

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the researcher discussed some general introductions of the research. This chapter are consists of some points such as; background of the study, research problem, objective the research, significance of the research, scope and limitation, and definition of terms.

1.1 Background of The Research

Communication is the process of conveying meaning to others. Communication is something that is always done every day. Whether it's with coworkers, parents, friends, family, girlfriends, or even strangers we accidentally meet in public spaces with different goals. Communication is also an important foundation in building a healthy relationship. Positive communication can improve the quality of the relationship, while negative communication can reduce partner satisfaction (Johnson et al., 2022).

Therefore, communicating all the needs and desires is very important. One of them is the need for communication in a relationship when someone wants to express affection, or expect affection from others. In communication, someone uses language in a practical way. The use of language is used for interaction and also maintain relationships (Nur, Drs. Wijayadi, and Waode Hamsia, 2017). These needs and desires are called the languages of love. In fact, people in this world have love but most of them don't understand the true meaning of love. To find out which language a partner uses to express and receive love, it is necessary to understand the various types of love languages that exist. Love language is a way for someone to express their love for others. With the language of love, we will feel more loved and valued in relationships. Love expression is something that can be said as a feeling of intense affection in a relationship (Nichols et al., 2018).

Several studies discuss language and gender with the topic of gendered language differences in public communication. Therefore, the gap from previous research which discussed about love language of word of affirmation in the main character on movie. These five love languages include Word of Affirmation, Physical Touch, Act of Service, Gifts Giving, and Quality Time. Chapman identified and described Five Love Languages (LLs), principal value systems by which individuals communicate and anticipate expression of affection: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch (Bland & McQueen, 2018). Meanwhile, several prior researcher discussed about An analysis of the Corpus of Spoken Professional American English (Yaguchi, 2009), The second research by (Jeffrey, 2021) discussed about significant differences in tweet content styles between municipalities based on the distribution of gender in government representation. And the third research by (Holmes, 1990) discussed about epistemic modality in women's and men's speech with compare Lakoff theory in language and gender research. The differences between this research with the other researchers are the subject of the research, data sources and the scope of the research.

Love language is expressed in real life or in literary works. Literary works are creations that are conveyed communicatively about the author's intentions for aesthetic purposes. Generally, literary works are identified with writing works. But nowadays many writing work are expressed in moving picture as known as 'movie'. It is becoming more popular because it appeals to some people who have no interest in reading. In addition, the duration of the film is shorter than having to read written literary works such as books or novels. There are many fiction movies which contain romance story, one of them is "Redeeming Love". A film by D.J Caruso in 2022. This movie tells about a love story of a man who loves and marries a sex worker. As the title suggests, this film inform the audience that true love needs to be proven by struggle. The film is chosen because it's recommended film. It's called a recommendation because many netizens in social media are melting about the love story and the sincerity of love Michael Hosea (Tom Lewis) for the woman he loves. It makes

researchers curious what love language is used by the male actor so that the woman can melt and sincerely love him.

The struggle in this film is proven by good deeds such as the promises offered, and the redemption made by Michael Hosea (Mike Lewis) to the person he loves, Angel (Abigail Cowen). When it comes to love, everyone expresses their love language differently to the opposite sex. In this film, the male actor uses five love languages, one of which is the love language Word of Affirmation. Evidenced by the lovely words spoken when he first met Angel (Abigail Cowen) at a brothel. While the female lead uses the love language of the word of affirmation and act of service. Word of affirmation are romantic words spoken in a relationship, while act of service is about dedicated time and effort from word of affirmation, usually in a nonverbal way. It is quite literally showing up in ways that are tangible, meaning actions speak louder than words.

Usually, the word of affirmation is used more by men than women through words, both spoken and written. Words of affirmation used by men in show the anxiety and wonderfulness relationships are usually supported by tone of voice so that the other person feels more comfortable and increases feedback in the conversation (Indra Hartoyo, 2017). Therefore, the purpose of this research is to study a type of love language that is words of affirmation depicted in the movie. Words of affirmation is a type of love language about expressing affection through spoken words, praise, or appreciation. When this is someone's primary love language, they enjoy kind words and encouragement as well as uplifting quotes, love notes, and cute text messages (Baranao et al., 2022).

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background of the above problems, the formulation of the problem in this research can be formulated as follow:

- (1) How do the men and women main characters employ the words of affirmation in their love language?
- (2) What are the meanings of the word of affirmation in their love language?

1.3 Objective of the Research

1. To analyze type of words of affirmation in the form of words of affirmation spoken directly or through messages with the aim of praising, convincing, expressing pride, or verbally encouraging which has a profound effect on them.
2. To analyze speech act types illocutionary act and the meaning in love language word of affirmation between male and female.

1.4 Significant of the Research

This research is important because this research is based on the current phenomenon of love language among young people who are in love. It is hoped that this research will be useful for readers, especially someone who is in love, so they can understand their partner's love language well.

Based on Chapman's theory, there are five love languages, namely Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Receiving Gifts, Act of Service, and Physical Touch. In this research, the researcher analyzes love language types words of affirmation because this research is linguistic research using Chapman's love language theory, and Austin's speech act theory and its types.

The researcher also analyzed the love language of words of affirmation with the aim that with this research, readers can find out the types of love language words of affirmation expressed by partners, not just mere seduction and find out tips for expressing the love language of words of affirmation for someone. who has a love language of the type words of affirmation.

1.5 Scope and Delimitation

In this study the writer limits the problem by focusing on the love language word of affirmation used by the main characters especially women and men in *Redeeming Love* movie and the effect (speech act) of the love language word of affirmation in the *Redeeming Love* movie directed by D.J Caruso released in 2022.

1.6 Definition of key terms

a. Speech Act

According to Austin (1983: 236) that in uttering a sentence, a speaker is generally involved in three different acts: Locutionary act, Illocutionary act, and Perlocutionary act.

b. Illocutionary Act

Based on the theory by Austin (1962) illocutionary act refers to the performance of an act in saying something specific, and the speaker's intent such as informing, ordering, warning, undertaking.

c. Locutionary Act

Two basic types of locutionary acts, i.e utterance acts and propositional acts.

d. Perlocutionary Act

Austin (1962) state that the performance of perlocutionary act, which is the effect of locutionary and illocutionary act such as behavior, feeling, belief, etc.

e. Love Language

Chapman identified and described Five Love Languages (LLs), principal value systems by which individuals communicate and anticipate expression of affection: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch.

f. Word of affirmation

In his book, Chapman (2010) state that love language words of affirmation is compliment, word of encouragement and request rather than demands all affirm the self-worth of your spouse.

