

## AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG IN THE SONG “COLLIDE” SUNG BY JUSTIEN SKYE

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### ABSTRACT

Slang is considered a really casual word or expression that can be used in a song to make it more enjoyable and entertaining. Thus, the main purpose of the study was to find out the meaning of slang and to discover the sorts of slang within the verses of Justine Skye's melody "Collide". Qualitative descriptive was the design utilized in the present study. The strategy and centre on substance investigation were utilized in analysing the information. The examination begins from February 2023 to March 2023. The outcomes of this conducted study informed that the slang word in Justine Skye's melody comprises of a few word arrangements mentioned as 8 clippings, 3 mixings, and 2 coinages. Based on the results of the study, clipping was the most common slang found in Justine Skye's tunes. It is suggested for research in the future to analyse slang from different sources as well as analyse more songs from different singers. On top of that, it is also given a recommendation to analyse any possible pedagogical implication of slang to support EFL teaching and learning.

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### INTRODUCTION

Sociolinguistics is defined as a form of language related to human interaction (Wiartati, Sulatra, & Utami, 2022). It is dealing with how humans have a connection with one another. Sociolinguistics is an interdisciplinary science between sociology and linguistics, two related fields of empirical science very tight. What are sociology and linguistics? Many limitations have been made by sociologists about sociology, but the point is that sociology is an objective and scientific study of human beings in society, institutions, and social processes that exist in society. Sociology seeks to know how society happened, took place, and continues to exist. By studying social institutions and problems in one society, human ways will be known to adapt to their environment, socialize, and put themselves in their respective places in society.

In order to have a good interaction, human needs a means of communication, that is language. Language is a form of human communication that enables them to interact freely in society. Humans are social creatures who must interact with each other in fulfilling various needs of life. Therefore, it is impossible for humans to live alone without interacting with other people. As put forward by Antari, Jendra, and Winartha (2021), language paves the way for a human to interact and express their feelings. It is one of the most important elements that influence human life and culture because the main means of communication requires language.

With respect to a media for communicating, there is slang, which is considered as an informal type of language. Slang was used by a certain group of people to maintain a good communication among them. Consequently, only the people in that group will be able to understand the slang words used in the communication. Seprina and Anwar (2016) mentioned that people prefer to use slang due to its communicative and enjoyment aspect. A conversation will be more enjoyable if slang words are used.

Nowadays, slangs also can be found in song lyrics. The presence of those slang add more favour to the song itself. The song Collide by Justin Skye is one of the song which has slangs. Furthermore, a couple of researches discussed slangs used in song lyric. First study carried out by Siringoringo and Marpaung (2022) in which it determined the meaning of the slang and the type of slang in Agnes Monica's song "Damn I Love You". Descriptive qualitative design was applied to analyse the data. The finding revealed that the Agnes Monica's song comprised 17 sort of slang formation and blending was the most slang occurred in the song. Meghan Trainor's song was also a song which has slang. Sakinah (2017) investigated the slang found in Meghan Trainor's song. The analysis was carried out through three steps mentioned as obtaining the data, listing the category, and informing the findings. The results pinpointed that clipping, blending, and coinage were three types of slang found in that song. Sakinah (2017) also emphasized that slang is fruitful to make the song sounds more interesting. The third study was vis-à-vis analysing slang in Meghan Thee Stallion song lyrics on Tina Snow Album (Wiantati et al., 2022). Two theories were applied to assist in analysing the data. The finding concluded that there were two types of slang used in the song, which are primary slang and secondary slang. Concerning word formation process of creating slang, it was found that there were five main kinds of slang formation process: compounding, conversion, acronyms and initialism, blending and clipping. The next study scrutinized American slang in Eminem's song lyrics (Aryawan, 2017). This study implemented qualitative descriptive design to find out word formation of slang used. The outcome of this research mentioned five types of slang: blending, clipping, coinage, acronym, and onomatopoeia.

Furthermore, Justin Skye who is a singer, songwriter, and model from America sings the song "Collide" which was the centre of the present study. His hit song called All About Collide was very popular. Due to its popularity, it is expected that young generation could take this advantage to learn English. Therefore, this study was intended to find out the slang words used in the song to support young EFL learners to learn.

## **METHOD**

The data analysed in this study were slang words from the Justin Skye lyric "Collide," and the primary data source was from Justin Skye's lyrics. The design of this research study is a descriptive qualitative study. This study focused on features of the slang language used in Justin Skye's lyrics. The design described the process for conducting research, including when, by whom, and under what conditions data were collected. In other words, design describes how research is done. The purpose of the design is to provide the most valid and accurate answers to survey question.

