# CHAPTER I

# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background of The Research

According to Kusumawardhani (2021)Semantics as part of linguisticsstudy, in which the that means of the semantics is the study of that means and sentence and language. Semantics is the examine of meaning and linguistic semantics because the look at of which means in to date as it is systematically encoded within the vocabulary and grammar of herbal languages. Its means that semantic talk the significance of each word grammar within the written word. According to Dr. Leany Nani Harsa (2014:1.3) said that Semantics is a branch of linguistics that studies the nature of the meaning of individual words, and the meaning of words, and the meaning of words grouped into phrases and sentences. According to Kusumawardhani (2021) defined that the motive of semantics is to realize the exact meanings of the phrases and terms and do away with confusion, which might lead the readers to trust a phrase has many possible meanings.In Subagiharti's article (2022), semantics is a branch of semiotics that studies the relationship between signs and the objects they refer to, while pragmatics is a branch of semiotics that studies the relationship between signs and language users.Based on the defining of semantics from several experts above, the author can conclude that semantics is a view of meaning, sentences and language that reveals how important each grammatical phrase is in written words.

According to Putri & Zakrimal (2019) Slang is used for a very informal speech variety which regularly serves as an “in organization” langauge, which

includes teens, army, and dad human beings institution.It way that slang language commonly discover in groups environment. for instance teenager, the teenager will use slang phrase to make relax and close verbal exchange. According to Putri & Zakrimal(2019) slang is more typical used among those who are outside established higher status groups. Slang or colloquial speech describes words or phrases that are used instead of more everyday term among younger speakers and other groups with special interest. There are also definitions about slang, Burdová (2009)defines slang as a foreign linguistic term primarily based on the usage of synonyms corresponding to the Czech term “dialect”. He elaborates a theory of several motives leading to language dissimilarity and ultimately the use of of slang: unique want of expressive media with reference to content material, unique thought of a few things acquainted to citizens, extraordinary relation among the speaker and man or woman or element, tendency to be unintelligible to members of various strata, tendency to shorten and remove redundant expressions.Based on the definitions of slang words from several experts, the author can conclude that slang is a very informal language used among teenagers in a organization or group environment to make conversations look more relaxed.

The researcher wants to conduct the research aboutslang in the movie

entitled The Basketball Diaries. “The Basketball Diaries” tells the story of the life of Jim Carrol, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, a teenager who was initially respected as a talented basketball athlete in high school. However, his life changed drastically when he fell into drug addition. Jim and his friends including Mickey, played by Mark Wahlberg, become involved in the world of drugs, causing their lives to descend into chaos. The film shows Jim’s struggle with drug addiction, loss, and a haunting inner battle. From confrontations with the police to prison experiences, Jim faces the tragic consequences of his life choice. However, in this darkness, there are also efforts to restore and hope to rie from destruction. “The Basketball Diaries” provides a poignant and emotional look at the gritty life of the streets and the hardships of battling addiction.

The conversations in films contain a lot of slang, namely primary slangand secondary slang which are classified as rude but have a certain meaning but can only be used at certain times or cannot be used in formal situations. For example, the conversation in the film The Basketball Diaries at minute 12:34, He said to his friend that "You're not going to fuck with me, all right?" is one of the primary slangs. And in minutes 04:40, he says "I'll fucking throw you in the fucking river if I catch ya.." this is one of the secondary slang. This slang aims to communicate with certain groups in a more relaxed situation.

The reason why researcher examine slang words in The Basketball Diaries

movie is that it can provide a deeper understanding of the social and cultural context faced by the characters in the story of the movie. Slang words are often used to reflect certain environments and social groups. In the case of this film, the use of slang words can reflect street life, drug addiction, and typical teenage language at that time. By analyzing the use of slang words, research can reveal the synamics of communication between characters, provide insight into social relations, and create a better undersanding of the feelings and experiences faces by the main characters. Therefore, an appropriate research title could be “Analysis of Slang Words in The Basketball Diries Movie”

## 1.2 Identification of The Problem

In this movie entitled "The Basketball Diaries" there are several things that

can be researched, such as slang words, the depiction of drug addiction in teenagers, the moral message and character development of the main character. Therefore, the author will focus on slang words in the movie “The Basketball Diaries”.

## 1.3 Limitation of The Problem

The author will limit several problems that will be analyzed in the The

Basketball Diaries movie, discuss some of the slang words found in conversations and explain the meaning of slang words using semantic theory. In accordance with the research title, namely "An analysis of slang words in The Basketball diaries Movie"

## 1.4 Problem of The Research

The problem of the research are:

1. What are the meaning of slang in the basketball diaries movie?
2. What kind of slang is most dominant in the basketball diaries movie?

## 1.5 Objective of The Research

The objectives of the research are:

1. To explain the meaning of slang in the basketball diaries movie.
2. To describe what kind is most dominant in the basketball diaries movie.

## 1.6 Significance of Research

1. **Theoretically**

This research is able to enrich readers knowledge about slang words, especially knowing the meanings and the dominant of slang words used by characters in The Basketball Diaries movie. It can also convey some contribution to enlargement of vovabulary especially slang.

1. **Practically**

This research provides clear information about slang words in The Basketball Diaries movie. Origin of the research, readers can adjust their knowledge and know slang words, especially in everyday informal dialogue. Besides, the reseacrh can be used by anyone who is interested in analyzing language varieties especially the slang words used in The Basketball Diaries movies as reference material for anyone who is interested.