

## An Analysis Of Figurative Language Used In Novo Amor's Song Lyrics

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### Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis majas (hiperbola, metafora, simbol, sinekdoke, paradoks, personifikasi, simile, ironi) dan menjelaskan makna majas yang digunakan dalam lirik lagu Novo Amor. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode analisis deskriptif kualitatif. Data penelitian diambil dari lagu Novo Amor yang masuk dalam album "Birthplace": Emigrate, Utican, Anniversary, State Lines, Birthplace, Seneca, Sleepless, Repeat Hingga Death, Oh Round Lake. Teori majas yang digunakan dari X.J Kennedy, penulis melakukan observasi dengan mengamati lirik lagu Novo Amor dan mengambil kalimat yang mengandung majas. Dari hasil analisis, penulis menemukan bahwa majas yang digunakan dalam lagu-lagu Novo Amor sangat beragam. Ada 63 hiperbola 31 (49%), metafora 5 (7,9%), simbol 15 (23,8%), sinekdok 3 (4,7%), paradoks 6 (9,5%), personifikasi 1 (1,5%), simile 1 (1,5%), ironi 1 (1,5%). Jenis majas yang paling dominan ditemukan dalam lagu Novo Amor adalah hiperbola 31 (49%).

**Kata kunci:** *Semantik, Bahasa Figuratif, Lirik Lagu*

### Abstract

This study aims to identify the types of figurative language (hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, paradox, personification, simile, irony) and explain the meaning of figurative language used in the lyrics of the song Novo Amor. This study uses a qualitative descriptive analysis method. The research data was taken from the song Novo Amor which is included in the album "Birthplace": Emigrate, Utican, Anniversary, State Lines, Birthplace, Seneca, Sleepless, Repeat Until Death, Oh Round Lake. The theory of figurative language used from X.J Kennedy, author of make observations by observing the lyrics of the song Novo Amor and taking sentences containing figure of speech. From the analysis, the writer finds that the figure of speech used in Novo Amor songs is very diverse. There are 63 hyperbole 31 (49%), metaphor 5 (7.9%), symbol 15 (23.8%), synecdoche 3 (4.7%), paradox 6 (9.5%), personification 1 (1.5%), simile 1 (1.5%), irony 1 (1.5%). The types of figurative speech that most dominantly found in Novo Amor's song is hyperbole 31 (49%).

**Keywords:** *Semantics, Figurative Language, Song Lyrics*

### INTRODUCTION

Language is a tool for communicating with other people. Language is a way to communicate with other people nothing can replace it. We also need communication to fulfill our life needs. In addition to language as a means of communication, language also functions in several parts of our lives.

Literature is everything that has been written. Literature should be a work of art created by writers to express their feelings. Literature is a beautiful and imaginative work that describes social life based on experience, knowledge, and interpretation of the writer. Song lyrics are an example of the art of writing. It is usually written to express the writer's feelings and emotions. Meaningful song lyrics. You can describe how the writer felt at that time. Writers can say things in unusual and different ways. Can't take it literally. In other words, the writer uses figurative language.

Figurative language is a language that uses figures of speech, so we cannot take it for granted. Figurative language can be found in various sources, such as in literary works. But, it can also be found in songs or lyrics, especially English songs. The use of figurative language is use figuratively for rhetorical purposes.

Many people who like to listen to music, including writer. So many songs were created, of course, with lyrics that have meanings such as literal meanings or figurative meanings, but many people don't know what the meaning. The choice of topic is based on interesting phenomena in figurative language in the song that have not been fully discussed and understanding the meaning of the song Novo Amor is very difficult because it has a special meaning behind the word or sentences to understand.

