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SLANG AS A MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION FOR ADOLESCENTS IN SOCIAL INTERACTION BETWEEN OTHERS

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Abstract: This scientific article discusses slang as a medium of adolescent communication in social interactions between others. The role of language becomes very important in every facet of human life. This article was written with the aim of providing information that slang has become a medium or communication tool for adolescents, also explaining about something that has to do with language as a means of communication in every human social interaction. In writing this article using the literature review method, all data is obtained from relevant literature data. In the discussion of this article explains about slang as a medium of communication among teenagers. The characteristics of slang in the form of words, acronyms and abbreviations, factors that influence the emergence and use of slang as a medium of communication, also explain the impact of the use of slang in social interaction. As social creatures, of course, humans need communication in their lives in order to establish relationships between others. From the writing of this article, it can be seen that the millennial generation or teenagers already have creativity in communicating, both through abbreviations and acronyms in the form of Indonesian and English, so that it can show the context of communication culture in the modern and cool world of teenagers.

Keywords: Slang, Communication Media, Teen, Adolescents

INTRODUCTION

Language is a social phenomenon that grows and develops depending on the needs of its society. The emergence of a language makes community members interact with each other in their social environment, as well as fulfilling and fulfilling. Heralding the necessities of his life. This makes language very much needed or very important to be used for interaction between people from all walks of life, from children to adults and parents.

Members of social groups in society already have a desire or need that is different from one another. Especially for a group of teenagers in the current era of modernity, these teenagers have been defined as a group of community members who most often use social media with a variety of varied languages. Use a varied language in communicating and conducting social interactions with the group. Today's teenagers often use sign language or coded language in communication. So that their communication opponents who are

outside their group do not understand and understand the language used.

Generally, adolescent groups already have their respective identities according to their social environment. Similarly, a group of teenagers in a big city with a group of teenagers in a medium city. This can be seen the difference between a group of teenagers in the city of Jakarta and a group of teenagers in the city of Malang. For Jakarta teenagers, they generally communicate using particles, *dong*, and *gue*. While teenagers in the city of Malang generally they use particles in communicating that are reversed, for example in the word *home*, generally they call it or say it in their communication with the word *ngalup*. From the explanation above, it is clear that a group of adolescents has their own creativity in creating and using new languages that make a variety of languages that are in accordance with the social environment and age.

Adolescents are included in the transitional age, adolescence is a transition process from childhood to adulthood (Surbakti, 2008: 14).

Meanwhile, according to Supriadi (2010: 40), it has been said that adolescents are a group of individuals who are in a period of human growth between puberty and maturity. It is usually characterized by the age of 12-21 years. In this case, it can be interpreted that adolescents are still in the process of transition and growth and dominant are still looking for their respective identities, so they are always creative in any case, especially in terms of communicating a group of adolescents always produce new vocabulary that varies greatly in communicating.

This varied language in adolescent communication is called slang, a language that was created with a special purpose and has a secret nature (Basir, 2016: 114). From its special purpose and secret nature it has meaning in a variety of languages that are only used by certain circles or groups and are very limited. The vocabulary in slang is very varied and changing. This slang is more often used by teenagers or young people, although there are some parents who use it but not as dominant as young people.

Slang or slang is a variety of unofficial language used by teenagers or certain groups in communication with the aim that other groups do not understand, because vocabulary in slang is all new and often changes. This slang was created originally, sharply, and quickly changed (Wibowo, 2003: 9-10). This slang is a standard term with a distorted meaning. Generally a pun on meaning is used in abbreviations and acronyms.

In today's modernization era, slang has become an alternative in communicating with teenagers who have implied meanings. This meaning makes other groups do not know the meaning of the vocabulary used by adolescents in communicating. But not all teenagers know the meaning of each vocabulary used in communicating, there are also some of them who do not know its meaning because in general they just follow along to look slang and not outdated.

