THE FUNCTIONS OF SWEAR WORDS IN THE "CELEBRITY MEAN TWEETS" IN JIMMY KIMMEL LATE SHOW

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Abstract: This research is aimed at describing the functions of Swear Words in the "Celebrity Mean Tweets" in Jimmy Kimmel Late Show. The data is taken from the tweets of the celebrities in Jimmy Kimmel Late Show. The design of this research is qualitative research. In collecting the data, the researcher retypes all the swear words that are found in the celebrity read mean tweets with left the tweet without swear words, change the data from video into the word file. Then, the technique for analyzing the data is by pointing out the functions of swear words used by those celebrities. The conclusion shows that there are four functions of swearing according to this data, there are the abusive swearing, the largest and the most frequent, the emphatic, the dysphematic and the lowest and least frequent, the idiomatic. Even though their functions are different, but they are connected in the relation; which they are used to either insult, emphasis, explain the vulgar situation and change the word, they still used to fill the swear words by its function, either insult people, emphasizing bad words, explain the vulgar situation to insult and change the word into insult word.

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BACKGROUND

Language is a method of human communication, which was spoken or written, consisting words in a structured and conventional way. According to Bloch as quoted by Nordquist (2017), a Language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbols by means of which a social group cooperates. Language according to Sapir as quoted also by Nordquist, is a purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating emotions and desires by means of voluntarily symbols (2017).produced language is the form of human communication, either spoken or written which convey the emotions of the speaker of the communication which can only be applied in the particular social group.

The development of humanities aspects (religion, law, philosophy, literature) is followed by the development of human itself. One of its aspects of human's religion and spiritual beliefs. Since prehistoric times, human believed that objects, places, and creatures all possess distinctive spiritual qualities. Because of that, this believes shaped and influenced the form of traditional ritual in the societies which makes taboo as an activity that is forbidden or sacred based on religious beliefs or morals. Language, as the main product of the society, is shaped and believed by many people to contain special power - be able to cure sickness, keep away evil, bring good to oneself and harm the enemies. These beliefs make language usually has to be used with great care, and meticulous attention is paid to pronunciation and wording. That makes people even tend to avoid

mentioning them because when they mentioned them, they are talked about it in very roundabout ways. That makes the words become taboo words and their euphemism.

According to Wardhaugh (2007, 234), the taboo the is prohibition or avoidance in any society or behavior believed to be harmful to its member in that it would cause them anxiety, embarrassment or shame. That means, certain things that can't be said only referred in certain circumstances, certain people or through ethic which only used for one kind of society, which might be not used in a different kind of society. According to Routledge (2001, 21) noted that taboo words is a term that is avoided for religious or sexual reasons and is usually replaced by euphemism, in the example like rest room for the toilet, and passed away for dead. In these explanations, the taboo words are the prohibition word which is universal, but the usage and types of taboo words are different in each society.

Swear words are the one of the categories of taboo words. According to Vingerhoets (2013, 287), swearing can be described as a form of linguistic activity utilizing convev words to expressions of strong emotions. Since swearing typically includes taboo words, these words can be more powerful than non-swear words, even though not all taboo words swearing words. That's why people often judged who swear are negatively because the uttered swear words can shock and disturb others, though the comment of others is strongly dependent on the contextual factor.

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The development of swearing is started more than fifty years ago when Sex is more socially acceptable to cross the boundaries of taboo. The increased rate of premarital sex and usage of contraception exposed in the film, which as often as "sinful" and "unchristian" before, become more and more acceptable since the 1960s. The literature was also shocked by the first film which explicitly shows sex, Blue Movie in 1969 (Wikipedia, 2017). This is, either incidentally or not, become the start of larger "movement" in mass media. It's likely the evolution of our own cursing has matched that of how much swearing words we allow through our literature and society. Moreover, the plus-sized influence from Internet, makes us to be encouraged and allowed to swear more frequently.

