions of the other person and accepting what you see, feel, hear and intuit. all she has done to make he self cannot stop thinking.
7	"Summer"	S4 and L2	The warmest season of the year; in the northern hemisphere it extends from the summer solstice to the autumnal equinox; "they spent a lazy summer at the shore"	meaning simple. he loves it with a simple one.
8	"River"	S4 and L2	a large natural stream of water (larger than a creek); "the river was navigable for 50 miles"	release. (She did not want to forget it when he returned.)

			Providence"; "in its mysterious past it encompasses all the dim origins of life"- Rachel Carson; "rituals totally mystifying to visitors from other lands".	
2	"Touch"	S2 and L4	is to cause or permit a part of the body, especially the hand or fingers, to come in contact with so as to feel	its mean that she would always be by her side and she will always hold his hand tightly.
3	"Stars"	S3 and L3.	a celestial body that generates light and other radiant energy and consists of a mass of gas held together by its own gravity in which the energy generated by nuclear reactions in the interior is balanced by the outflow of energy to the surface, and the inward-directed gravitational forces are balanced by the outward-directed gas and radiation pressures	is felt the air was getting cooler and made her uncertain.
4	"Beating"	S3 and L4	is a whipping or thrashing, as in punishment; the act of a person or thing that beats	is about all that he experienced as if it's not ever over
5	"Found"	S3 and L6	to come upon, often by accident; meet with and to come upon or discover by searching or making an effort; to discover or ascertain through observation, experience, or study	is when the soul arrives at her absolute home, recognizes he true beloved, and realizes it as her ipseity, many insights, realizations, and feelings spontaneously arise
6	"Evergreen"	S5 and L1	having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year	is about she said that she would not give up looking for you to work hard. So, the word "evergreen" in the lyric is about

Thinking Out Loud

The third data is "Thinking Out Loud" by "Ed Sheeran" lyrics in "The time "(X)" (2014) album.

NO	WORDS	STANZA & LINE	LEXICAL	CONTEXTUAL
1	"stand"	S2 and L3	of an obscure nature; "the new insurance policy is written without cryptic or mysterious terms"; "a deep dark secret"; "the inscrutable workings of	is a meaning she told someone that she loved that you are not alone but we were always together.

				to never give up to love.
7	"Plan"	S2 and L1	method of achieving something that you have worked out in detail beforehand; what you are going to do, you decide in detail what you are going to do, and you intend to do it	always continued to survive and she will never desperate in pursuit of her love.
8	"Mistake"	S2 and L1	An error or fault resulting from defective judgment, deficient knowledge, or carelessness	about survive is one way to always keep his love.

Photograph

The fourth data is "Photograph" by "Ed sheeran" lyrics in "The Time (X)" (2014) album.

NO	WORDS	STANZA & LINE	LEXICAL	CONTEXTUAL
1	"hurt"	S1 and L1	a part of your body, you feel pain because you have injured yourself.	desperate. (Its mean that the lyric, the above weaknesses in building their true love, they still keep a sense of desperation to always go forward in building pleasure.)
2	"Hard"	S1 and L4	very difficult to do or deal with; Resistant to pressure; not readily penetrated; firm or solid; very firm and stiff to touch and is not easily bent, cut, or broken	something vulnerable in maintaining relationships, the song describes a relationship that is easily damaged and could not keep up with either
3	"Photograph"	S2 and L1.	an image of an object, person, scene, etc, in the form of a print or slide recorded by a camera on photosensitive material; Often shortened to: photo	someone who has created for us to stay together through happiness and sadness.
4	"Memories"	in S2 and L2	The mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experience; The act or an instance of remembering; recollection; All that a person can	necessitate. Its mean that, the lyric is requires them to keep it together through thick and thin.

