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## **METAPHORICAL EXPRESSION IN SONG LYRICS IN ENGLISH TEXTBOOK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This study aimed to determine the metaphorical song lyrics in English textbooks in senior high school. This research is descriptive qualitative. This research's object is the Metaphor found in song lyrics in English textbooks in senior high school. Sources of data in this study are song lyrics found in English textbooks in senior high school. The songs included in the English textbooks are: 1. The world is ours by Alloe Black and David Correy; 2. Heal The World by Michael Jackson; 3. Breakaway by Kelly Clarkson; 4. Shake It Off by Taylor Swift. The method used by researchers is documentation in collecting data and analyzing data. In analyzing the data, the researcher used a Metaphor based on Lakoff and Johnson's theory, namely structural metaphors, orientation metaphors, and ontological metaphors. These are: containers and personifications. The results showed six structural Metaphors, five orientation metaphors, one container metaphor and two personification metaphors.

Keywords: English Books, Metaphor, Song Lyric

## **INTRODUCTION**

Nowadays, in modern areas people always listening music, kids young until adults ever listened to music. They listened to the music when they feel sad, happy, fall in love, and many reasons why they are listening to the music. Some of them attended a genre pop, jazz, classic, hip-hop, and others. Many people know the songs, but they don't understand their real meaning or hidden meaning.

Likewise, in high school English textbooks, there are many types of songs from various famous singers. The songs have many elements of meaning, one of the figurative language. According to Keraf (1981), figurative language is divided into Metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, and euphemism. In this study, the researchers only focus on metaphors because metaphors transfer the image, meaning, or quality of an expression to another to adequately convey the word in the definition.

Metaphor is the transfer of the image, meaning, or quality of an expression to another expression. Metaphor is related to the relationship between one word with another word in forming a mean. Kennedy (1991) says that Metaphor is are figures of speech (comments that are not their true meaning) that contain implicit comparisons. Metaphor is used to describe something as if it is something else. A Metaphor is not a comparison, but a parable, where you say one thing like another. For example: "her skin was as white as snow". Metaphors can make words come alive. Often, Metaphor can make the reader more readily understands the concept and idea. It is not easy to understand the Metaphor in particular songs.

The researchers take some previous studies that analyzed Metaphors by Rusleni et al., (2020); in their research, they chose Heal The World, one of Michael Jackson's songs used as material for analysis. They used Crystal's theory of a type of Metaphor, which consists of: conceptual metaphors, mixed metaphors, and poetic metaphors. And they found only one kind of Metaphor to be found, which is the conceptual Metaphor. Ndraha (2018) then found the analysis of Metaphor in Westlife's song lyrics also found 19 of Metaphor used in the Westlife's song lyrics using Goalty theory.

Then Rifki (2016), in his research, a semantic analysis of Metaphor found in selected lyrics of "the script," "Katy Perry" and "Michael bublé". In their study using Crystal, Beckson & Ganz theory consisting of conceptual metaphors, mixed metaphors, and poetic metaphors. They found 194 conceptual metaphor data, 60 data mixed Metaphor, and five poetic metaphor data.

The researcher wanted to examine the metaphors contained in song lyrics in high school English textbooks from the previous researcher's results. The researchers used an English textbook entitled Pathway to English in senior high school because it is a medium that teachers in teaching and learning activities still use. So that in analyzing the figurative meaning, especially in metaphors, it is

expected to be able to increase students' knowledge and assist teachers in teaching students to understand the types of metaphors contained in the song lyrics included in the textbooks.

According to Lakoff & Johnson (1980), there are three types of Metaphors: Structural Metaphors, Orientation Metaphors, and Ontological Metaphors. There are two types of Metaphor identification, namely the container metaphor and personification. Based on the phenomenon, the researcher does this research to take advantages that the readers take.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

According to Lakoff & Johnson (1980), the Metaphor has meaning in other and its primary function is to understand. Metaphor is the description of something with a direct and precise comparison based on almost the same or even the same. It may provide (or obscure) clarity or identify hidden similarities between two ideas. Metaphor consist of there types:

### **Structural Metaphor**

Structural Metaphor is one concept that is structured metaphorically into another. Structural metaphors there is based on a systematic correlation of everyday experiences. For example, The argument is war. We do many things in arguing so that the concept of argument is structured on the idea of war. Argument and war are two different things. But if people were arguing, they verbally attacked each other. They don't want to lose if you claim. So that is why argument is called war.

### **Orientalional Metaphor**

Orientalional metaphors are another type of metaphorical concept that is not structured but governs the overall system of one's ideas related to each other. This Metaphor is also oriented towards physical experiences and culture such as up-down, in-out, on-off, deep-shallow, front-back, and others as bodily forms. Orientalional metaphors provide the concept of spatial orientation. For example, happy is up, sad is down.

### **Ontological Metaphor**

Ontological metaphors emerge when we see events, activities, emotions, and ideas as entities and substances. Ontological Metaphor allows us to conceptualize and talk about things, experiences, and processes; however, they are not as straightforward or abstract as physical properties. The ontological Metaphor describes the entity according to the existing Metaphor. Ontological Metaphor makes us handle things rationally based on experience. Ontological

have two types of metaphor identification, namely the Metaphorical Container and the Personification.

