

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of Study

Listening is one of the important skills in English, with listening humans can communicate with each other, from this communication will get information. Listening to songs is one way that can be used to improve English language skills. According to (Underwood, 1989), a simplified definition of listening becomes “the activity of paying attention and trying to get meaning from something that is heard. Listening to songs is fun. Especially when the listener knows what the song means, the listener can feel or appreciate the song.

Usually when listening to songs we will look for the meaning of the lyrics of the song, especially when listening to English songs. But sometimes there are one or two words or more which if translated will have a different meaning.

To make a song, usually a songwriter takes a few days or maybe several months to be able to make a song with interesting lyrics. The lyrics of the song are the outpouring of the songwriter's heart. To beautify and make the lyrics interesting, the writer will use figurative language. According to (Yastanti et al., 2018), a characteristic in writings to delivering to the public by the writer. Expressing figurative language, people will use their imagination to imagine and think about the meaning behind the lyrics.

This research is also very useful for learners who are interested in English, considering that learning English cannot only be done in school, learning English can also be done by watching movies, and also listening to songs. Well, sometimes listeners discover new vocabulary, and also don't understand the meaning that is in each of the lyrics. This difficulty becomes a misunderstanding between the listeners and the writer. With this research, it will make it easier for every listener to understand and enjoy the song, as well as increase knowledge in understanding figurative language.

Related to this research, the researcher also look that many previous researchers had also research figurative language in songs. First, the figurative

language used in the one-way album all night long by (Fitria, 2018). Second The Figurative Language in Dark Horse Song Lyrics by Katy Parry by (Siska, 2019). Third, the Use of Songs to Increase Students' Interest in Listening. According to (Yulianto, 2017), in his research, he found that using songs for students to improve their listening ability in a fun way and not make students feel bored. The Last one is Meaning of Figurative Language with Reference to Four Iron Maiden Songs by (Daniswara et al., 2016), from this research found there are several figurative languages in the song, and the meaning used for it analyzing figurative language that is found is conceptual, connotative, and affective meaning.

In this study the researcher present an analysis of figurative language and the theme contained in Ariana Grande Album " Thank U , Next" . The reason researchers conducted research on the songs contained in Ariana Grande's album "Thank U Next," because the song has occupied several positions on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, the song 7 Ring has occupied first place on the Billboard Hot 100 chart for 8 weeks, the song thank u next has occupied position 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart for 3 weeks, and was in position 2 for 4 weeks, besides there is also a break up song with your boyfriend, I'm bored, occupying position 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, this indicates that many music lovers who like the songs from the album , 'thanks, u next.

On the album Ariana Grande "Thank u, Next", there are 12 songs namely Imagine, Needy, NASA, Bloodline, Fake Smile, Bad Idea, Make Up, Ghostin, In my head, 7 rings, Thank U, Next, Break Up Your Girlfriend, I'm Bored with this research hopefully can help loyal listeners of the song Ariana Grande to find out what exactly the meaning of the figurative language used by the song writer.

## **1.2 The Problem of the Study**

Based on the background of the study, the researcher found the problem of study was stated as the following :

- 1) What kinds of figurative language are found in Thank u, Next Album?
- 2) What are the theme that the writer wants to convey in each song lyrics of Ariana Grande's album ?

- 3) What is the most dominance type of figurative language in lyrics songs of Ariana Grande's album "thank u next"?

### **1.3 The Objective of the Study**

Based on the problem of the study, the researcher formulates the objective of the study :

- 1) To identify the kinds of figurative language found in Thank u next, the album lyric.
- 2) To identify the theme of the twelve songs in the album "thank u next" by Ariana Grande.
- 3) To find out the most dominance type of figurative language in lyrics song of Ariana Grande's album "thank u next".

### **1.4 The Scope of the Study**

This study to discuss figurative language, and the theme that used in the Thank U, Next Album's songs by Ariana Grande. There are many types of Figurative Language, but here the researcher only discusses some type of figurative language, namely simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, symbol, irony, and idiom.

### **1.5 The Significant of the Study**

This research expected so that listeners can understand song lyrics that use figurative language. Listeners will better understand and appreciate the meaning of a song, not only enjoying the song because of the music, but also comfortable with poetic song lyrics and also the researcher hope this reseach can help other researchers who are interested in conducting research in this field.

### **1.6 Review of the Literature**

#### **1.6.1 Figurative Language**

Figurative Language is the language or word used to convey something to the reader or listener, but does not describe or convey the true

meaning. According to (Ratna, 2017), Figurative language is another way to say something other than the usual way of making language more beautiful. Figurative language is usually used to beautify words, to describe a certain impression or atmosphere such as lonely, busy, romantic, etc. Figurative language has many types, but in this study the researcher focused on 7 (seven) types of figurative language:

Simile is a part of figurative language that compares two different things, but is considered to have similarities, and uses conjunctions. According to (Syafitri & Marlinton, 2018), simile is comparing two essentially unlike things.

Metaphor is explaining or describing one thing to something else directly, but still having the same meaning. According to (Lukmana et al., 2019), metaphor is used to compare two things indirectly without showing similarities in the words.

Personification is figure of speech that gives human nature to an object, as if it can behave like humans. According to (Fitria, 2018), personification is giving animals, objects, human nature as if they could act and do things like humans.

Hyperbole is a figure of speech that states something excessively. According to (Fitria, 2018), hyperbole is an intentional exaggeration or over statement or comic effect.

Symbol is a picture or shape of an object that represents an idea. According to (Perrine, 1974) symbol may have roughly defined as something that means more than what it is.

Irony is a figure of speech that conveys something with the opposite meaning. According to (Partington, 2007), stated, Irony is “ as a mode of in speech in which the meaning is contrary to the word”.

Idiom is a combination of words that forms a new meaning, and has no relationship with the basic forming word. According to (Setiawati & Maryani, 2018), idiom is words or expressions that cannot be translated as original or literally.

### **1.6.2 Song**

Songs are poems with additional melodies and tones so they are pleasant to hear. Nowadays, listening to music is an activity that is very popular with many people. Sometimes people fill their spare time by listening to music. According to (Setiawati & Maryani, 2018), song is one of the literature which is shown by sung and accompanied by musical instruments.

### **1.6.3 Theme**

The theme of a song is a description of the content of the song. According to (A.S Hornby., 2000), The subject or main idea in a lecture, written work or work of art. Not infrequently when someone wants to listen to a song he will find out the theme in the song.

### **1.6.4 Biography of Ariana Grande**

Ariana Grande is an American singer, born on July 26, 1993. She is known for her long ponytail and a very seductive voice. There are 61 awards that he has received from throughout his career in various award shows including Grammy awards. In June 2018, Ariana Grande music video got 10 billion views, and on her third album, she was certified platinum by the RIAA, a time magazine named Ariana Grande, as the most influential person in the world.