

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. The Background of The Problem

There is a very important thing in the world except money, the money is needed by every people, perhaps to get everything in the world. All of needs can be bought by the money. But to remember, it is needed a language to get it; people can get it use language, people sell something, people make a contract, etc. Almost activities use language, so language is more important than money.

Language is used in all things, is used in every time, is used in every place. Whenever the people go to bring language. But almost people do not know, what is the function of language?. Generally, Insup Taylor said (1990 : 5) language is for communicating ideas from one mind to another. People use language for varied functions likes to request, to negate, to quest, to provide information, to complain, to promise or to apologize to other people.

When people talk and express their ideas to another, it will happen communication and each other get information. There are many kind ways to express human language e.g. speech sounds, hand gestures and letters used to

communicate messages. The important thing is messages. In every human language, there are messages that is interpreted by listener or reader.

There are spoken language and written language. When human language; is like speech sound or gestures occurs and is caught by other. It can be understood because it has meaning. It was cited in Fromkin's book (1999: 151) Roman Jakobson said language without meaning is meaningless.

To understand language, it needs to know the meaning of words and the morphemes that composed them. It also must know how the meanings of words combine in to phrase and sentence meanings. Finally, it must interpret the meaning of utterances in the context in which people made.

The words meaning cannot be understood if people do not know its meaning or people do not open dictionary. All of English words meaning are exist in the dictionary. It is very useful for them to know the each word meaning. AS Hornby (1995 : 116) states dictionary is a book containing the words of a language, with their meaning, arranged in alphabetical order. In the dictionary, people just will find out word meaning. Because of a foreign language, English has any problems about the meaning except words meaning. Usually listener / reader cannot understand the meaning and sometimes what's

someone says / writes is different with her / his mean. So it will happen miscommunication or misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

Except the words, it will find out phrases, clauses or sentences. All of them, sometimes people are wrong to guess the their interpretation. Even though in semantic rules, many phrases or sentences have literal and literary meaning; e.g. "He's in deep water" maybe, in a literal meaning is a swimmer or in a literary meaning is someone in difficult circumstances.

People have an ability to communicate with other through spoken language is a singularly human characteristic, but that is only one medium through which people can express their thoughts, feelings and ideas. Audrey Curtis (1998 : 80) states that Music / songs, drama and art are also way in which we can communicate with each other as are the non-verbal actions and gestures which we use. Its clearly people can express our feelings, sense and ideas by songs.

Westlife is one of western group music. They are Bryan, Shane, Nick, Kian, Mark; try to express the songs composer feeling. Indonesian people: perhaps do not understand about what does it mean? Although they enjoy listening it. But it will be better people know the meaning of its.

### **C. The Aims of The Research**

The purpose is always exist in every activities, it means the purpose is the important thing before doing something. The writer writes this thesis for:

- a. To understand idiomatic expressions in 20 Westlifes' songs in Westlife Deluxe Album
- b. To know idiomatic expressions effect to meaning understanding
- c. To know the literary meaning in 20 Westlifes' songs in Westlife Deluxe Album

### **D. The Frame of Thinking**

Song is one of art appreciation that is expressed by speech sound with music or without music. Sometimes people do not care; what is the songs' mean or what is the purpose of the songs? Music / songs, drama and art are also way in which we can communicate with each other as are the non-verbal actions and gestures which we use.

People will enjoy if they listen the song / music. The music can make people happy, cheerful and song can represent people's feeling. Song is very enjoyable and effective way of repeating language. pattern and practicing pronunciation. Singing provides relaxing and enjoyable entertainment. But how about the song's meaning? Do the people know and understand it? People

enjoy listening music / song but it is interesting if people know and understand it and now how to understand it?.

Generally, knowing a language includes knowing the morphemes, simple words, compound words, and their meaning. In addition, it means knowing fixed phrases, consisting of more meaning of the individual words. The song consists words, phrases even sentences. Word by word, perhaps people will know or understand the meaning, people can find it out in the dictionary, but how about phrases or sentences?.

Dixson's statement (1983: 11) like idiom is a phrase which has a meaning different from the meanings of its component parts. An idiom can not be translated literally from one language to another without some change in its meaning. Idiomatic expressions cannot be understood word by word (idiom has its own meaning). So idiom is a phrase or sentence whose meaning or its individual words and which must be learnt as a whole, eg. give away, look for, ask to etc.

Feare (1980 : 17) states idiom in general is an expressions (group of words) which has a special and this meaning cannot be separated completely by looking at the individual words in the idiom. So idiom is a phrase or a group of word that have another meaning / interpretation or it always has non-literal meaning.

People cannot understand its meaning without learning as a whole or people can look it for in an idiom dictionary. Idiomatic expressions cannot be translated literally, it means it has non-literal meaning or literary meaning.

The literary work, like song, must have literary meaning. If people analyze song in semantic rules, people will know or understand literal meaning and non-literal meaning of its song, so people can more enjoy listening it.

#### **E. The Procedures of The Research**

To make something systematically, people must have some procedures and it must be done one by one. In this case, the writer makes two procedures to make this thesis systematic.

##### **a. The Collecting Data Method**

In collecting data, the writer just takes 20 Westlife songs in Westlife Deluxe Album, because that song will be analyzed in semantic rules.

The writer tries to make steps of research, to make this research easily, are following;

- a. Taking the sample from the 20 Westlives' songs in the Deluxe Album
- b. Determining the sample, which is studied in research. The Writer gets 20 Westlives' songs

c. Analyzing its in term of idiom expressions and it effects to meaning of the song in the semantics rules.

b. The Data Analysis Method

Language; of course has a rule. By the rule language can be understood, be interpreted, be received the messages, by the other people as a listener or a reader.

The rule of language; sometimes are broken when it has no meaning or it cannot be received its messages; written and spoken language. That rule will brake every day by everybody.

Like the song, it has broken language rule because it has phrases or sentences that have ambiguous meaning (having more than one meaning).

Fromkin et all (1999 : 176) give the statement, such as:

“There are three kinds of rule violation that we will discuss: **anomaly**, the violation of semantic rules to create non sense; **Metaphor**, non literal meaning; and **idiom**, in which the meaning of expression may be un related to the meaning of its part”.

Idioms are phrases whose meaning is not the combination of the meaning of the individual words, there are many kinds of idiom in Westlife’s song for example 1) *day after day, time **passed away***, 2) *to help me **cope with** anything*, 3) *girl they were lying just **look around***

The data was collected is 20 Westlife's songs in Westlife's Deluxe Album is analyzed in literary meaning. Of course, there are words, phrases (idioms) or sentences in its song. The writer analyzes phrases or idiomatic expressions or sentences meaning to know or to understand its all.