

# Analysis of Slang Words in “The Hangover” Movie and its Contribution to the English Teaching

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## Abstract

This study discusses the analysis of the types of slang and the meaning of slang. In addition, this research also has a contribution to the teaching of English. The purpose of this study is to find slang and its types in “The Hangover” movie. In this study, the author uses the theory of Allan and Burridge to analyze slang. To analyze slang words, the researcher pays attention to the conversations in the movie and subtitles and classifies each slang into the types according to the theory used. In the results of this study, researchers found 45 slang words. There are 45 slang divided into five types. In the Fresh ad Creative type, there is 14 slang, 15 are in the Flippant, 9 in Imitative, there is only 1 in Acronym, and 6 in the Clipping type. The study results concluded that the slang used is more dominant to the Flippant type, with data on 15 slang in this type.

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## Introduction

In society, language is often used in various contexts and has many meanings. The function of language is as a means of communication and interaction. Besides, language is a medium for conveying ideas, thoughts, concepts, or feelings. Language has so many relationships with various aspects of human life that it can be studied from multiple perspectives. The language that teenagers often use is known as slang. Teenagers or young people try to make more effective communication for them as a distinctive sign in their group.

Slang is a part of public activity that is liable to design, particularly among young people. It tends to be used by those inside groups who share thoughts and perspectives to distinguish themselves from others (Yule, 2010). Slang is an informal language and tends to be more relaxed in its pronunciation. Therefore, the slang commonly used by teenagers is not allowed to be used in official events or scientific writing. However, variations in the slang used by these teenagers can still be used in daily communication, especially with their peers. In adolescent life, slang words always appear in the communication process, both oral and written. The millennial era is a time of increasing use and knowledge of correspondence, media, and advanced innovation. Language skills often emphasize linguistic knowledge so that which affects vocabulary mastery. Therefore, it is essential to understand slang which contributes to teaching English to be more intensive and understand the use of slang to avoid language errors. In this digital era, slang is used to communicate directly and can be done online through social media such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, or other messages on the

internet. Several slang words are commonly used on the internet, such as LOL (Laugh Out Loud), another example of PAP (Post a Picture), and TBH an abbreviation of (To Be Honest) which is widely used in sending messages or is often found on social media. These words become familiar to hear because they are often used in this era, and they often use slang in their daily life. Besides that, it is usually found in magazines, newspapers, radio, social networks, advertisements, movies, etc.

A movie, which can be called a live picture, is considered a significant artistic expression, a mainstream wellspring of amusement that the whole community enjoys. In addition, movies are also a medium for learning English to get new vocabulary. They often imitate slang in real life or daily activities like in the movie. They will feel more fabulous by using slang words, even though they don't understand their meaning in the movie. Learning slang is difficult to understand because it is rarely found in English dictionaries. Therefore, it is necessary to learn more about slang to understand the meaning of the movie.

This movie belongs to the comedy genre, which tells about four young people who go to Las Vegas to attend their friend's wedding. To celebrate a single man's last days, two of his friends plan to throw a party in Las Vegas. Some slang terms are pretty tricky to understand and sometimes make it difficult for the movie audience to understand the meaning of the slang. Examples of the categories of slang mentioned are (gonna, wanna, gotta, dude, sweetie). There are also the following phrases (what the fuck, what the hell, what's up, etc.). Based on the study background, the writer is interested in researching slang in a movie, and the writer wants to know more about slang words in "The Hangover" movie.

Reason for Choosing The Topic:

1. Slang is often used to communicate than formal language. Therefore it is necessary to know more about slang to facilitate communication and avoid communication errors.
2. Slang is a creative and innovative language to help express feelings and create a new language in communication.
3. Slang can be a private language that is often used behind certain communications.
4. Several slang languages are often spoken by native speakers and often imitated by teenagers, usually from movies. Therefore it is imperative to discuss because slang has a significant role in increasing new vocabulary, especially for new learners.

Statements of The Problem:

1. What are the meanings of the slang language used in "The Hangover" movie?
2. What types of slang language are used in "The Hangover" movie?
3. How "The Hangover" movie can contribute to English teaching?

Objectives of The Study:

1. To discover the types of slang language found in "The Hangover" movie.
2. To find out the meaning of slang language types found in "The Hangover" movie.
3. To explain the contribution of "The Hangover" movie to English teaching.