One of the television programs which include taboo words with specifically censorship in the word is Jimmy Kimmel Late Show. In March 2012, in honor of Twitter's anniversary, Jimmy Kimmel featured a segment called "Mean Tweets" with Celebrities reading aloud actual tweets directed towards them by the Twitter users. This is the second segment in Jimmy Kimmel to use swearing words in their talk show. The first is *Unnecessary* Censorshipwhen Kimmel and his staff put together a compilation of clips from television shows and newscasts that were neither profane or explicit with adding censor bleeps, mosaic blurs or black bars to make it like they were explicit to begin with. Since then, the people encouraged to write horrible things to celebrity in the social media.

1. Sociolinguistics

In the early civilization, the world was much less populated. After the century of civilization, the human population is growing rapidly, but after they realized the land they inhabited is limited and its source is not enough for all of them, they split up and form a smaller tribe, searching another land which full of the fresh source and fertile land. As they migrated from the larger group, they become isolated and developed in different ways. For centuries, they lived differently from their original tribes, forming another smaller group, interact with their neighbor and being colonized by another group, turned similar dialects with varied pronunciation and vocabulary into radically different language, which continued divide was to populations grows and spread across the world. In example, the Arab language is different with Farsi language, even though Farsi and Arab have the same alphabet, because of exposure of German, Greek and Slavic's language in the Farsi-spoken community.

Sociolinguistics is concerned with language in social and cultural context, especially how people with different social identities, speak and how their speech changes in the different situation. Some of the issues addressed are how the way people pronouncing words and their speech, cluster together to form personal styles of speech, why people from communities different can misunderstand what is meant, said and done based on the different ways they use language. According to Holmes (2012), sociolinguistic is a term that refers to a study of the

relationship between language and society, and how language is used in the multilingual speech community. Sociolinguistic are study that explaining why people speak differently in different social contexts and effects of social factors (such as social distance, social status, age, gender, class) on language varieties (dialects, registers, genres, etc.) and they are concerned with identifying the social function of language and the way they are used to convey social meanings.

2. Taboo Words

Since the history begins, people realized that source in their community contains special powers, like trees, animal, and landscape like sea and mountain. From the belief like this, the religion comes. The religion always has prayer scripture which have the intention to obey all orders and stay away from any restrictions to lead human into the right path. In the restriction, they are written, but not limited to the things which are prohibited because they will be rewarded with "sin" or will lead human into a bad person, stray from the God. From the restriction, we can finally understand why all the words below turn into the taboo words.

From the explanation above, prayers and scriptures are believed by people to have special powers – be able to cure sickness, keep away evils, bring good to oneself and harm to an enemy. (Gao, 2310) This belief that words control objects, people and spirits influences human activities through human history since ancient times. Such language usually has to be used with great care, and meticulous attention is paid to

pronunciation and wording. People even tend to avoid mentioning them. When people have to talk about those things, they are talked about in a very roundabout ways. Then we have a definition of taboo words and euphemism.

Taboo is a prescription of behavior that affects everyday life. Tabooed topics typically include: bodies and their effluvia (sweat, snot, feces, menstrual fluid, etc); the organs and acts of sex, micturition and defecation, disease, death, killing, naming, addressing, touching, viewing persons and sacred beings, objects and places, food gathering, preparation and consumption (Allan, 2010, 1).

Taboo is first people to coined taboo words, originally from *tabu* to describe the behavior of Polynesian towards things that were not to be done, entered, seen or touched. In example, Tahitian women is not allowed eating with men except when they could remain unobserved by other Tahitians. It is an example of a taboo on bad manners, if we violated the taboos, we will be given a sanction, mainly social sanctions. Generally, people can do avoid tabooed behavior unless they want to violate a taboo (Allan, 2011).

The taboo word is a word which is not allowed to be said because it is believed that it will bring bring harm and bad luck to the people who utter or receive them. This belief originally from religious belief, and then this belief influences the society to make a rule of taboo words, either unspoken or legal. Wardhaugh (2006; 239) divided the functions of taboo words into four types; to draw attention to

oneself, to show contempt, to be provocative and to mock authority.

a. To draw attention to oneself

People utter taboo words to attract the attention of the listener by using strong, powerful language whose connotation can stimulate an instant reaction from the audience. In example, the narrator in *Wolf of Wall Street* using the taboo words to review the film because this film is contained 3,24 taboo words for one minute. He even changes the title into the "*Wolf of Fucking Wall Street*". (2014)

b. To show contempt

People utter taboo words to insult the addressee because they think that somebody or something is completely worthless and cannot be respected. In example, in the episode *American Dad: Love, American dad style* (2012), Roger (alien character)unload his anger towards Hayley (female character) after she eats his loaf of potato bread, like this:

Roger: You worthless <u>piece</u> of shit!