In the use of slang, there are also factors that influence it, first, namely social environmental factors that are divided into urban and rural environments. The second is

situational factors which are divided into formal, informal, and informal situations. In general, adolescents are very varied, innovative, and dynamic in communicating. Adolescents have their own language in their group so it is called varied. The habit of adolescents in creating a new language in communicating with a group is called innovative. The language of adolescents is always changing with the times, so it is referred to as dynamic. The vocabulary created and used by adolescents in communicating is a symbol of familiarity in informal interactions.

The vocabulary used by adolescents in communicating is a variety of non-standard languages that have undergone changes in form. When viewed from the culture, adolescents are a group of individuals who have the characteristics of liking groups, creating and innovating. Because adolescents have the characteristics of adventure and group (Sumarsana and Partana, 2004, 150). Not only that, in adolescent culture, it can also be seen from the language created and used as a group identity in their daily associations. Language that

is created and used unconsciously and unconsciously has a strong meaning that is influential in adolescent cultural groups.

In the current modernization era, communication does not have to be face-to-face, but the current millennial era is supported by advanced technology, as well as mobile phones as social media used in communicating online. Equipped with many applications that can be used as a means of communication.

Language becomes the most powerful communication tool in the social life of the common community. Because people use language in their daily communication, therefore language becomes very important in people's lives. If in the use of language at least can be understood its meaning, then the language has achieved the purpose of delivering a message in communication. To learn the meaning and purpose of language in communicating both oral and written, the main thing that must be considered for speakers is that the purpose of language can achieve goals.

Spoken and written language always come together and influence each other in the structure of human life. Due to the spoken language, it is often heard by interlocutors whose meaning becomes unfamiliar. Similarly, written language is read by individuals whose meanings are also sometimes foreign due to the reader's lack of understanding of implied or express meanings in the use of written language. From this, logic in understanding the meaning of language used properly and correctly can deviate from the real meaning.

The relationship between language and communication is very close, from the relationship between the two it has been defined that language as a means of human communication in social interaction. On the contrary, language is the medium of communication. Language is very influential in every aspect of human life, in communicating consciously or unconsciously individual actions in politics, social, law, and education are strongly influenced by language. In this statement it can be explained that

language has created meaning and value that has been believed to be a guide in communicating. That in human actions carried out through language has been understood through communication.

Language has the most important role in building information and communication, with the diversity of cultures in Indonesia has supported differences in communication that affect daily language activities. Language is very influential on the culture of thinking, acting, and behaving. In language communication can be used according to position, various dimensions and views of language in situations and conditions when communicating make language more varied and complex.

All humans need language that is used as a medium of communication, in language as a means of communication has played an important function in human life, because with language humans can interact easily and talk about anything. In communicating an individual often uses choice words in achieving his goals. The choice of words is done

strategically, so that the words used in communicating, the symbols used with the intonation used are not limited to expressions but are used deliberately with certain goals and purposes. Language as a means of communication has five functions, including the functions of expression, information, exploration, persuasi, and entertainment.

Language is a tool of human communication obtained from birth, in general language is a tool to show the self-identity of people who use it in social communication. The emergence of language and the development of language in society used to communicate, the existence of language unity that must be upheld by society as a skill possessed by each individual in communicating. The existence of this skill makes a person able to express his thoughts and feelings thoroughly.

From the explanation above, researchers wrote this article with the aim to describe the slang used by adolescents in the form of abbreviations and others and to describe the slang used by adolescents

as a means of communication between each other. There are also benefits to writing this article in the hope that it can add insight into the new vocabulary created by adolescents used in each of their social communications, as well as add scientific studies about the slang used by adolescents.

METHOD

In this article using the research method of literature review. Because the list of these articles is sourced from books, journals, articles, theses, and other scientific works. This article preparation activity with the literature review method aims to collect data and other information in the form of theories, methods that develop and have also passed documented in the form of books, journals, and manuscripts. This literature study method is a step for researchers in determining topics in research. Furthermore, the researcher determines the theoretical study related to the research topic to be carried out. In research on slang as a medium of adolescent communication in social interaction between others,

explaining about slang has become a medium of communication among adolescents. Also describes communication in everyday life. Until language becomes very important in communicating in everyday life between others.

