

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of study

Language is one of the most unique human characteristics that distinguishes it from other creatures, language is communication that plays an important role in human life. Language is a system of sounds and words that humans use to express their thoughts and feelings. (Oxford, 1995). Furthermore, language is an important instrument of social interaction. Through language, someone can also express his or her feeling or idea. As a human being, people use language to communicate to each other because it is related to human daily activities. Furthermore, language is an important instrument of social interaction. Through language, someone can also express his or her feeling or idea.

As proposed by (George C, 1980) in his book “Introduction to semantics and Translation” he defined the most important thing of communication as “The function of language is to communicate meaning of various kinds”. Language is used to express meaning both literal and non-literal meanings. Meaning not only can be derived from hearing or reading something at once, but also by interpreting the intended meaning or hidden meaning behind it based on the context situation.

Language is an arbitrary or harsh speech sound system (Subroto, 2008). Based on this concept, the substance of language is the sound produced by humans. The voice

becomes a marker of the subject's language. Language is described by Subroto as a combination of meanings, forms, and even situations. Language is a series of sounds. Therefore, there are many supporting aspects of language that can be studied, such as the raw material for the sound of language as language material, the subject as the meaning of the sound outside, references, uses, and language use.

According to (Perrine, 1977) in her book " Sound and Sense: An Introduction to Poetry" figurative language is a figurative way of adding an extra dimension to language. It is used by poets because figurative language can say what they want to say with a catchy expression that means implicitly and attractively rather than saying it directly and flatly.

Figurative language is a language that uses words or expressions with different meanings from literal interpretations. The figurative language makes the poetry more imaginative, attractive and increases the intensity of the poet's feelings towards the poetry to convey his attitude. Besides, figurative language is not only used in poetry. This can also be applied in song lyrics.

Usually, figurative language is used in some texts. One of them is song. Songs are a great way to entertain people that are usually written using beautiful and meaningful words. The language or words in the song are used in a certain way because they are made to provide a different interpretation from what people think. The author or speaker describes something through the use of unusual comparisons, for effect, interest, and to clarify things. The result of using this technique is the creation of an attractive image. (Kennedy, 1979) says that

figures of speech can be said to occur whenever a speaker or writer, for the sake of freshness or emphasis, deviates from the usual denotation of a word. Figurative language is very common in poetry but is also used in prose, nonfiction, and songwriting as well.

Talking about song cannot be separated by music, The song lyrics having a role to kindle, it means imagination is called a product of kindling the meaning. Song lyrics, as part of a literary work that uses literary language and ambiguous words. "As Perrine says in her book" Literature, Structure, Sound, and Sense “ (Perrine L. , 1969), literature is a kind of art, usually written, that offers fun and illumination.

A songwriter or poet uses connotative and figures of speech to create catchy and specific song lyrics. The usual wording will not draw the listener to the imagination and then reveal the message beneath the song. But words that are figurative and ambiguous will make the song sound beautiful and meaningful. Because the lyrics and the synchronized melody will make listeners like it. Machinist in the Enjoyment of music states that artists need the public because their work does not only come from a desire to express themselves but also from their need to communicate with others.

The beautiful words of the song lyrics will have added value to the lyrics, and the song is invaluable to develop a certain capacity, but it will be even more valuable if the singer or the listener makes use of it creatively to bridge the gap between pleasant singing or listening experience and language use. Communicative. Among the song's many figurative lyrics is the song "One Ok Rock". The song One Ok Rock is nice to hear, and the lyrics of the song also contain figurative language. There are several types

of figurative language in the lyrics of the song One Ok Rock. there are many song lyrics that use figurative language.

One Ok Rock is a Japanese rock band formed in 2005 and represented by Amuse, Inc. The group performs about 100 live concerts every year. In 2007, the band released their first single from A-Sketch Inc. a record label based in Japan. One Ok Rock has quickly become one of the most popular Japanese rock bands due to its highly successful concerts such as Nippon Budokan Live in 2010, In 2014 the band became very active overseas. It has made a record with John Feldmann and most recently collaborated with Kellin (Sleeping with Sirens) on the album, "35xxxv".

On song lyrics we can find figurative language. Figurative language makes the song lyrics becomes so extraordinary. This is the reason why the researcher tries to analyze the types of figurative language used in One Ok Rock song lyrics. In this study researcher dealing with figurative language. formulates the title as follow. "Figurative Language in Song lyric Stand Out Fit in by One Ok Rock".

## **1.2. Statement of the Problem**

Based on the background above, this research attempts to study about the kinds of figurative language that is used One Ok Rock song. The writer focuses her study on this main problem:

1. What types of figurative language are found in the song lyrics of *Stand Out Fit In*?

2. What are the contextual meaning of figurative language are found in the song lyrics of *Stand Out Fit In*?

### **1.3. Objective of the Study**

1. To describe the type of figurative language found in the song lyrics of *Stand Out Fit In* by One Ok Rock.
2. To describe the contextual meaning of figurative language found in the song lyrics of *Stand Out Fit In* by One Ok Rock.

### **1.4. Significance of the Study**

This research can give advantages to the students, to the teacher and the other researcher who will conduct the similar research. The advantages are stated as follow:

#### **1.4.1. For the Students**

This research will make the student understands types of figurative language and expected to be able to improve their analysis skill in figurative language. Besides, this study can be used as an additional reference for other students who are interested in studying further about figurative language Also, they can analyze the figurative language, the meanings and how to use it.

#### **1.4.2. For the Teachers**

This research will help the teacher as a teaching media, so the material become so interesting and easy to understand. It is also can be used to English learning. In listening exercises students can listens to the music for analysis so they can learn the about speaking expression, pronunciations, grammar, and vocabulary.

### **1.4.3. For the other Researchers**

This research is expected to inspire or motivation other research to conduct a literary research, beside that research hopes this study benfical and referential conductributions in literary study and other.

### **1.5. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

There are many linguists who propose the kinds of figure of speech. All of them are interesting to be discussed since it has commonly found in movie, short stories, poem, and books. In this thesis. the writer focuses on figurative languages from 4 kind of it. Those figurative languages are familiar to the writer and widely found as general figurative language in song lyrics.

The writer also limits the data and focuses on four kinds of Figurative language namely personification, metaphor, hyperbole, idiom. by conducting this study, the research analyzes the kinds of figurative language used in One Ok Rock song lyric, because the four figurative are easy to learn and understand by common people. In this study, researcher limits the observation only on 1 lyric of One Ok Rock song. The researcher decided to use this title because the study of the figurative language used in the song lyrics of One Ok Rock has not been widely researched.

### **1.6 Definition of key term**

The researcher gives some the definition of key term to make clear and to avoid misunderstanding.

1. Figurative language is a way of saying something other than the literal meaning of the words. According to (Abrams, 1981) figurative language is a deviation from the use of language by speakers from their understanding of everyday language (ordinary), a deviation from standard language, or a deviation in the meaning of a word, a deviation from a series of words in order to obtain some special meaning.
2. Songs are of certain interest in that they often have a different reading than that given to them on the basis of direct compositional semantic principles, in the same way, that idiomatical phrases do. In addition, a song often contains more meaning, meaning, and resonance than ordinary speech, and in this case, the song resembles poetry.
3. One Ok Rock is a Japanese rock band formed in 2005 and represented by Amuse, Inc. The Band performs about 100 live concerts every year. In 2007, the band released their first single from A-Sketch Inc. a record label based in Japan.