

## SLANG WORDS ANALYSIS IN SKIN MOVIE

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### **Abstract**

*Slang is confidential informal English, which is created and used by a society. This study discusses about an analysis of slang in the Skin movie. The purpose of this study is to find the type of slang and the reason why people/ society used slang words in daily conversation. The source of the data was taken from the script of Skin movie. Skin movie was classified as a biographical drama movie released on 2018 in Tokyo and directed by Guy Nattiv. The research design used in this study is a descriptive qualitative research with a document or content analysis as the research type. This thesis is described one by one word or phrase of slang found from the Skin movie by using dictionaries and theory related to slang. From the analysis, there are fifty-two slang words found and one type of slang used, they were society slang. Then the reasons found and used in this study are at least seven types. There were in sheer high spirits, to express humour, to be different, to express surprising/ shocking, to be brief and concise, to express refusal/ rejection, and to show friendliness. This study highly expected to give contribution for the readers to know about slangs clearly. It can help the readers speak English fluently. Then, it can also be expected to enrich the new English vocabulary used in daily conversation.*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In human's life communication is an important thing. It is needed to build a communication system among each other in this world every time and everywhere. The necessary tool that we use to communicate is called language. The study that learn about language is linguistics. Meanwhile, one of the branches of linguistics is sociolinguistics. Sociolinguistics is also the study of effects of various all aspects too society, including cultural, norms and contexts on the language is used (Hudson, 1980). People who belong to the same social group from the same trades, professions, hobbies, age, sex, or social positions—tend to behave the same way. This similarity is not only the same in appearance, clothing, tastes or their style, but also on the language they use. Sociolinguistics is the study of the relationship between language and society (Janet Holmes, 1992, p.1).

Slang is highly informal and is often used in colloquial speech. It is a part of language that is usually outside of conventional or standard usage and that may consist of both newly coined words and phrases and of new or extended meanings attached to established terms (Linhua, 2006, p.260 cited in Zhou and Fan, 2013). Slang is the non-standard language or informal language. Although it is used for oral communication it is more effective than standard or formal English to describe sports, sex, and intoxication in daily conversation in life. Slang also changes over time and can disappear rapidly. At this time slang word often used in western movies and most used by young people.

The popularity of slang word makes this word familiar among the wider community. This word is not difficult anymore to be found and has not been familiar with foreign or even taboo in the community of the public in this time. It is usually used in daily conversation, movie, lyrics, and novel. This study used movie as the data because movie is one of the most favorite entertainments for all people. According to Law No.8 of 1992 Movies are the word of art and culture that is mass communication medium heard perspective made based on the principles of cinematography with recorded on tape celluloid, video tape, video disc, and/or material result other technological inventions in all forms, types and sizes through chemical process, electronic process, or other process, with or without sound, which can be displayed and/or broadcast with mechanical projection system, electronic, and/or other. Moreover, people usually imitate the style or the speaking of the characters in a movie especially when they use informal language. Besides, people just imitate the slang words without knowing the meaning of those words.

There are many slang words used, especially in Skin movie directed by Guy Nattiv. The researcher chooses to conduct a research of slang word because slang is a non-standard language used in everyday conversation and has been widespread among the people especially the young speaker. In "Skin" movie many slang words are found, the first word it can find is at 03:20 minute. Many variations of slang word

contained in this movie. Skin is adapted from the biography of a man named Bryon Widner or better known as Babs (Jamie Bell). The story begins with the young Babs who are invited to descend into the streets. Later, he was appointed to become a member of the skinhead community. The skinhead community has leaders named Fred (Bill Camp) and Shareen (Vera Farmiga). As long as Babs grew up there, he found only violence and hatred against other races. This of course makes his life difficult and unhappy. He always felt a very bad life so far. However, Babs can not do anything because these two skinhead leaders keep him alive, however they don't let Babs live alone. Babs then decides to throw away the habit in this skinhead environment. He attempted to transform into a normal person.

Therefore, based on the all explanation above, the researcher tried to find out Slang Words used in “Skin” movie and the reasons why people / society used Slang Words in daily conversation.