FINDINGS

Slang as a means of communication for teenagers in a certain time is used as a form of conveying self-expression. This slang is used by teenagers in every communication in conveying something that is considered pebtibg for a group. The slang used by teenagers has specific linguistic characteristics, especially in their vocabulary. The use of this slang vocabulary is usually in the form of abbreviations and acronyms. For example, there is a table below.

Table 1. *Features of the form of abbreviations and acronyms*

Sentence	Information
Japri, yes!	Acronym, means personal line
Still mager sis.	Acronym, which means lazy movement.

His TF is awaited	Abbreviations, English, Transfer
BTW where have you been?	Singkatan, bahasa inggris, Bay The Way
Ketum is called superior	Acronym, which means general chairman

Table 2. *Features of word forms*

Sentence	Information
Update status	Slang in English
Sabilah kak!	Slang in Indonesian, means bisalah kak
Weekend days	Slang in English
Sagub too yes	Slang in Indonesian, it means good too
Done!!!	Slang in English meaning finished

From the analysis of the two characteristics of slang seen from the aspect of vocabulary can be described into three parts, namely characteristics in the form of abbreviations and acronyms, characteristics in the form of words, and there is also slang used as a cultural communication tool for teenagers. This can be explained in the discussion as follows.

Characteristics of abbreviated forms or acronyms

Slang is a form of language created by teenagers that will be used in interacting with fellow teenagers in their daily lives. Teenagers often use acronyms and English Indonesian and English forms. Here are some slang that is often used by teenagers.

Table 3. *Abbreviation/acronym formation characteristics*

Sentence	Information
Come on, <i>Gercepdong!</i>	Abbreviation in the form of an acronym, <i>fast motion</i>
Send <i>PAP</i> kak	Abbreviations , English , <i>Post a picture</i>
More <i>TBL</i>	Abbreviation Indonesian, <i>really scared</i>
<i>FYI</i> there is a concert tomorrow	English Abbreviation, <i>for your information</i>

Sentence 1 is in the form of the word *gercep* which stands for fast motion, the word is usually used by teenagers to ask someone to do something quickly and responsively without waiting long. Sentence part 3

stands for *PAP* which comes from Post A Picture English which is commonly used by teenagers to ask someone for a photo. In the 3rd sentence, the word *TBL* is an abbreviation of the word really afraid which is usually used by workers to express their feelings of fear. In sentence 4 stands for *FYI*, namely For Your Information which comes from English which is commonly used to provide information to friends both the latest information and additional information.

Word Form Characteristics

Table 4. *Word shape characteristics*

Sentence	Information
<i>Santuy</i> used to be okay	Indonesian, not raw
Which perfume is the <i>best seller</i> ?	English
You <i>really don 't</i> know	English
Send <i>a lot of</i> gifts	English
<i>Follow back</i> yakak	English

In sentence 1 there is the word *santuy* which is a play on the standard word casual commonly used when chatting between their close friends. In sentence 2 there is the word *best seller* which is a word from English,

commonly used to ask something that is most liked or best-selling. In sentence 3 there is the word *unch* which means funny or squeezed, which is often used by teenagers when seeing something funny and packing. In sentence 4 there is the word *gift* which is an English word that means gift, often used by teenagers today to ask someone for a gift. And in the last sentence, namely the 5th sentence, there is the word *follow back* which means follow back, the word comes from English which is often used by a teenager to ask for follow back on their social media that has been followed by the teenager.

Slang as a medium of cultural communication

Modern times as at this time many technological advances as well as in the field of diverse cultural communication. One of them is Mobile (HP). FC Hp is a communication media that is very popular among millennial teenagers as it is today. Almost all teenagers, both in cities and villages, have cellphones. As a tool for exchanging information, HP is a space to accommodate all aspirations as well

as the creative process felt by adolescents in speaking with friends in exchanging information. Slang is one form of adolescent creativity in language.

The use of cellphones among teenagers is a tool to spread slang very quickly to various circles of speech partners. Slang characteristics among millennial teenagers characterize or reflect their social identity. They have innovated, created and channeled their creativity by creating forms of language according to their way of thinking. In their WA grub they create a lot of slang words as a means to communicate and exchange information with their friends.