### **Container Metaphor**

The container metaphor considers an abstract or living entity as a container or space to enter and exit. Its means that when an object goes inside the Container. It can be filled and vice versa. It describes that things are in and out of situations.

### **Personification**

Personification is included in the ontological Metaphor. The personification of entities can be inanimate objects, both abstract and concrete. It can be used and treated as a human being in all aspects.

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

The technique of analyzing data use the qualitative method. The qualitative approach is a descriptive research method that uses analysis and interprets data's meaning. The objects of this study are songs found in English textbooks senior high school. In this research, the researchers analyze six songs are: The world is ours by Alloe Black and David Correy, heal the world by Michael Jackson, Breakaway by Kelly Clarkson, Shake it off by Taylor. The researchers found they are songs in textbook English senior high school. The steps in analyzing the data in this study are the researcher classifies the types of metaphors from the song lyrics in English textbooks, then calculates the kinds of metaphors used in the verses in high school English textbooks and then takes a conclusion a result of the study.

## **FINDINGS**

After analyzing the data, the researchers find Metaphor in song lyrics in the English textbook. There are five data of the song lyrics related to Metaphor. The data takes from lyrics songs The world is ours by Alloe Black and David Correy, heal the world by Michael Jackson, Breakaway by Kelly Clarkson, Shake it off by Taylor in English textbooks senior high school. The result as follows:

### **Structural Metaphor**

In the senior high school book that has been researched, six-song lyrics contain structural metaphors. One example is:

*“Live like your **born to fly**”.*

The lyrics are a structural Metaphor because the concept of "*born*" uses the word "*to fly*" as a metaphorical word usually used in the idea of life. It contains Metaphorical structural meaning because humans are not born to fly. The

term "to flay" is likened to a human who always realizes dreams as high as possible.

### **Oriental Metaphor**

In the senior high school book that has been researched, of the total songs, five-song lyrics contain orientational metaphors; one example is:

*"Out of the darkness and into the sun."*

This lyric is an orientational metaphor because, in the song lyrics, there are concepts related to one another.

### **Ontological Metaphor**

In the high school books studied, three songs contain ontological metaphors, one Metaphor, and two personification metaphors. For example :

Container

*"Will shine again in grace."*

The word "in" in this song's lyrics is an abstract entity that describes the object entering and leaving a situation.

Personification

*"Love enough for us growing."*

The meaning of the word "growing" in the lyrics of this song is a type of personification because growing is identified with humans; this word is used as if love is human. Below are the number of each kind of Metaphor:

**Tabel 1.** Type of Metaphor

No.	Type Metaphor	Amount
1	Structural Metaphor	6
2	Oriental Metaphor	5
3	Ontological Metaphor	
	a.Container Metaphor	1
	b. Personification Metaphor	2

## **DISCUSSION**

The results showed the types of metaphors found in song lyrics in English books senior high school. According to Lakoff & Johnson (1980), the kinds of Metaphors consist of structural Metaphors, Orientation Metaphors and ontological metaphors. There are containers and personifications.

The results showed all the songs studied; there were six structural metaphors, five orientation metaphors, one container metaphor and two personification metaphors. From these data, the most dominant data found on the metaphorical expression of song lyrics in SMA English textbooks are structural Metaphor. This data's rules determine what metaphors are contained in the lyrics

of the song, which has been selected by being processed by deciding which ones contain Metaphorical elements in the piece.

This result is in line with Novika & Maryadi's research (2019) with the Metaphor of the Adele song's title. They also found structural metaphors (8.69%), orientation metaphors (39.1%), and ontological metaphors contained in metaphors (10.8%), and personifications (41.3%). The most frequently that they found in their research is ontological Metaphor.

The same result was also found by Lestari (2017), with the title metaphors in the song lyrics of Greenday show that Metaphor's use is flexible. The whole types of Metaphor in the song lyrics are structural Metaphor, orientational Metaphor, and ontological Metaphor. The types of ontological Metaphor are the most frequently used in the song lyrics.

Lestari (2017) also found the same result in her research types and meaning of Metaphor in song lyrics by Selena Gomez. The product is Ontological metaphors are the ones most often used in song lyrics. Out of 30 data, there are twenty ontological metaphors. At the same time, the type of Metaphor that rarely used are structural Metaphor and orientation metaphors. Seven data in this study are Structural Metaphors (23%), three data are Orientation Metaphors (10%), and twenty data are Ontological Metaphors (67%).

## CONCLUSION

After analyzing the metaphors in English textbooks' song lyrics, the researchers can conclude the metaphorical expression and value built by Metaphor. They are structural Metaphor, orientational Metaphor, and ontological Metaphor. In ontological Metaphor, these: Container and Personification. The Structural Metaphor types are most frequently used in the song lyrics in English textbooks in senior high school. So that with this research, students can analyze figurative meanings, especially metaphors. It is hoped that it can increase student knowledge and help teachers teach students to understand metaphors in the song lyrics in textbooks.

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