Hayley: E-Excuse me?

Roger: Excuse you, for eat the rest of my potato bread. I made that myself and you know I didn't!

From this conversation, The *Roger* character unloads his anger by insult another character (Hayley) by calling her *piece of shit*. That is concluded that taboo words, even though have the different meaning, is the powerful word can be used as a form of insult to show contempt for someone.

c. To be provocative

Taboo words are uttered provoke certain response such as violation anger or from listeners. Taboo words are considered successful when the response meets the speaker's expectation. The example is when people hit each other and he says "hey stupid ass, wanna fight back then?"

d. To mock authority

Taboo words are uttered when some people are not satisfied with the public image like government or institute. Therefore, taboo words are used are used to express the disappointment about reality. In example, Honest Trailer the Deadpool (2016),the actors (Deadpool) casually break the fourth wall and tells the Narrator, that people love him when he is cursing, so he asked why his swear was censored in the video. The Narrator tells him that the video is also watched by kids, so they censored the taboo words he uttered because the show is PG (parental guidance). He ignored the narrator and cursing more, in order to express his disappointment.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The design of this research is descriptive qualitative. Qualitative research refers to the meanings, concepts, definitions, characteristics, metaphors, symbols and description of things. According to Lincoln (2000; 3), qualitative research involves the use and collection of a variety of empirical materials, such as: case study; personal experience;

introspection; life story; interview; artifacts: cultural texts and productions; observational, historical, interactional and visual texts - that describe routine and problematic moments and meanings individuals' lives. The data is taken from 26 segements of "Celebrity Read Mean Tweets" which is started from March 2012 to November 2016. This segment contains 169 tweets which address to 112 celebrities in segment. The variation of profanities people on twitter use is the focus of the research.

FINDING AND DISCUSSIONS
Table 1 The Results of Functions of
Swearing

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No	Functions of Swearing	Swearing words by the number	Perce ntage
1	Abusive	101	52 %
	Swearing		
2	Emphatic	41	22 %
	Swearing		
3	Dysphem	33	17 %
	atic		
	Swearing		
4	Idiomatic	18	9 %
	Swearing		
	-	193	100 %

are There actually functions of swearing, which are abusive, cathartic, emphatic, dysphematic and idiomatic, but cathartic is ruled out because the cathartic swearing needs an interview-based research and the twitter user is anonymous, so they are not included in the research. From the four remaining functions of taboo words, the abusive swearing becomes the most frequent functions of swearing, which appears in 102 times

(53 %) in the talk show. The second most frequent functions of swearing are emphatic, which appeared 40 times (21 %) on the talk show. The second lowest frequent functions of swearing are dysphematic, which appears 35 times (18 %) on the talk show. The lowest frequent functions of swearing is idiomatic, which appeared 17 times (9 %) on the talk show.

for the function As swearing, the abusive swearing is the most dominant function found in Celebrity read mean tweets because the function of abusive swearing is to abuse, intimidate or insult others, so twitter user is the fittest to be used to show their contempt and dislike towards the celebrities. There are 27 variations of abusive swearing and 135 swear words used for abuse, intimidate or insult celebrities in the Celebrity read mean tweets. The least frequent functions of swearing is idiomatic, because people see this type of swearing is not fit to be used in order to insult the celebrities, and mainly their functions to change the word or intransitive verb like shit as something is big or not worthy to be mentioned or piss and fuck off to change make me anger and go away. They have 9 variations of swear words and contain 17 swear words which have the same functions as this category.

Functions of Swearing

This section discusses the functions of swearing uttered by the twitter user to celebrities in *Celebrity Read Mean Tweets*. All four functions of swearing; abusive, dysphematic, emphatic and idiomatic are presented with some example below.

