

## **Chapter One**

### **Introduction**

This chapter covers about the specific steps which elaborate several points in this introduction. The key points of the study include the background, identification of the problem, problem delimitation, research question, research purpose, research significant, and the chapter organization. The analysis of this chapter presents the explanation for each chapter. In addition, this research aims to analyze what types of figurative language used in ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease" and what types of figurative meanings are found in the song lyrics of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease".

### **Background of the Study**

People use language as a tool of communication. Additionally, the function of language as tool is to convey messages whether by oral or written messages (Ibrahim et al., 2019). Sabata (2018) stated that language facilitates the transmission of messages among speakers and listeners. Language plays a vital role as one of the fundamental tools that people utilize to communicate with one another (Hariyanto, 2017). Participating in sharing information and engaging with others are integral aspects of communication. It means language assumes a crucial role since people engage in interpersonal interactions on a daily basis, regardless of time or location (Nurdiansyah et al., 2019). However, the expression of ideas varies among speakers and writers (Keraf, 2007). In this modern era, people

employ diverse methods to communicate, including conversing and expressing themselves through literary texts like poetry, novels, and song lyrics.

Figurative language is a technique employed to convey emotions or ideas. This can involve using similes to liken an object to another object that lacks any apparent similarity, or attributing animate characteristics to inanimate objects (Siahaan, 2018). In addition, the utilization of figurative language has been demonstrated to serve a dual purpose in musical composition and communication as well as in academic expansion and scientific knowledge (Gunawan et al., 2021). Analysing the use of figurative language in song lyrics proves to be a captivating endeavour (Swarniti, 2021). The utilization song lyrics in teaching process could help student in developing their vocabulary. Boers and Lindstromberg (2008) explain that figurative language may be learned in the EFL classroom through various methods. For example, one approach involves concentrating on the literal significance of the pivotal term used in a figurative manner. Additionally, within cognitive semantic approaches, the visual representation of idioms and figurative phrases is employed in the classroom to demonstrate to learners that figurative expressions can stem from hidden conceptual metaphors or metaphorical themes.

In this modern era, songs have gained immense global popularity due to the widespread love for listening to music and expressing one's emotions. Apsari (2012) stated the utilization of songs in education encourages students to become more engaged and participative in the teaching and learning process. In addition, the lyrics of a song often serve as a significant factor influencing people's

preferences as they provide a profound understanding of the song's intended message. Recently, the song of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease" has gained global recognition and widespread fame. Additionally, it is discovered that the composer employs an exceptional approach in crafting the lyrics in that he utilizes various figurative language.

Songs typically employ figurative language in their lyrics which is important as both a means to convey messages and to enhance their aesthetic appeal. Harya (2017) stated that figurative language refers to the use of words or expressions that carry meanings beyond their literal interpretation. In addition, Mahmood (2014) stated that it has been argued that each figure of speech possesses its own significance in the creation and description of ideas.

ONE OK ROCK is Japanese rock band formed in 2005 in Tokyo. This Japanese rock band was formed by four members, namely Taka (Vocalist), Toru (Guitarist), Ryota (Bassis), and Tomoya (Drummer). They are recognized as one of the most renowned bands globally, known for infusing their songs with profound meaning and emotional depth.

In Indonesia, ONE OK ROCK is really popular among youngster in which this group gains a lot of enthusiasm by the fans and they are looking forward for ONE OK ROCK concert in Indonesia in 2023. The most recent album, "Luxury disease", consists of thirteen songs produced by Rob Cavallo. This album was made as they share same uncertainty toward something.

The researcher found that song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease" is using figurative language, for example, the song entitled "Your Tear are Mine" from ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease". In this song, the lyric "Making wall of your silence" employs hyperbole, a rhetorical device characterized by dramatic and exaggerated language. This implies that they deliberately amplify their words when there is something happening to a person, and they choose to keep silent and withhold information. This is quite interesting, as not many people, especially students, understand the context of figurative language, as well as its types of meanings. Teachers should explain the various types of figurative language in English literature classes to the students. This is done to ensure that students are successful in creating poetry using figurative language.