There were some previous studies used as the references in this study. (Fitria, 2018) study Figurative Language Used In One Direction's Album Entitled Up All Night. This research uses qualitative descriptive to describe the analysis factually, accurately and systematically. This research found some figurative languages in One Direction's album entitled Up All Night. it is found six types of figurative language in One Direction's album entitled "Up All Night", that are repetition, parallelism, personification, metaphor, simile also hyperbole. While, the most dominant type of figurative language used is repetition, there are 50 lyrics that contain repetition both anaphora and epiphora. songs in this album, they are: 1) Everything About You, 2) Gotta Be You, 3) I Want, 4) I Wish, 5) More Than This, 6) One Thing, 7) Same Mistakes, 8) Save You Tonight, 9) Stole My Heart, 10) Taken, 11) Tell Me a Lie, 12) Up All Night and 13) What Makes You Beautiful. Another research conducted is Lumbantobing, et.al (2021) study An Analysis of Figurative Language in Michael Jackson Song Lyric. This research uses qualitative method. This finding showed that are 6 types of figurative language that found in Michael Jackson's Songs namely: personification, apostrophe, metaphor, hyperbole, simile and symbol. While, there are 6 types of 3 figurative language weren't found in Michael Jackson's Songs namely: synecdoche, metonymy, allegory, paradox, understatement, and irony. After analyzing all the data the writer found the types of figurative language are dominantly used in Michael Jackson's songs are hyperbole consists of 11 sentences (30%). It can be concluded that figurative language can be found and learn in the songs.

The writer chose the song Novo Amor because the song Novo Amor is very meaningful and interesting to be heard. Song lyrics are generally poetic and rhythmic. Indeed, songwriters simply use images of the spoken word to make it more interesting, memorable, and aesthetically pleasing. All the songs sung by Novo Amor have a very deep meaning. Novo Amor is also known for songs that capture the beauty of words and use their sensitivity to express imagination his feeling.

In song lyrics, there are many aspects that can be analyzed by researchers. Aspects that can be analyzed with lyrics are the use of verbs and sentences. Adverbs, adjectives, idioms, translation techniques, slang. Use of text, images, moral values, etc. These aspects, it makes sense to analyze. From all aspects that can be analyzed in the song, the researcher decided to analyze the use of figurative language found in Novo Amor's lyrics. Sounds and songs that are easy to hear but have a deep meaning that touch the heart most songs that remind you have many purposes and ideas. About

friendship, life, how to be brave, how to be confident. Hope for the world. Especially lately, the lyrics are always about love, romantic and sad. In the lyrics, the message is clearer.

In addition, researchers have chosen this song as a research subject for several song lovers. Reason; First, the song is a type of literary work. Figurative language is usually found in several literary works. Second, songs can contain difficult words, song lovers who can't find the literal meaning must be studied by researchers. Third, through figurative language, song lovers are expected to use figurative language in their written or spoken skills to be able to make interesting expressions.

Ali John Meredith-Lacey, better known by his stage name Novo Amor a musician and songwriter from Cardiff, United Kingdom. Novo Amor is a multi-instrument musician, singer, songwriter, producer, and sound designer. The writer chooses Novo Amor because the genre of the song that is sung is folk with simple lyrics but rich in meaning. In the lyrics of the song, many figurative language is found in the album. So the writer chooses the Birthplace album to be researched. Because the songs in the album have figurative language that is interesting to study. The distinctive strains of Ali's falsetto voice often involve human interaction with the environment in several of his songs, including Terraform (2017), Birthplace (2018), Sleepless, and Repeat Until Death (2018). So the writer chooses the "Birthplace" album to be researched. The writer carried out the research entitled "**An Analysis of Figurative Language Used In Novo Amor's Song Lyrics.**"

## **METHOD**

This study used descriptive qualitative method. According to Gay and AirAsian (2000: 9) said that "qualitative research analyzes data interpretation to organize data into categories, identify models and generate synthetic descriptive narratives, taking into account quantitative analysis of statistical procedures." This means that qualitative research does not use statistical methods, but tends to use words and meanings of description in data analysis.

The writer used qualitative research to analyze the figurative language poetry of Novo Amor in the album "Birthplace". A figure of speech is a way of saying something other than the literal meaning of the word. Figure of speech may be said to occur whenever a speaker or writer, for the sake of freshness or emphasis, departs from the usual denotations of words. According to Kennedy figurative language is divided into eight types, they are: Personification, Metaphor, Simile, Hyperbole, Paradox, Irony, Symbol, Synecdoche (X.J. Kennedy, 1979:187).

So figurative language is a sentence that describes something with a special language to give a sense of beauty and emphasize the important things conveyed. The writers can express their feeling by using figurative language in his song lyric. The writer used X.J Kennedy's theory to analyze the meaning of 9 figurative language and the types of figurative language used in Novo Amor's song lyrics. Qualitative research is used because the data from song lyrics contain many types of figurative language. Qualitative research methods used as research techniques to obtain a description of the words and performance of people who can be observed. In using this qualitative research design, it is intended to obtain good analytical results to determine the types and meanings of figure of speech for the reader.