## Literature Review

According to Allan and Burridge (2006), there are five types of slang that can be explained: fresh and creative, flippant, imitative, acronym, and clipping.

### a. Fresh and Creative

The meaning is that slang has another vocabulary to portray something in an informal circumstance. Examples: “daddy” is used to addressing a man, especially an elder one. The other example of fresh and creative types are guys, bro, sist, dude, etc.

### b. Flippant

In this sense, slang comprises two words or more, which does not connect with the denotative significance. For example, brass monkeys mean very cold. Then, get off my back, which means don't bother me.

### c. Imitative

Imitative implies that the slang word was mirroring or got from the Standard English word, utilizing the Standard English words in various significance or consolidating two other words. Examples are wanna, and this is the slang word got from the expression “want to.” Then, the second example is gonna that derived from the words “going to.” Slang words of “wanna” and “gonna” are commonly used by almost everyone.

### d. Acronym

The point of an acronym is that the effect of the word comes from the primary letter of each word in an expression or utilizing initials from a group. The example, OTW, is an acronym of “On The Way.”

### e. Clipping

The last one is clipping which means that a slang word that comes from deleting some part of a more long word turns into a more limited structure in a similar meaning. The example, “dad,” the point of “daddy,” and “till” refers to “until.”

## Method

In this study, the writer will use qualitative methods to obtain the results of these data. The object of this study is the slang verbally expressed by every one of the actors in The Hangover film.

Researchers took this research resource using English subtitles, Indonesian subtitles, and film script, which has been downloaded on the internet to analyze slang.

### Method of Data Collection

#### a. Finding Data

The researchers observed data from the movie's dialogue, script, and subtitles to find data to be analyzed.

#### b. Data Listing

Researchers focus on understanding the meaning and types of slang to collect data to make classification easier.

c. Data Classification

Classifying data can be done by grouping each slang in the film according to the meaning and type.

d. Data Analysis

In data analysis, researchers used several ways to analyze the slang in The Hangover movie. The researcher will watch and observe the film, the script and classify all the slang words in the movie. In addition, the researchers were using theories and associating with slang words based on the types to get results from the data analysis.

## Finding and Discussion

1. The meanings and the types of slang language used in The Hangover movie.

In this research, the researcher used the theory of Allan and Burridge (2006) to analyze the types of slang in “The Hangover” movie. Based on this theory, there are five types of slang analyzed from the dialogue spoken by the characters in the film. These types include: Fresh and Creative, Flippant, Imitative, Acronym, and Clipping. The following table lists the slang language found from the film's subtitles, the meaning and types of the words.

*Table 1: Result of the Data*

Slang	Meaning	Types
Buddy	Friend	Fresh and Creative
Dr.Faggot	A gay man	Fresh and Creative
Dude	A man	Fresh and Creative
Daddy	Father	Fresh and Creative
Honey	A beloved person	Fresh and Creative
Bro	To address a male	Fresh and Creative
Tits	Female breast	Fresh and Creative
Dick	A stupid man	Fresh and Creative
Chick	Young woman	Fresh and Creative
Cop	A police officer	Fresh and Creative
Chop-chop	Hurry	Fresh and Creative
Nope	No	Fresh and Creative
Sweatheart	Lover	Fresh and Creative
Sweetie	Ladylove	Fresh and Creative
Fucked up	Disordered	Flippant
Holy shit	Surprise	Flippant
Goddamn	Anger	Flippant
Holy fuck	Shock	Flippant
Dumb shit	Stupid person	Flippant
Fuck off	Go away	Flippant
Asshole	Idiot person	Flippant
Bitches	Unpleasant	Flippant
Shit	Unlucky	Flippant
Motherfucker	Annoying person	Flippant
Freaking out	Panic	Flippant
Wolf pack	A group of friends	Flippant
Super hot	Popular women	Flippant

What the fuck	Ask in surprise	Flippant
What the hell	What happen	Flippant
Gonna	Going to	Imitative
Wanna	Want to	Imitative
Gotta	Have to	Imitative
Classic	Very Funny	Imitative
Rack	Woman's breast	Imitative
What's up	To ask someone	Imitative
Snakeskin	The skin of snakes	Imitative
Hooker	A prostitute	Imitative
Chill Out	Relax	Imitative
SNAFU	Situation Normal All Fucked Up	Acronym
Till	Refers to until	Clipping
Dad	Refers to daddy	Clipping
Congrats	Refers to congratulations	Clipping
Bud	Refers to buddy	Clipping
A sec	Refers to a second	Clipping
Grandpa	Grandpa	Clipping

Based on the data analysis in the table above, there is 45 slang divided into five types, including 14 on Fresh and Creative, 15 on Flippant, 9 on Imitative, 1 on Acronym, and 6 on Clipping. The results of data analysis are taken from the attachment contained in "The Hangover."

