

A FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOUND IN THE BEST SONG OF IMAGINE DRAGONS 2023

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research are to find out the types of figurative language utilized in the best song of imagine dragons 2023 and to find the contextual meaning of the figurative language utilized in the best song of imagine dragons 2023. The method utilized is qualitative descriptive in which the researcher acts as the main and supporting instrument like documentation and tabulation which are utilized to collect all data from all the songs that have been collected in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023. The results of this research shows that there are 9 types of figurative languages such as metaphors, similes, oxymoron, hyperbole, metonymy, synecdoche, personifications, rhetorical questions, anaphora in the best song of imagine dragons 2023. In this case, metaphor is the most dominant figurative language. Therefore, it can be concluded that the best song of imagine dragons 2023 has a lot of figurative language to enhance, beautify, and provide a more meaningful message for readers. Besides that, researcher also recommendation for lectures or teachers in learning related to figurative language which should provide the basics before analyzing songs such as identifying themes and messages to be conveying. Then, for students that want to study figurative language in song to be able comprehend or identify various types of figurative language such as hyperbole, simile, metaphor, personification and oxymoron. Lastly, for researcher who is interested or want to research this topic, suggestion to utilize an interdisciplinary approach for combining literary analysis and musicological studies to gain a deeper comprehending of the impact of figurative language in music.

Keyword: *Figurative Language, Imagine Dragons 2023, The Best Song.*

INTRODUCTION

Speaking is a form of expertise in communicating which aims to convey a message to others. According to (BK, 2020), Speaking is a skill that enables individuals to communicate with their surroundings and express ideas and feelings while conveying message through spoken language. Figurative language is a type of language or words that utilize to convey information to the reader or listener but not accurately represent the true meaning (Hulu et al., 2021). Besides, (Dewi et al., 2020) said that the utilize of figurative language can enrich sociable communication abilities, with a figurative language proficient able to

revise listeners and readers comprehension of a word or concept by comparing it to something else figurative language comes in many forms, one of which is a song. According to (Irviani, 2022), song is a form of communication that utilizes tone to express itself and is closely associated with music because songs are always accompanying background music.

In a song, many sentences utilize figurative language that make the comprehending to reader a little confused with the meaning contained in a song heard by the reader because some figurative language is confusing. An example is the lyrics of the song "*don't let them in, don't let them see*" by Idina Menzel. "*Don't let them in, don't let them see*" is a form of figurative language repetition. In the lyrics of the song, the singer states the command not to let others know the true side of ourselves. This could mean an attempt to hide parts of ourselves that we do not want to show to others for reasons of privacy, shame, and wanting to maintain a certain image in the eyes of others (Yunanda et al., 2021). Therefore, researcher interpret research question into.

1. What are the types of figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023?
2. What are the contextual meanings of the figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023?

Based on the explanation above, the researcher conducted research to explore further "A Figurative Language the Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023". Therefore, the researcher became more interested in analyzing "A Figurative Language the Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023". In this case, it is also the reason the researcher tries to make this research as interesting as possible.

THEORITICAL RIVIEW

1. The Concept of Analysis

Analysis is the process of arranging and categorizing data into patterns, develop hypotheses based on the data, and basic description units to identify themes (Haryoko et al., 2020). Likewise, according to

(Murrock & Bekhet, 2016), analysis is a technique for identifying overused concepts that may be prevalent in literature.

Based on the statement above, analysis is a technique that involves categorizing, organizing, and interpreting data to clarify themes or patterns. Thereby, understanding and interpreting information, both in the general context and in the context of research, requires a great deal of analysis.

2. The Concept Of Language

Language is the systematic examination of the properties of specific languages and the characteristics of language in general (Burieva, 2022). Similarly, according to (Nadeak, 2023), language is a system for human communication with others, and it has many functions, including conveying messages either explicitly and implicitly.

Based on the statement above, language is not only used for communication but also as a means of influencing various aspects of human life, such as individual identity to the advancement of science and technology. Moreover, comprehending language deeply also provides a deeper understanding of how humans have evolved and adaptation of humans throughout history.

3. The Concept Of Figurative Language

Figurative language is linguistic groups that possess expressions or words with more complex meanings than just iteratively translate. According to (Language, 2023), figurative language is a language that utilizes figurative speech or a way of saying one thing and having another meaning.

Based on the statement above, figurative language is a crucial aspect of human communication as it helps to convey messages more effectively and with meaning, thereby improving people's understanding of what is being conveyed.

4. The Types Of Figurative Language

According to (Bagir & Wiwoho, 2022) there are several types of figurative language, including: metaphor, simile, oxymoron, hyperbole, pun, metonymy, synecdoche, personification, rhetorical question, anaphora, Apostrophe, polyptoton.

Based on the statement above there are 12 different types of figurative language. In addition, the researcher used twelve categories of figurative language listed in the study, titled "A Figurative Language Found in the Best Song of Imagine Dragons 2023".

5. The Concept of Song

Songs are popular literary works that is also preferred and intimately connected to society because it not only brings people enjoyment but also brings them closer to life largely. Meanwhile, according to (Ibrahim et al., 2019), song is a musical composition that can be performed without accompaniment, including vocal or singing brought one person or more can sing a song.