The research data is taken from the Album of nine Novo Amor's song lyric in Albums "Birthplace". The songs are Emigrate, Anniversary, Repeat Till Death, Birthplace, Oh Round Lake, Utican, State Lines, Seneca, Sleepless. The lyrics of the song are taken from [www.azlyrics.com](http://www.azlyrics.com).

In this case, the writer used study document as the way to collect the data. Data sources come from the Internet. It is a kind of data collection technique by classifying documents relating to the

problems discussed, both website or several sources, journal, book, archives, etc. Novo Amor album song lyrics would be as the source of analysis. The steps of collecting data are follows:

1. The data of this research was collected by the texts of the song of the song in Novo Amor's Song. The data collection process in reading the lyrics. The writer taking song lyrics of Novo Amor's album from website and than the writer download the song through the Stafaband.com and than the resercher listens to the song.
2. The writer selected and underlined the words or sentence to find the word, phrase, and sentence which contain figurative language. After that the writer made a note which is one of the used figurative language. Finally, the writer classifies it and rechecks the data and ready to analyze it.

After collecting the data, the writer analyzed the data through some steps they are:

1. Grouping the lyrics based on the types of figurative language.
2. Analyzing the lyrics based on Kennedy theory.
3. Finding the meaning of figurative language in Novo Amor album song lyrics
4. Describing the meaning of figurative language.

The steps for analyzing the data are described in the discussion below. First, Grouping the lyrics based on the types of figurative language. Analyzing the lyrics based on Kennedy theory. Finding the meaning of figurative language in Novo Amor album song lyrics. Describing the meaning of figurative language.

## RESULT

The writer found a total of 63 data from album Birthplace Novo Amor's song lyrics namely hyperbole found 31 data, methapor found 5 data, symbol found 15 data, synecdoche found 4 data, paradox found 6 data, personafication found 1 data, simile found 1 data, irony found 1 data. The types of figurative speech that most dominantly found in Novo Amor's song is hyperbole. In this study, the writer found 63 data in 9 songs. The percentage of the total data can be seen in the following table:

No	Types of Figurative Language	N	Percentage
1	Hyperbole	31	49%
2	Metaphor	5	7,9%
3	Symbol	15	23,8%
4	Synecdoche	4	4,7%
5	Paradox	6	9,5%
6	Personification	1	1,5%
7	Simile	1	1,5%
8	Irony	1	1,5%

Total	63	100%
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The dominant type of types figurative language in the album Birthplace from Novo Amor's song lyrics is Hyperbole 31 (49%). Hyperbole is the dominant types because in the album Birthplace from Novo Amor's song lyrics there are more expressions figure that it is intentional exaggeration or overstating.

## DISCUSSION

From the result of data analysis, the researchers concluded that by using theory X.J Kennedy the researchers found out the most dominant types of figurative language used in selected song lyrics of Novo Amor's is hyperbole. The types of language found in song lyrics from Novo Amor's birthplace album are hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, and paradox. In this study, which has been carried out by other studies, several similarities and differences were found with this study. Therefore, the writer decided to conduct this research because there is no research with the same title. So that the writer can provide examples or references for future writers. Similarly, the next writer can conduct further research on the types of language. The use of figurative language in Novo Amor's album Birthplace song was found by underlining and classifying them. Previously, the writer transcribing and underlined the song lyric and found there were 63 data.

Based on these findings, the researchers found several similarities and differences between the results of previous studies and the results of research conducted by current researchers. current researchers. The results of previous research from Fitria (2018) with the title of figurative language used in One Direction's album entitled Up All Night. There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this study and the writer is that first, the two researchers used descriptive qualitative research as a research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. However, this study also has differences with the writer. The first contrast, in this study the researcher found 6 types of figure of speech, namely repetition, parallelism, personification, metaphor, simile and hyperbole. Meanwhile, the writer found 6 types of figure of speech, namely hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, and paradox. The difference between the previous results is that there is repetition, parallelism, while this research does not exist.