### **Slang**

According to Menchen (1936, p.481) as cited in Mahnunik (2015) Slang is a new vocabulary created by the people in the social community. It is a specific words, phrase, or utterances, which is commonly used by people in their community. Slang is highly informal and is often used in colloquial speech. Slang terms are usually specifically used by certain subcultures, such as: musicians, skate boarders, and drug users. For example “whats up?” it is an example of term for asking about people or greeting someone.

### **Types of Slang Language**

According to Partridge (1950) in Vera Seprina (2018) he stated that slang words have nine-teen types of slang words, those are: Cockney, Public-House, Workmen’s, Tradesmen’s, Commerce, Publicity, Journalism, Literary Critics, Publishers and Printers, Law, Medicines, Church, Parliaments and Politics, Public School and Universities, Society, Art, Theater, Sports and Games, and The Turf

### **Reason for Using Slang**

According to Patridge (1950) in Seprina (2018) people use slang for any of at least 15 reasons:

- 1) In sheer high spirits, by the young in heart as well as by the young in years; “just for the fun of the thing”; in playfulness or waggishness.
- 2) As an exercise either in wit and ingenuity or in humour. (The motive behind this is usually self-display or snobbishness, emulation or responsiveness, delight in virtuosity).
- 3) To be “different”, to be novel.
- 4) To be picturesque (either positively or-as in the wish to avoid insipidity—negatively).
- 5) To be unmistakably arresting, even startling.
- 6) To escape from clichés, or to be brief and concise. (Actuated by impatience with existing terms).
- 7) To enrich the language. (This deliberateness is rare save among the well-educated, Cockneys forming the most notable exception; it is literary rather than spontaneous).
- 8) To lend an air of solidity, concreteness, to the abstract; of earthiness to the idealistic; of immediacy and appositeness to remote. (In the cultured the effort is usually premeditated, while in the uncultured it is almost always unconscious when it is not rather subconscious).
- 9) a. To lessen the sting of, or on the other hand to give additional point to, a refusal, a rejection, a recantation;  
b. To reduce, perhaps also to disperse, the solemnity, the pomposity, the excessive seriousness of a conversation (or of a piece of writing);  
c. To soften the tragedy, to lighten or to “prettify” the inevitability of death or madness, or to mask the ugliness or the pity of profound turpitude (e.g., treachery, ingratitude); and / or thus to enable the speaker or his auditor or both to endure, to “carry on”.

- 10) To speak or written down to an inferior, or to amuse a superior public; or merely to be on a colloquial level with either one's audience or one's subject matter.
- 11) For ease of social intercourse. (Not to be confused or merged with the preceding).
- 12) To induce either friendliness or intimacy of a deep or a durable kind. (same rank).
- 13) To show that one belongs to a certain school, trade, or a profession, artistic or intellectual set, or social class; in brief, to be "in the swim" or to establish contact.
- 14) Hence, to show or prove that someone is not "in the swim".
- 15) To be secret-not understood by those around one. (Children, students, lovers, members of political secret societies, and criminals in or out of prison, innocent persons in prison, are the chief exponents).

### **Movie**

Movie is one of the most favorite entertainments for all people. Movies, also known as films, are a type of visual communication. Brodwell and Thompson (2006, p.2) stated movie communicates information and ideas, and they show the people or audience places and ways of life that they might not otherwise know. The purpose of the movie is to entertain people or audience anytime and anywhere. Because in this time movie is already accessible anywhere, do not have to go to the theater or television. People or audience can already watch movie from their phone.

### **Skin Movie**

Skin movie is a biographical drama movie based on true story, written and directed by a Guy Nattiv. This movie tells the story of the life of former skinhead members. Skin movie was released first on June 2018 in Tokyo. Jamie Bell, Vera

Farmiga, Danielle Macdonald, Mike Colter, and Bill Campa appear in supporting roles.

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## **METHODOLOGY**

In this research, researcher used a descriptive qualitative research because this study focused on analysis or interpretation of watching material in context. The researcher used design of descriptive method which is a method of research that attempt to describe and interpret the objects in accordance with reality. The design describes the procedures for conducting the study, including when, from, whom, and under what condition the data will be obtained.

