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 song is very quite to be heard. Ed Sheeran also writing and produced song for international singer like Justin Bieber, Raihana, Taylor Swift etc, and have been always hits in the billboard hot 100. Ed Sheeran is an English male singer, 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) “÷” (divided). 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.

**How Would You Feel**
The second data is “How would you feel” by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in “Devide” (2017) album.
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<td>“Along”</td>
<td>S1 and L4</td>
<td>tenure or service.</td>
<td>“to take hold of something or someone suddenly and roughly” isolated from others.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>“Stealing”</td>
<td>S2 and L3</td>
<td>the act of taking something from someone unlawfully</td>
<td>imagined. Its mean that, her someone made himself pictured by his words.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>“Spending”</td>
<td>S3 and L3</td>
<td>The act of spending or disbursing money.</td>
<td>Spending time together for long periods of time.</td>
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<td>“Deeper”</td>
<td>S3 and L4</td>
<td>If something is deep, it extends a long way down from the ground or from the top surface of something.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>“Summer”</td>
<td>S4 and L2</td>
<td>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”.</td>
<td>meaning simple. he loves it with a simple one.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>“River”</td>
<td>S4 and L2</td>
<td>a large natural stream of water (larger than a creek). “the river was navigable for 50 miles”.</td>
<td>release. (She did not want to forget it when he returned.)</td>
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### Thingking Out Loud


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<td>“Touch”</td>
<td>S2 and L4</td>
<td>is to cause or permit a part of the body, especially the hand or fingers, to come in contact with so as to feel</td>
<td>is its mean that she would always be by her side and she will always hold his hand tightly.</td>
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<td>“Stars”</td>
<td>S3 and L3.</td>
<td>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 outward flow of energy to the surface, and the inward-directed gravitational forces are balanced by the outward-directed gas and radiation pressures.</td>
<td>is felt the air was getting cooler and made her uncertain.</td>
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<td>“Beating”</td>
<td>S3 and L4</td>
<td>is a whipping or thrashing, as by punishment, the act of a person or thing that beats</td>
<td>is about all that he experienced as if it’s not ever over.</td>
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<td>“Found”</td>
<td>S3 and L6</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>“Evergreen”</td>
<td>S5 and L1</td>
<td>having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year</td>
<td>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.</td>
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Photograph
The fourth data is “Photograph” by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in “The Time (X)” (2014) album.

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<td>S1 and L1</td>
<td>a part of your body, you feel pain because you have injured yourself</td>
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<td>Always kept his love always kept his love</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>“Hard”</td>
<td>S1 and L4</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>something vulnerable in maintaining relationships, the song describes a relationship that is easily damaged and could not keep up with either</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>“Photogra ph”</td>
<td>S2 and L1</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>someone who has created for us to stay together through happiness and sadness</td>
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<td>“Memori ce”</td>
<td>in S2 and L2</td>
<td>The mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experience; The act or an instance of remembering; recollection; All that a person can</td>
<td>necessitate. Its mean that, the lyric is requires them to keep it together through thick and thin</td>
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Give Me Love
The fifth data is “Give me love” by “Ed Sheeran” lyrics in “Plus Sign (+)” (2011) album.

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<td>“Paint”</td>
<td>S1 and L3</td>
<td>place believed to be the home of wicked people after death or very unpleasant situation</td>
<td>a meaning thinking was not healthy in dealing problems</td>
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experience causing great suffering

|   | Corner | S2 and L1 | she is 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.

|   | Alcohol | S2 and L2 | Any of a series of hydroxyl compounds, the simplest of which are derived from saturated hydrocarbons, have the general formula \( \text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1}\text{OH} \), and include ethanol and methanol | a meaning there is something good in it, something that can turn into a bad mind.

|   | Burn | S2 and L3 | destroy by fire | smelling. Its mean that, Basic trust is the soul's way of attaining 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 “Devide (÷)” album. This song told the story of a lover.

The second data is about “how would you feel” with “Devide (÷)” 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 “Thingking 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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