Slang used by teenagers has a dominant vocabulary gap in the form of abbreviations, acronyms and new words. The elements of the language they use come from English, Indonesian, or dialects. The use of slang in communicating through chat in WA grub adolescent groups, is not only related to the creative process in the field of linguistics, but also creates the ability to manage the potential of language so that it becomes an effective means of cultural

communication among adolescent groups. The nature in the reflection of adolescent cultural actors in communication using slang that is creative, responsive, and innovative contained in the characteristics of various slang is a reflection of the cultural behavior of adolescents. Thus, teenagers try to adjust to the times.

So it can be concluded that slang has a very strong influence on the development of Indonesian, which is generally used as a tool to interact and communicate with others. The language used by millennial adolescents today starts from a standard Indonesian to be non-standard and not commonplace to be used as a means of communication. The use of slang as a means of communication is often found in television commercials, song lyrics, tiktok, grub WA, and youth novels. This is the fact that actually happens that the emergence of slang in the midst of Indonesian existence we cannot avoid, because of the influence of technological developments and often as teenagers communicate using slang

so that gradually good and standard Indonesian will fade.

Factors affecting the use of slang

In the current era of digitalization, the use of good and correct Indonesian is rarely done by teenagers, they prefer to release new vocabulary which they call slang. Of course, this makes Indonesian fade even more. There are several factors that make teenagers use slang as a medium of daily communication, namely at this time television broadcasts, radio, and social media often use language that is not in accordance with language rules, and also teenagers often write words on their social media with new words and pun words and also they adapt from foreign films that they often watch. This strongly supports the creation of slang and also supports the use of slang in adolescents so that slang today is increasingly developing in this modern era.

Impact of Slang Use

The impact of the use of slang on the position of Indonesian in adolescents is the rampant use of slang among adolescents causing the

position of Indonesian to become threatened and almost extinct and replaced with slang. It cannot be denied that the use of slang among society is almost used in communicating between individuals in daily activities. The use of slang among people ranging from children to adults is accustomed to communicating using slang. Slang also causes people to lack language attitudes towards older people. The use of this slang we cannot escape or prevent in today's modern era.

In conditions like this, it is necessary to foster and cultivate manners and language methods to older people in this case can be implemented and applied to children from an early age. Especially to the youth of the younger generation so that they are proud to use and preserve Indonesian properly and correctly. The use of ICT-based Indonesian Learning (Information, Communication and technology) in this way can be applied in the current era of globalization. Not to forget that we must also instill in the nation's children the importance of good and correct Indonesian, and love the national

language which is the identity of our own nation, and most importantly the attitude to preserve Indonesian starting from ourselves.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that language as a means of communication is the most correct way used to convey thoughts, intentions and goals to others. Humans in interacting really need language. Language plays an important role in human life, because with language humans can communicate with others by talking about anything and easily understood by the interlocutor.

Slang that is the object of discussion in this journal has linguistic characteristics in the field of vocabulary, in the form of acronyms, abbreviations, and new words. Language can be said to have linguistic characteristics because the source of the language used comes from English, Indonesian and dialects. The existence of slang shows that there is a creative process of adolescents, the ability to adapt to the environment and the ability to manage potential in the field

of language. Slang also has a function as an entertainment language so that it is not too monotonous in communicating with others.

The existence of slang not only describes the identity of the millennial youth group, but slang also reflects the ability to create a new language, as the next generation of young people our nation must be able to become cultural heirs. The younger generation creates slang by inserting culture. It can be seen from the cultural elements in the form of English which is the basis for creating slang so that the language seems creative and not outdated.

Slang as a means of cultural communication because the language is created from the process of creativity, innovation, aspirations of millennial teenagers. So that slang becomes an identity in a group of teenagers. In the millennial era like today, communication media such as WA grub become a place to socialize slang and strengthen informal communication among adolescents.

However, we as the next generation of young people must also maintain and foster awareness in

teenagers of the importance of speaking Indonesian well and standardly, so that Indonesian are maintained and do not fade away.

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