

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter primarily presents the introduction of this study. There are seven parts of discussion as sub-titles in this chapter, namely background of the study, statement of problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, assumption of the study and operational definition.

1.1 Background of the Study

The scope of literature has been undeniably developing which has now covered the works either written or spoken works. Spiller in Nuriadi (2016, p. 2) argued literature is described as a portrait and record of certain nation's experiences either imaginative or unimaginative works, either using beautiful language or ordinary language, either using verbal language or nonverbal language or visual language. Due to its large scope, literature of course deals with thoughts, rationality, logic, vision, mission, principles of life, besides applying the emotion and imagination. Dealing with the explanations above, it is argued that interpretation of meaning towards the literary works is important.

One of the ways to interpret the meanings used in the literary works is semantics. Through semantics analysis, a related point is that one can know a language effortlessly well without knowing its history. When people think about word meanings, definitions in dictionaries quickly come to mind and they realize that uncertain about a word's meaning can be looked up in a dictionary. This means that it is important to be clear about the similarities and differences between the

aspects of meaning that interest linguists (Yule, in Hutasoit, 2016 , p. 37). It is also explained that there are a number of ways in expressing ideas which deviate from semantic conventions expressed through the use of figurative language.

Figurative language is using words to imply other meanings and it is a kind of language style that used to describe and expresses feelings. Figurative language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation. Figurative language is the essential part in literature in order to get the implicit meaning of language being used. Moreover, to know the meaning of figurative language we need to use our imagination to imagine what the words are said or what the words refer to (Saputri, 2014, p. 16). Moreover, figurative language is known as a literary device used to produce a special effect or feeling by making some types of interesting or creative comparison. It requires the readers to use their imagination to figure out the author's meaning and/or the speaker's meaning such as in the form of speech.

Speech is an activity of public speaking or giving speeches to express the speaker's opinions or gives an idea about something. The speech is usually delivered by who gives speeches and statements of a thing / event that is important and should be discussed (Tambunan & Sinambela, 2018 , p. 2). This study will be conducted on the analyzing the figurative language in the speech delivered by Joe Biden on his victory speech at Wilmington. Joe Biden, byname of Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., (born November 20, 1942, Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.), the 46th president of the United States (2021– present) and the 47th vice president of the United States (2009–17) in the Democratic administration of President Barack

Obama. He previously represented Delaware in the U.S. Senate (1973–2009) (Editors, 2021). Furthermore, Biden's speech on his victory has a great impact in many sectors such as economic, politic, education, technology and so forth. So, his speech is interesting to be analyzed especially in the term of figurative language.

There are several main reasons of using figurative language of speech as a main discussion in this study. First, figurative language affords readers imaginative pleasure of literary works. Second, it is a way of bringing additional imagery, making the abstract concrete, making literary works more sensuous. The third, figurative is a way of adding emotional intensity to otherwise simply informative statements and conveying attitudes along with information. In getting a deep understanding the messages behind every word, phrase or sentence of the speech, the audiences are required to have the knowledge of how the languages are usually used in literary works. Based on the explanations above, the researcher is going to conduct a study entitled: "*Figurative Language Found on Joe Biden's Victory Speech in Wilmington*".

1.2 Statements of the Problem

Related to the background of the study, the researcher formulates the two research questions consisting:

- 1.2.1 What types of figurative languages are found in the Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington?
- 1.2.2 What are the interpretation meanings of the figurative language used in the Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the statement of the problem, the researcher has two objectives of the study as follows:

- 1.3.1 To describe types of figurative languages found in the Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington.
- 1.3.2 To describe the interpretation meanings of the figurative language used in the Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study is going to be conducted with the primary purposes that this research will give great contributions to all of the readers as follows:

1.4.1 Teachers

The result of this research will give additional information to the teachers about how interesting and important in analysis of the figurative language on speech is so that they can implement the figurative language analysis of speech as one of the activities in English classroom.

1.4.2 Students

This study can add knowledge and understanding of the literature especially in knowing and understanding the meaning and figurative language in a speech. On the other hand, in this study the students can know more about the process of

English learning in developing students' knowledge of literature, especially knowing more about figurative language in the speech.

1.4.3 Other Researchers

This study can increase knowledge and experience in the field especially English in education that related to the analysis of figurative language in a literary work, especially in a speech. The result of this study can be as one of references for further research of the similar field in order to get more well-intentioned contributions to develop the figurative language studies.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

This study will be conducted in the analyzing figurative language in Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington. The scope of this study is limited on types and interpretation meanings of figurative language in used in the Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington. The victory speech delivered by Joe Biden was on Saturday, November 7th, 2020 in Wilmington. In his speech was delivered after days of vote to be a president for all American in a polarized time. In a roughly 17-minute address, Joe Biden, spoke for the first time as president-elected.

1.6 Assumption of the Study

This research is conducted under the assumption that Joe Biden's speech in Wilmington contains figurative language. As a result, it is important to conduct this kind of study.

1.7 Operational Definition

In order to avoid ambiguous meaning about the terms in this research, there are two important terms that need to be clarified as follows:

- 1.7.1 Figurative language is the use of imagination words to give readers imagination of interpretation meaning and is used to describe an object, person, or situation by comparing it with something else.
- 1.7.2 The interpretation meaning is the meaning of the words pointing to the situation or condition in which they are used.
- 1.7.3 Speech is an activity of public speaking to express the opinions or give people an idea about something.