				remember
5	"Broken"	S2 and L4	physically and forcibly separated into pieces or cracked or split; "a broken mirror"; "a broken tooth"; "a broken leg"; "his neck is broken	meaning find. Its mean that the word in the lyric she got a friend who is in accordance the way her mind.
6	"Frozen"	S2 and L5	turned into or covered with ice	about there is a people that always want to know about her.
7	"Pocket"	S2 and L3	A small baglike attachment forming part of a garment and used to carry small articles, as a flat pouch sewn inside a pair of pants or a piece of material sewn on its sides and bottom to the outside of a shirt	brought. Its mean that, the lyrics explained that he had allowed himself knows a thing would happen to brought he love to near in heart.
8	"Piece"	S4 and L5	an amount of it that has been broken off, torn off, or cut off; A thing considered as a unit or an element of a larger thing, quantity, or class; a portion	ended. (Its mean that, the lyrics explained that relationship which they have lived, it ended well.)
9	"Necklace"	S9 and L2	is jewelry consisting of a cord or chain (often bearing gems) worn about the neck as an ornament (especially by women)	What needs to be seen and loved is not only the external, physical, emotional, and mental manifestations, but more important, his very Presence, his true self and identity
10	"Phone"	S11 and L5	converts sound into electrical signals that can be transmitted over distances and then converts received signals back into sounds	is he confident that he could get through all the challenges of their love

Give Me Love

The fifth data is "Give me love" by "Ed Sheeran" lyrics in "Plus Sign (+)" (2011) album.

NO	WORDS	STANZA & LINE	LEXICAL	CONTEXTUAL
1	"Paint"	S1 and L3	place believed to be the home of wicked people after death or very unpleasant situation or	a meaning thinking was not healthy in dealing problems

			experience causing great suffering	
2	"Corner"	S2 and L1	is the position at which two lines, surfaces, or edges meet and form an angle	he is confident that he could get through all the challenges of their love.
3	"Alcohol"	S2 and L2	Any of a series of hydroxyl compounds, the simplest of which are derived from saturated hydrocarbons, have the general formula $C_nH_{2n+1}OH$, and include ethanol and methanol	a meaning there is something good in it, something that can turn into a bad mind.
4	"Burn"	S2 and L3	destroy by fire	smelling. Its mean that, Basic trust is the soul's way of attuning to a fundamental law of reality, the fact that our sense of existing as a separate and isolated entity is false, that our ego experience of isolation and helplessness is an illusion based on identification with the world of physical manifestation

Discussion

After the researcher analysis of the data, the researcher wants to discuss for the data about the story of these lyrics song by "Ed Sheeran". The first data is about "Shape of you" with "Devid (÷)" album. This song told the story of a lover.

The second data is about "how would you feel" with "Devid (÷)" 2017 album, this lyrics story about someone who knowing the feeling of women he beloved when to declare of love and hope his love to accept.

The third data is about "Thinking out loud" with "The Time (X)" 2014 album. This lyrics story about very romantic love forever.

The fourth data is about "Photograph" The Time (X) 2014 album, this lyrics story about a very romantic love.

The fifth data is about "Give me love 2007" album, this lyrics story about a romantic the more exactly reason broken heart.

From the discussion of the data above, the researcher could be discussion that the lyrics of the song "Ed Sheeran" told about the smallest story. After the researcher find out the lexical meaning and contextual meaning, the researcher gave a short story about this song. Beside that, the researcher gave to know about the theme of this song. Theme of romance in a song today while demand among the young. So, in this research, the researchers chose the theme of romance. Because of the researchers felt that the current youth was more interested in this theme.

Conclusion

The researcher conclude that the reader in the reading the terms have to know not only lexical meaning here is the meaning but also contextual meaning. The lexical meaning here is the meaning of the meaning of the terms used in the lyrics of "Ed Sheeran" songs describe in the lexicon or dictionary. The researcher explained those as suitable as were wrote in general dictionary. The researcher want to show that the meaning of the term

used in the lyrics of “Ed Sheeran” songs from the lexicon or general dictionary is fairly different from the meaning in the context. It is different from the lexical meaning. The contextual meaning is the terms explained the actual meaning according to the situation in which they were used. In this case, the situation meant above is terms in the lyrics of “Ed Sheeran”. Thus, in this discussion is interesting event unique to be learned in order to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpreting.

Suggestion

It was important for further researcher to conduct their research not only limited on two kinds of discussion but also expands deeply the analysis about semantics.

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