2. The contributions of The Hangover movie to English teaching:
  - a. Many people learn English by watching movies to add new vocabulary, improve pronunciation and practice speaking skills.
  - b. In "The Hangover" movie, there are several slang words whose meanings cannot necessarily be found in books or dictionaries. Therefore, conducting this research can contribute to the teaching of English so that there are no misunderstandings in finding the meaning of the slang.
  - c. Learning English with this movie will be easier because we can understand the English accent spoken by the speaker. Besides that, they will learn the language and learn the culture that is in the film.

#### Discussion of the Findings

The researcher took several examples of the meaning and types of slang in the appendix of "The Hangover" movie to be discussed.

##### 1. Fresh and Creative

###### a. Buddy

Data 1: All right, buddy.

Buddy means fellow. This word is usually used to address close friends or pal because their friendship is so close that they use it in their conversations.

###### b. Chick

Data 9: I need the chick. I need both parties.

In general, according to the Cambridge Dictionary, “chick” means a baby bird or young chicken, but in this conversation, the meaning is different. Based on the context and situation, the sense of the word chick is a young woman. In this conversation, the word chick is used in an informal case.

## 2. Flippant

### a. Fucked up

Data 15: Yeah, listen, we fucked up.

From the data above, the word “fucked up” means disordered or thoroughly confused. This word shows that their condition or situation is not okay.

### b. Wolf pack

Data 26: And my wolf pack, it grew by one.

When translated, the word “wolf pack” means a pack of wolves, but it has a different meaning in the conversation. In data 26 and according to the context of the conversation, the word “wolf pack” means a group of friends.

## 3. Imitative

### a. Gonna

Data 30: I’m gonna cancel.

From data 30 shows, “I’m gonna cancel.” The researcher explained that the word “gonna” derives from a combination of two words (going + to), which means he is going to cancel from the data.

### b. Wanna

Data 31: Yeah. You wanna explain it to them?

“Yeah. You wanna explain it to them?”. These are data 31, which contains the word “wanna.” “Wanna” is a slang word that is formed from two words (want + to). The sentence is intended to ask about what you want to explain to other members.

## 4. Acronym

### a. SNAFU

Data 39: Well, there was a snafu when we stopped.

The word “SNAFU” is an acronym for Situation Normal, All Fucked Up. Based on the context and situation in the conversation, the term “SNAFU” has been appropriately used because they are not doing well in that condition. So this word is used in informal situations.

## 5. Clipping

### a. Dad

Data 41: His legs look fine, Dad.

The word “dad” refers to “daddy,” so the term is used to address a father.

### b. Congrats

Data 42: Hey, congrats.

There is the word “congrats” in data 42. The meaning of the word is to refer to “congratulations.”

## Conclusion

Based on data analysis in the findings and discussion, the researcher found 45 total data. This study also found the meaning of slang according to the dictionary and the context and situation. Following the theory used by the researcher, there are five types of slang used in the conversation. Of the total data, the following are the data results in “The Hangover” movie: 14 slang including Fresh and Creative types, 15 including Flippant, 9 including Imitative, for Acronym there are only 1 and 6 including Clipping type. In this research, the researchers found that the slang used in “The Hangover” movie is more dominant to the Flippant type. There are 15 slang words in this type. From these results, the researcher analyzed that the Flippant type was more prevalent in this movie. Because previously, the researchers collected existing data, looked for the meaning of the slang, and then categorized it according to its types. So the slang widely used in the film was included in the Flippant type. Each slang has a different function in each usage. There are three contributions to the teaching of English in this research. Watching movies can add new vocabulary, improve pronunciation and practice speaking skills. This research has several slang words that can contribute to teaching English so that there are no misunderstandings in translating or finding the meaning of slang words. Besides that, not only learning the language but also understanding the accent and culture in the movie. So this research has an excellent contribution to English teaching.

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