1. Abusive Swearing

Abusive Swearing is the most frequent function of swearing in *Celebrity read mean tweets*. It appeared 101 times out from 194, with the percentage of 52 %. The swear words is varied, contain all the 4 types of swearing, and their main purpose is show contempt towards celebrities, insulting epithet and cursing. There are 3 explanations about the sub-categories above:

1.1 Insulting Epithet

The epithet is any word or phrase applied to a person or thing to describe an actual or attributed quality. From the data, there is found two categories of epithet, vulgar epithet and sex slur epithet. The vulgar epithet is when the speaker tells you that you are same with the vulgar word, i.e. bodily excrement or human genitalia, but it hasthe different meaning from the actual word, in example:

Kristen Bell seems like such a bitch, her <u>vagina</u> is probably an alcatraz for**penis.**

From the example above, the Kristen speaker mocks Bell's genitalia by saying her genitalia keeps the man's penis like the prison. Even though this is insulting her genitalia, the literal meaning is they basically saving Kristen Bell is the woman who likes to restrain her couple/man like a prison warden. The second one is sex slur epithet. That means the slur like motherfucker, bastard, and bitch fall into this category. Even though they don't refer to the literal meaning of these three words, they still used as an epithet to refer to a person, for example: even though bitch meaning is a female dog; the usage is this word could be varied; as the adjective or as the informal term to call a woman.

a. Clay Matthews is a <u>bitch</u>, not playing cuz your thumb; chop that thing the fuck off and get in there!

b. <u>Bitch</u>, how do you look anorexic and fat all at once? #weird

From the two example above, there are the different meaning of each *bitch* in this example. This one could refer weak or passive man, and the another only the informal way to address a woman (even though it is not put in idiomatic because *bitch* is an insult word).

1.2 Show contempt towards celebrities

Show contempt towards celebrities is one of subcategories of abusive swearing. Show contempt towards celebrities could be insulting celebrities by comparing them with a genitalia or insult their body or private parts. In example:

If you find Benedict Cumberbatch attractive, I'm guessing you'd quite enjoy staring directly at a cats anus

From this passage, the speaker uttered their contempt toward Benedict Cumberbatch, by saying his face just looks like cat's butthole. This is the way people show contempt by comparing them to genitalia or private parts. The second example is:

Halle Berrie's **boobs** are lopsided

This is the second form of showing contempt toward celebrities. In the example, they basically saying her boobs are growing largely only on the one side, and the one side is growing slowly so her boobs look lopsided. This is the way people show their contempt toward celebrities.

1.3 Cursing

Cursing is the last subcategories of why this tweet is put into abusive swearing category. The form of cursing is changed, mainly with the work *fuck you*, you already counting swearing. But, in this tweets, people not only swear *fuck you* but tend to add their cursing, in example

<u>Fuck</u> you @LohanAnthony your mother sucks <u>cocks</u> in <u>hell</u>

From the example, not only curse with *fuck you*, the speaker also curse his mom by saying "her mom will suck male's genitalia in hell". They also include some religious terminology in their swearing. Although the form of cursing is basically religious, the form of cursing not only wishes someone going to hell but can also wish people to get into an accident or even death. In example:

<u>FUCK</u> YOU DWIGHT FREENEY. I HOPE YOUR FOOT RIPS OFF IN THE GAME YOU <u>DICK</u>

From the example below, the speaker wants Dwight Freeney (player of American football) to suffer from feet injury in their game, which is could end his career as a football player. Cursing is actually the part of showing their contempt towards celebrities by cursing them in order to see them suffer or scared from the speaker.

2. Emphatic Swearing

Emphatic swearing is the second most frequent function of swearing in *Celebrity read mean tweets*. It appeared 42 times out from 194, with the percentage of 22 %. The swear words are varied, contain all the 4 types of swearing, but the main purpose of this type of swearing is mainly to emphasize all of the negatives adjective, like *ugly* and *suck*. The most frequent swear words in this type is *fuck*, but not the word itself, but its modification (*the fuck* or *fucking*). From the research, this

emphatic swearing is filled the role of the *intensifier*, adverb, and adjective.