Based on the statement above, song are tools many benefits and can used in different aspects of life. Songs cannot only entertain, but they can also inspire, convey messages, change minds, and even aid in education.

6. The Concept Of Lyrics

Lyrics are a crucial component of music and representing the words that compose a song (Werner, 2019). Likewise, (Parkheta et al., 2023) said that the lyric refers to studying and analyzing poetic and linguistic elements that are present in literary works, especially song genres.

Based on the statement above, lyrics are literary beauty that can be useful in conveying a person's thoughts and emotions, and can serve as a platform for conveying profound messages between the singer and the listener. In addition, lyrics can explore the hidden meaning behind words to enhance the experience of listening to songs and comprehending the cultural context in which the song was produce.

7. The Concept Of Contextual Meaning

Contextual meaning is the significance of a word, a phrase, or a speech to relation utilize in a sentence. According to (Setyawan, 2022), contextual meaning is a single meaning that is different from the lexical meaning,

Based on the statement above, contextual meaning is definite as a single meaning that differs from the lexical meaning, which can have

multiple interpretations. Thus, contextual meaning has a very important role in communication and language understanding.

8. Think Framework

Think Framework is a structured method used in different fields to address specific challenges and improve problem-solving (Magsamen et al., 2023). The process of developing innovative solutions and improving outcomes involves steps such as interpretation, experimentation, and evolution. Similarly, (Vi, 2016) said that to tackle complex issues effectively, the Think Framework has been applied in various contexts, such as healthcare, education, and community engagement.

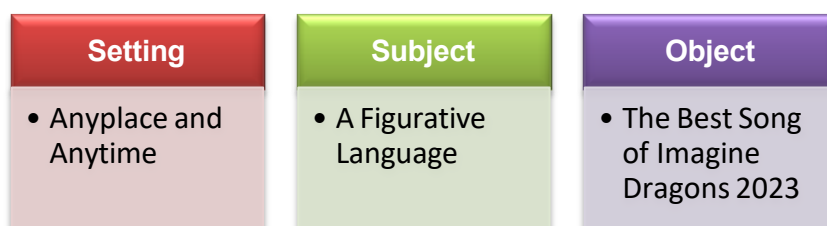
Based on the statement above, think frameworks are effective tools in dealing with complex challenges in various fields. Also, Innovative solutions and improved outcomes can be developed through the Think Framework structured and focused approach. Integrating key concepts like future, values, systems, or strategic thinking demonstrates the significance of a holistic approach in dealing with problems and achieving sustainable change.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Research Design

Research design is a strategies and the measures for research that cover the pronouncements from wide suppositions to thorough methods of analysis and data collection (Stadtländer, 2009). Research design is framework that utilizes to plan the analysis, data collection, and interpretation of data in a study. In this study, the researcher utilizes qualitative descriptive. According to (Lahiri, 2023), qualitative research is a technique that investigates the intricate nature of social reality by analyzing cultures, attitudes, individual expressions, beliefs, and ideas.

2. Research Setting, Subject and Object



3. Research Instrument

Research instrument is which utilizes to collect data in research including interviews, observations, questionnaires, and researchable phenomena. (Islam, 2017) said that a research instrument is a tool created through stringent methodological processes to collect data research, ensuring the validity and reliability of scales, constructs, and then variables for replication.

The researcher utilizes the main and supporting instrument in this research. The researcher utilizes herself as the main instrument, documentation, and tabulation utilizes to support the research conducted by the researcher.

4. Data collection techniques

Data collection techniques are which employing to collect data in a study. (A, Boyle, 2022) said that data collection is the act of gathering and analyzing data on precise variables in a system to efficiently answered inquiries. The following paces for data collection, such as:

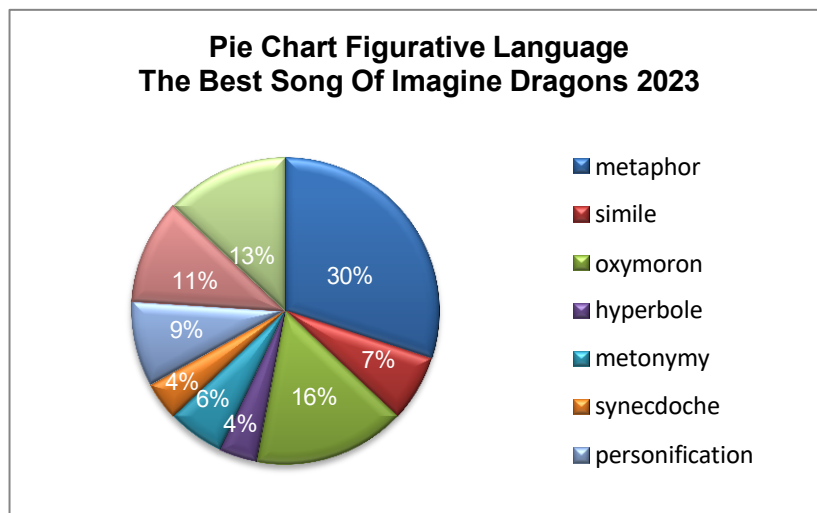
1. Documentation
 - a. Identify relevant documentation sources that discuss figurative language including encyclopedias, journal articles, credible websites, and academic papers.
 - b. Search and assemble the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023.
 - c. Listen to all the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023.
 - d. Read the lyrics of the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023.
 - e. Create a list of lyrics from the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023 that hold figurative language.
2. Tabulation
 - a. Build a tabulate in excel or spreadsheet to document the lyrics and the related figurative language.
 - b. Categorize the figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023.
 - c. Fill in each tabulation column with the appropriate data from the sources that was been found so that it is easy to comprehend.
 - d. Analyze the results and conclude the use of figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023.
 - e. Interpret the upshots of the data found through tabulation.