Based on the reason above, the researcher is interested to conduct this research. The researcher thought that it is important for listener or reader to learn and understand figurative language as well as understand the meaning of the song as a whole. The appropriate use of figurative language enhances the effectiveness of communicating a thought (Ibrahim et al., 2019). Additionally, learning figurative language is highly beneficial for students in the learning process. The figure of speech, an element used in storytelling, is one of the materials in learning English (Nee and Santana, 2022). Figurative learning is among the essential lessons to be mastered by students. In short, the aim of this research is to analyse what types of figurative language used and to find out what types of figurative meanings in song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease".

### **Identification of the Problem**

Nowadays, numerous teachers have already implemented literature learning using poetry, rhymes, and song lyrics. The purpose of implementing literacy learning is to enhance students' understanding of language. It can also stimulate students' creativity in forming sentences and using language effectively. However, the researcher has identified a problem that students must face. The primary issue revolves around students potentially lacking familiarity with the figurative language embedded within song lyrics. This is due to the lack of training on the topic as well as the lack of updated learning materials, which has led to a decline in student interest

The second problem is that songs using figurative language are not always easy to understand. Furthermore, the interpretation of each song can vary among listeners based on their individual backgrounds and knowledge. Therefore, it is necessary to effectively teach figurative language by analysing viral or famous music and bands to attract and motivate students.

### **Delimitation of the Problem**

In order to make this research-more specific, it is focused on the types of figurative language used in song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease" that consists of 13 songs. In addition, this study is focused on finding out the types of figurative meanings in the song lyrics of ONE OK ROCK's album "Luxury Disease".

### **Research Question**

Based on the background above, the researcher develops two research questions as follows:

1. What types of figurative language are used in song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease"?
2. What types of figurative meanings are found in the song lyrics of ONE OK ROCK's album "Luxury Disease"?

### **The Objectives of the Research**

Based on the research question above, this research purpose are formulated as follows:

1. To find the types of figurative language used in song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease"
2. To find the types of figurative meanings in the song lyric of ONE OK ROCK album's "Luxury Disease".

### **The Significance of the Research**

The study is anticipated to aid students, teachers, and upcoming researchers more and increase their understanding on figurative language found in songs.

**Students.** Through the analysis of song lyrics, this research provides a profound insight into various types of figurative language. In addition, it aids

students in comprehending the diverse forms of figurative language and the meanings conveyed within song lyrics.

**Teachers.** This research supports teachers in finding inspiration for teaching figurative language by utilizing song lyrics and the findings of the analysis as valuable resources within the teaching and learning process.

**Future researchers.** Other academics who are interested in researching the same topic can make use of the study's findings. The findings of this study can also serve as a different point of view reference for people who conduct similar research.

### **Organization of the Chapter**

This research is divided into five chapters, namely, the introduction, literature review, research methodology, findings and discussion, and the conclusion and recommendation chapters.

Chapter one defines the introduction, various aspects are addressed, including the background of the study, statement of the problem, delimitation of the problem, research question, purpose of the research, significance of the research, and the organization of the chapters.

Chapter two is present the literature review. The researcher provides the explanation of the topic related to experts' theories. This chapter offers the explanation of definition of figurative language, figurative meanings, types of figurative language, and function of figurative language.

Chapter three portrays the research methodology. The researcher explained what kind of methodology that has been used for the study. The research design employed in this study is qualitative, and subsequent sections provide an explanation of the data source, data collection techniques, including research instruments and procedures. As well as the data analysis methods.

Chapter four is finding and discussion. The research interpretation is presented in a structured manner, with a focused discussion of the researcher's findings emphasized in this chapter.

The last chapter is conclusion and suggestion. This section draws the conclusion and the suggestion as the general answer to the research question.