The Justin Skye song entitled "Collide" was used in this study. This study focused on the use of slang words. Additionally, researchers chose slang in Justin Skye's songs because of its popularity. The popularity of the song could trigger young EFL learners to listen to it more often so that they can also learn English from the slang they listen to. The process of procuring

data was commenced from 28 February 2023 to 27 March 2023. After collecting the data, researchers prepared documents to interpret the results of the analysis and reach conclusions. Here are the steps to analyse the data:

1. A researcher explained the slang used in Justin Skye's lyrics.
2. The researchers concluded their analysis with other studies from some of the analyses described. The use of slang words seems to be intended for a variety of purposes, whether in accordance with principles and maxims or as deviations or violations of principles and maxims. In analysing the data, researchers used Yule's theory. Define Yule Theory and how it was utilized to help analysed your data.

## **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS**

There are numerous ways to find slangs; one of them is through music. In Justine Skye's tunes, slang words are utilized a parcel, the verses have the characteristics of making slang words. The researchers analysed information from a collection of a few Justine Skye tune verses taken from the web. After analysing the information, the analyst found numerous English slang words utilized in Justine Skye's melodies such as, Damn, cojones, wanna, Delorean, ousted, feelin, shit, collide, ain't, mornin', donot, wakin'up, don't, afford, insubordinate, birkin, could, and cause.

The word slang is one portion of the variety of dialect commonly utilized within the verses of Justin Skye's melodies. Over time, numerous slang words have been analysed from the verses due to their interesting language structure and sound. There are three sorts of utilize of slang in Justin Skye's tunes which are found, mentioned as Blending, Clipping, and Coinage. After collecting slang words within the verses, the researchers look for the characteristics of slang words that are related to the slang words contained within the verses. For further details, each type of the slangs is discussed below.

### ***Blending***

Blending is a process of forming slang which is created from two words. Usually, the beginning of a word is joined to the end of another word. The process of forming blending is also used in the slang words of Justine Skye's song lyrics. The formation of a mixture of slang words in Justine Skye's song the word 'Collide' is a combination of the English words 'coll' and 'ide'. The mixing words found from the song are:

1. Shit: this word is the combination of “sh” and “it” becomes the word "shit".
2. Wanna: This word is combined from the words “want” and “to” to become the word “wanna”.
3. Afford: This word combines the words aff” and ord to form the new word the afford.

### ***Clipping***

Clipping is a form of slang that is formed by shortening words. A clipping can occur at the front or at the end of a word. In addition, in the clipping process, it can be replaced with certain new spellings. From the data, the researchers found some slang words used in the

clipping process, consisting of “cause i can back it up.” The word cause i is an English slang word, it is from the word “because of i”.

1. Wakin: This word is short for Waking.
2. Cause: This word is short for because but this word is just cut from the word “be”
3. mornin’: Short for morning, this word cut the spelling “g”.
4. feelin’: Short for feeling, this word cut the spelling “g”.
5. let’s: Short for let us’, this word is short for “let’s”.
6. could: The word is abbreviated from coulding, but this word is only truncated from the spelling “g”.
7. Ain’t: The word is abbreviated from “am not”, this word is short for ain’t.
8. Don’t: The word is abbreviated from “do not”, this word is short for don’t

### ***Coinage***

A coinage is an entirely new word invention, and the typical coin process usually adopts the brand name as the general word. The currencies featured in the song are:

1. DeLorean: The word DeLorean refers to the DeLorean.
2. Birkin: The word Birkin refers to Birkin.

Based on the results of slang data in Justine Skye's song, the researchers found several slang words used in Justine Skye's song, namely: blending, clipping, and coinage. From this analysis, the researchers compared this study with previous studies. The researchers compared this study with similar research but the object was different. Siringoringo (2022) and Marpaung (2022) use slang theory in their research, but the objects and data sources are different. There are several slang words they researched which was coming from the song “Damn I Love You” by Agnes Monica such as: makin', sense, actin, damn, bitch, could, wanna, ass, misery, i'ma, 'em, doin' , cause, thots, would't, heartbreak, follow, breakfast. ', damn, collide, no, morning, don't, get up, don't, can, disobey, birkin, can, and cause. There are 13% of slang words found in the song Collide by Justine Skye, while in previous studies it had 15% slang words. From the comparison above, the differences of research among Siringoringo (2022), Marpaung (2022) and current research are located on the objects, data sources, and characteristics of those slang words.

### **CONCLUSION**

After analysing the information, the researchers drew conclusions from the presented results. The researchers depict the slang words utilized in Justine Skye's tune verses and the characteristics of these slang words. Slang is casual words that are utilized by certain social bunches and have positive and negative implications individually, and the meaning depends on the client. In any case, the meaning of the slang utilized in Justine Skye's verses is diverse. The three sorts of slang distinguished are based on discoveries utilized within the verses of Justine Skye's "collide" where the researchers found 8 clippings, 3 blendings, and 2 coinages. Based on the previously mentioned inquiry, clipping is the most slang frequently found in Justine Skye's melodies. However, the present study just focused on a specific song by specific singer. It is recommended for future researchers to analyse songs of the same singer, songs of different singers to provide a comparison as well as analyse any slangs found in other sources such as books, recordings or any ordinary discussions which are used in certain societies. It will be

better also if English teachers could find out any pedagogical implications of slangs to be used in assisting EFL teaching and learning.

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