5. Data Analysis Technique

(Abdul-jabbar & Farhan, n.d., 2022) said that data analysis is an extensive, complex and dynamic ground for the reason that data comes in diverse types and develops significantly. Moreover, data analysis can involve examining data or information to find trends, patterns, and uncover anomalies that exist so it can embrace hypothesis formulation, application of appropriate statistical techniques and presentation of hypotheses.

RESULT

In this study, there are several songs which utilize the researcher, such as: children of sky, symphony, crushed, sharks, I don't like myself, I wish, waves, peace of mind, I am happy, tied, take it easy, they don't know you like I do, sirens. After searching for the lyrics, researcher analyzed the songs and researcher have found 82 types of figurative languages like 25 metaphors, 6 similes, 13 oxymoron, 3 hyperbole, 5 metonymy, 3 synecdoche, 7 personifications, 9 rhetorical questions, 11 anaphora. After that, the researcher will supply a pie chart to create it less difficult for readers to see the most dominant figurative language in the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023. Therefore, the researcher present data on the figurative language that is widely utilized in the song in the pie chart beneath:



After viewing at the pie chart above, metaphor is one of the most common types of figurative language utilized in the best song of imagine dragons 2023 with reaching 30% of the 25 lyrics of all song titles. Then, oxymoron is the second

place that utilizes figurative language with reaching 16%, which contains 13 lyrics of all song titles. The third position that utilizes the most figurative language is anaphora, reaching 13%, which contains 11 lyrics of all song titles. Besides that, the fourth position that utilizes the most figurative language is rhetorical question with 11%, which contains 9 lyrics of all song titles. Furthermore, personification is in the fifth position that utilizes figurative language the most with reaching 9%, which contains 7 lyrics of all song titles. Similes occupy the sixth position with the most utilize of figurative language with reaching 7% containing 6 lyrics of all song titles. Metonymy occupies the sixth position with the most utilize of figurative language with reaching 6% that contains 5 lyrics of all song titles. Lastly, the fewest types of figurative language are found in hyperbole and synecdoche with 4% containing 3 lyrics of all song titles.

DISCUSSION

The data finding of the research results where researcher identified 12 types of figurative language according to (Bagir & Wiwoho, 2022) contained in chapter 2. He explained that there are 12 types of figurative language, namely metaphor, simile, oxymoron, hyperbole, pun, metonymy, synecdoche, personification, rhetorical question, anaphora, apostrophe, and polyptoton. However, researcher only found 9 types of figurative language such as metaphor, simile, oxymoron, hyperbole, metonymy, synecdoche, personification, rhetorical question, anaphora. Likewise, not found in this study, such as pun, apostrophe, and polyptoton. Additionally, the theory is relevant in this research. In this case, caused there is a connection between the emergences of figurative language in certain songs

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

Based on the analysis and results of the data, the researcher draws the conclusions that the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023 there are many figurative languages that help listeners and readers to enhance, beautify, also provide message that more meaningful. In the best song of Imagine Dragons 2023 there are 13 song titles such as *children of sky*, *symphony*, *crushed*, *sharks*, *I don't like myself*, *I wish*, *waves*, *peace of*

mind, I am happy, tied, take it easy, they don't know you like I do, sirens have figurative language. In this study were found 9 types of figurative languages such as metaphors, similes, oxymoron, hyperbole, metonymy, synecdoche, personifications, rhetorical questions, anaphora.

B. Suggestion

1. For Lectures and Teachers

The lecturers and teachers in learning related to figurative language which should provide the basics before analyzing songs such as identifying themes and messages to be conveying. The utilize of visual or audio media is essential to increase student engagement, such as playing Imagine Dragons songs and inviting students to analyze the lyrics together. Additionally, lecturers and teachers need to provide additional resources like readings on literary theory and song lyric analysis, then facilitate group discussions so that students can share their thoughts about the figurative language found in the lyrics. Therefore, this research can be utilizes as a reference for lecturers and teachers.

2. For Students

Students that want to study figurative language in song, the recommended to comprehend or identify various types of figurative language such as hyperbole, simile, metaphor, personification and oxymoron. Therefore, this research can be a reference for students that cannot comprehend and have difficulty to learning figurative language in song.

3. For Further Researcher

Researcher who is interested or want to research this topic, suggest use an interdisciplinary approach for combining literary analysis and musicological studies to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of figurative language in music.

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