Similarly, the results of previous research from Lumbantobing, et.al (2021) with the title An Analysis of Figurative Language in Michael Jackson 70 Song Lyric There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this study and the writer is that first, the two researchers used descriptive qualitative research as a research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. Third, these two studies have the most dominant data, namely hyperbole. However, this study also has differences with the writer. The first contrast, in this study the researcher found 6 types of figure of speech, namely personafication, apostrophe, metaphor, hyperbole, simile and symbol. Meanwhile, this study found 6 figures of speech, namely hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, and paradox. The difference is that the previous results had an apostrophe while this study did not have an apostrophe.

In contrast to the results of previous research from Muziatun, et.al (2022) with the title Figurative Language in Bruno Mars Lyrics There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this study and the writer is that first, the two researchers used descriptive qualitative research as a research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. Third, these two studies have the most dominant data, namely hyperbole. However, this study also

has differences with the writer. The first contrast, in this previous study the writer found only three types of figurative language, namely hyperbole, simile, and personification. while the writer found 5 types of figurative language, namely hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, and paradox.

In contrast to the results of previous research from Rahmani & Nasution (2019) with the title Figurative Language in Song Lyric "Red" by Taylor Swift, there are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this study and the writer is that first, the two researchers used descriptive 71 qualitative research as a research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. However, this study also has differences with the writer. The first contrast, in this previous study, the writer and the writer found 13 data on the song Red by Taylor Swift, while the writer had 63 more data. metaphor, simile, and hyperbole. The dominant figurative language in this song is simile and hyperbole.

Similarly, the results of previous research from Adhi (2021) with the title An Analysis of Figurative Language in Dan Byrd's Song Lyrics Entitled "Boulevard". There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarities between this research and the writer are that first, the second researcher uses descriptive qualitative research as the research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. However, this study also has differences with the writer. First contrast, in this study the researcher found 12 alliterations, 2 of which were also hyperbole and one of them was an idiom. Meanwhile, this study found 6 figure of speech, namely hyperbole, metaphor, symbol, synecdoche, and paradox.

Similarly, the results of a previous study from Yunanda, et.al (2019) with the title The Analysis of Figurative Language in Song Lyric By Indina Menzel. There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this research and the writer is the first, the second researcher uses descriptive qualitative research as the research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. Third, the dominant type of language in this research is hyperbola. However, this study also has differences with the authors. In this research found 9 figure of speech that is hyperbola 31.3%, reputation 25.4%, 72 personafication 9.8%, methapor, simile, alliteration 5.8%, onomatopoeia, irony and idiom 3.9% and finally imagey and pleonasm 1, 9%.

In contrast to the results of previous research from Muhammad, et.al (2021) with the title An Analysis of Figurative Language in Maroon 5 – Nobody's Love Song Lyrics. There are similarities and differences from these studies. The similarity between this research and the writer is the first, the second researcher uses descriptive qualitative research as the research design. Second, both researchers used documents to collect data. Third, the dominant type of language in this research is hyperbola. However, this study also has differences with the authors. In this research found 5 figure of speech, namely personafication 20%, hyperbole 30%, irony 20%, simile 20%, and repetition 20%. From several studies that have been carried out by other writers, we can see the differences and similarities in the types of figurative language found in song lyrics based on research that has been carried out by the writer.

## CONCLUSIONS

Related to the research finding that based on the data analysis, it can be concluded that:

1. The types of figurative language found in Novo Amor's album "Birthplace" namely : Hyperbole, Methapor, Symbol, Synecdoche, Paradox. The types of figurative speech that most dominantly found in Novo Amor's song is hyperbole.
2. The data is taken from in Novo Amor's album "Birthplace" In this study, the writer found 63 data from all song lyric in album Birthplace that had been transcribed by the writer first. The types of

figurative language in data : the number of hyperbole found 31 (49%), the number of methapor found 5 (7,9%), the number of symbol found 15 (23,8%) , the number of synecdoche found 3 (4,7%), the number of paradox found 6 (9,5%), the number of personafication found 1 (1,5%) the number of simile found 1 (1,5%), the number of irony 1 (1,5%). The types of figurative speech that most dominantly found in Novo Amor's song is hyperbole found 31 (49%).

3. The types of figurative language contained in the lyrics of the album Novo Amor Place of birth are more directed as objects and possessing instructions. The function of the type of figurative language contained in the song shows the.
4. Meaning of figurative language where many people do not know the meaning of the language.
5. From the results of the discussion, this research has some similarities and differences with previous research. One of them uses descriptive qualitative method to collect data. The difference found is the result of the research. The dominant data of this study is different from the dominant data of previous studie.

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