2.1 Intensifier

This is the most frequent use of emphatic swearing. According Wikipedia (June 15, 2017), intensifier is a linguistic term for a modifier that makes no contribution to the propositional meaning of a clause but serves to enhance and give additional emotional context to the word it modifies. In this usage, the position of the swear words is not important, but the role is emphasize the negative exclamation people wrote on twitter. In example: a. Clay Matthews is a bitch. Not playing cause of your thumb, chop that thing the fuck off and get in there b. @IMKristenBell is so fuckingually. Way too ugly to play snow white in snow white & the huntsman

From this passage, the word the fuck and fucking shouldn't be used because they don't fill the role on the sentence (they're not either adjective, adverb or verb), but people use the word outside the grammatical rule and used them as emphasis to the word they are saying.

2.2 Adverb

The second use of emphatic swearing is to fill the *adverb* role in the sentence. According to Wikipedia (June 15, 2017), an adverb is a word that modifies a verb, adjective, another adverb, determiner, noun phrase, clause or sentence. Primarily, the swearing word cover this type of adverb of degree, in example, *very*, *so*, or *really*. In example:

Kevin Costner is a boring motherfucker with some long <u>ass</u> movie.

From this example, the word long ass could be changed into really long, so the ass could be considered to be changed the function of the word very, so, or really. In this type of word, the researcher put the word which not have adverb in the sentence, so their function does not collided.

2.3 Adjective

The last use of emphatic swearing is to fill an adjective role in the sentence. According to Wikipedia (June 15, 2017), an adjective is a describing word, the main syntactic role of which is to qualify a noun or noun phrase. From this type of swearing, this only have one sentence which fulfills the adjective role in a sentence. The example is:

Kristen Dunst's teeth (.....) look like a <u>shitload</u> of tictacs throwing a gang signs.

From this example, the word shitload meaning the large load of (.....), that means the shitload is a noun phrase which is the combination between adjective (shit) and noun (load), where shit grammatical rule is the adjective; which could be the perfect example of the adjective in emphatic swearing.

3. Dysphematic Swearing

Dysphematic swearing is the second least frequent function of swearing in *Celebrity read mean tweets*. It appeared 33 times out from 194, with the percentage of 17 %. This is only contains 2 types of swearing (bodily effluvia and sex) and uttered by the twitter as a form of insult celebrities in a provocative manner. Their sub categories are the indirect insult with vulgar word and provocative manner. There are 3 examples

3.1 Indirect insult with vulgar and provocative word

Even though insult is put into the abusive category, the act of provocative word is put into this category. The word which entered into this category is the word which basically saying they prefer to do something provocative than hear/listen to the celebrities.

Does Anyone know what Blake Griffin is? Does Morgan Freeman and carrot top <u>impregnate</u> an amazon or what happened?

From the passage, speaker mocks Blake Griffin by calling he is a "product" of Morgan Freeman and carrot top or Amazon. From this passage, indirect insult by provocative means could be presented by this example. This also applied to the swear words which have vulgar meaning, but there are no negative word (like ugly or small) after them and uttered just to contempt toward (excluding them), in example:

I hate Salma hayek movie. Her voice annoys me and they never show us

her **boobs**. Meh

From the example below, the word *boobs* is not referred to object or word for insult. The speaker uttered their disappointment towards the movie because her movie didn't show her boobs.

3.2 Provocative/Sexual activity manner

In this sub-categories, the researcher put the speaker which use sexual provocative word towards celebrities. The first example explains the provocative action, like *take a crap, pee* or *sex*, in example

Went to a Randy Houser show and was blown away by his huge voice AND how much looks like he's being <u>fucked</u>by a Gorilla on the high notes.

From this passage, the speaker explains that the voice of Randy Houser's singing voice looks like he was being fucked (have sexual intercourse) with a Gorilla. The second example is asking the celebrities to do sex. In the recorded data, there are 6 times when people say "suck my dick" towards six celebrities, in example:

Deandre Jordan sucks my dick

Even though the word *suck* is could be refer "something to be repellent or unpleasant" but, the *dick* word changes its meaning, change it into *oral sex*. There are many *oral sex* swear words in the tweets, not only for themselves but also words like *sucks fat balls* or *suck donkey balls* also fall into this category.

4. Idiomatic Swearing

Idiomatic swearing is the least frequent function of swearing in *Celebrity read mean tweets*. It appeared only 18 times out from 194, with the percentage only 9 %. Idiomatic swearing is the form of swearing just to arouse interest, to show off and express to peers that the setting is informal. From the 18 data which get by the researcher, the tweets which entered this category is the swear words which related to *verb phrase*, *vague noun,exclamation* and *idiom*.

