

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

The title of this research is Humor in Yakov Smirnoff's Expressions in Stand-up Comedy: an Analysis of "America: What a Country!". Further, this research is about figurative expression used by Yakov Smirnoff in his stand-up comedy. After analyzing the data, the researcher will be concluding in this chapter. There are 2 (two) points that concluded as the conclusion below based on the statements of the problem in the previous chapter.

First statement of the problems shows that the figurative expressions of joke telling which Yakov Smirnoff follows in his stand-up comedy are pun, simile, hyperbole, and satire. Furthermore, it is found that satire is frequently used in Yakov's Stand-up comedy. Pun pursues it rather frequently too. Kinds of puns used are lookalike pun (polysemy) and soundalike pun (homophone). Then, hyperbole and simile also play their role in that script. Metaphor and Irony are rarely appeared in this analysis.

On the other hand, those figurative expressions reveal humor or laughter by producing them in contradiction of any events or situations. This contradiction is also supported by using the switch trigger to get laughter. Moreover, Yakov—in his stand-up comedy mostly used those figurative expressions to tease Russia. In this case is the event or the situation in Russia. Yakov did it in front of the capitalist country like America. He did it by comparing almost all events and situations in America which are closely different with Russian's activities. Yakov

Smirnoff exposes silliness, foolishness or stupidity of Russia through ridicule to America (as the hearer). He also exposes his stupidity of English used in front of the native speaker like America. Some of figurative expressions used are done by using one-line joke and switch trigger. Both of them are frequently found in verbal humor. So this is the reason why his figurative expressions reveal humor in Yakov Smirnoff's stand-up comedy which stated in second statement of the problems.