4.1 Vague noun

The vague noun is a noun which doesn't have a clear meaning: stated in a way that is general and not specific. From the data the researcher collects; the word *shit* is used by people to "something in general and can't be told its specific", its example are

a. Why are Rhett and Link always doing the stupid shit like they's the white people my mom is thinking about when she goes "tsk... white people"

b. Reggie Miller can't dress for shit

If we want to know the meaning of *shit*, we need to know the background and activity of the addresse. The first one is known to be a Youtube creator, named Rhett & Link. It is should be suspected that the meaning of shit is "videos, skit, vlog or anything which have relations to video entertainment" and speaker insult their "shit" as stupid. The second example is the same matter, but the meaning could be "event, interview, dance or anything that needs the Celebrities to show up". The conclusion is, the word *shit* is used by a people to refer thing which is they don't like/want to be said on the specific matter.

4.2 Verb Phrase

The idiomatic swearing tends to change the verb phrase of a word (mainly the verb) with swear words to set things to be informal or familiar with the listener or addressee. In example:

a. Fuckoff Chris Pratt

b. Fuck outta here Hoe

From this example, the word fuck off and fuck outta is not contained the verb meaning of fuck (to have sexual intercourse); but refer to another word which is not taboo (go and get); from the sentence, the word fuck off could be go away; stop it; or get lost; this is as same as fuck outta here. This word has same resonance meaning with getting out or get away from.

4.3 Idiom

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Idiom is the third function of idiomatic swearing. Theidiom is an expression of whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of its constituent elements. There are only one recorded idiom in the data "give a shit", in example:

Greg Kinear stars in <u>holy fuck</u> who gives a <u>shit</u>. Coming soon.

The word "give a shit" according to Dictionary; refer to the idiom, and its meaning is "to care or to be concerned". There is no actualy proof why the word shit is referred to care, but the usage of the word is really wide, not only in the talkshow but it also recorded in Ghostbusters movie (1984) and 21 Jump Street (2012).

4.4 Exclamation

This is the last function of idiomatic swearing. Exclamation is something you say or shout suddenly because of surprise, fear or pleasure. There is only one recorded idiom in the data; the example:

@zacbrownband – your music used to be good and I could jam to it but now it sucks major dick fix itholy shit

The word *holy shit* in the tweets is to acclimate the annoyance of zacbrownband because of their new music (according to them), it sucks, different with they used to be. Many of the literature post using *holy shit* to refer their surprise to something, basically something bad.

CONCLUSION

There are four functions of swearing according to this data, there are the abusive swearing, the largest and the most frequent, the emphatic, the dysphematic and the lowest and least frequent, the idiomatic. Even

though their functions are different, but they are connected in the relation; which they are used to either insult, emphasis, explain the vulgar situation and change the word, they still used to fill the swear words by its function, either insult people, emphasizing bad words, explain the vulgar situation to insult and change the word into insult word.

Abusive swearing appears as frequent function most swearing because from its name, Celebrity read mean tweets, producer of the show and explained by Jimmy Kimmel, this is show is a place for people to write the tweets which have the function to insult, abuse or wishes ham to celebrities. In this type of swearing, the user mainly uses tweets which have vulgar epithets (like bitch, douche, motherfucker), wishes harm (like fuck you) or insult their body with vulgar taboo words (like penis and dick). second most frequent The emphatic swearing. **Emphatic** swearing is mainly used to emphasise the insulting word, like ugly or fat, i.e. fucking ugly or fat ass. The word Fucking and The Fuck is mainly used as an intensifier for insult word and fill the 80 % swear words in this category. The third is dysphematic swearing. They still have functions to insult celebrities with provocative manner (i.e. suck my dick) and explaining negative manner (i.e. piece of shit and sex) which related to the celebrities. The least frequent is idiomatic swearing. This is the least function of swearing because of its theme. Mainly, they use swear words only to insult the celebrities (i.e. womanchange to bitch) and the swear words in this type are mainly used as

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an informal way to change verb of the word (like *fucked up* for *messed up*) and sum up the word with swear word (like *shit* for something).

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