## RESULT/FINDINGS

Fortunately, the researcher found fifty-two slang words or phrases in Skin movie. The slang is divided into nine-teen categories based on the types. Those are: Cockney, Public-House, Workmen's, Tradesmen's, Commerce, Publicity, Journalism, Literary Critics, Publishers and Printers, Law, Medicines, Church, Parliaments and Printers, Public School and Universities, Society, Art, Theater, Sports and Games, and The Turf. Those are 52 data slang words found: Wassup, Fuck off, Pinheads, Fucker, Fuckin', Fuck Out, Fuckin' Piece of Shit, Doin;, Worthless sack of shit, Fucked Up, Wanna, Motherfuckers, Doxin', Goddamn, Creatin', Talkin', Assholes, Hon', Retard, Fathead fuck sack of shit, Stabbin, Fucking bitch about life, Cut that shit, Fuckin' idiot, Fuck 'em, Somethin' Gotta, Kinda, Fucking cow, Gonna, Outta, 'Em, Shitheads, Comin', Gimme, Earnin', Burnin', Fuck it up, Goin' Helpin. Workin' Hail mother earth, Shitty, Dunno, Nope, Ass off, Kiddo, Showin', Fucking liar, Runnin' Fuckin' dumb, and Seein'. From that fifty-two data the researcher found the type used in Skin movie is Society slang.

Furthermore, slang is divided too into seven-teen categories based on the reasons. Those are: In sheer high spirits, To express humor, To be different, To be picturesque, To startling or shocking, To be brief and concise, To enrich the language, To lend on air of solidity, To refusal or rejection, To reduce seriousness of a conversation, To soften Tragedy, To speak or written down to an inferior, To ease of social intercourse, To express friendliness, To establish contact, To show that someone not "in the swim", and the last is To be secret. Based on the reasons the researcher analyze and found those are at least six reasons why people / society used slang words in daily conversation, and the most reason used in Skin movie is to be brief and concise.

*Table.1. Data of Types and Reasons of Slang Words*

No .	Types of Slang	The Utilized of Words or Phrases	Contextual Meaning	Reason using Slang Words
1.	Society Slang	Wassup	Hello or other greetings	To show or express friendliness.
2.	Society Slang	Fuck off	To say “to go” “leave” “exit”	To refusal or rejection
3.	Society Slang	Pinheads	Unintelligent person or an idiot	To express humour
4.	Society Slang	Fucker	Uncool person or jerk	To refusal or rejection.
5.	Society Slang	Fuckin’	A stall tactic used like "uhh" usually when someone who is high and can't think of the correct word to say.	To refusal or rejection.
6.	Society Slang	Fuck out	To screw something up utterly	To refusal or rejection.
7.	Society Slang	Fuckin’ piece of shit	A part of a whole: as anything comprising of a unit that you dislike very much	To refusal or rejection.



8.	Society Slang	Doin'	Abbreviation word of "doing"	To be brief and concise.
9.	Society Slang	Worthless sack of shit	Beneath contempt. Worthless. The term is usually used to describe a contemptably dishonest person.	To refusal or rejection.
10.	Society Slang	Fucked up	A level of status. Typically used in reference to being physically, mentally, morally/ asthetically, performance-wise, or even theoretically damaged in some way.	To refusal or rejection.
11.	Society Slang	Wanna	Abbreviation word of "want to"	To be brief and concise.
12.	Society Slang	Motherfuckers	One that is formidable, contemptible or offensive (usually used as a generalized term of abused), person, fellow, a despicable or very	To refusal or rejection.

			unpleasant person or thing	
13.	Society Slang	Doxin'	<p>Another name for wiener dog, or Dachshund, which originated in Germany. A long bodied dog, hound breed, with short legs, originally bred to hunt down, and flush out animals that hid in borrows, such as rabbits and badgers.</p> <p>This word noticed that many of the synonyms or related slang racist/sexist/offensive/racially terrible words – which is mostly used in</p>	To refusal or rejection.

			urban community.	
14.	Society Slang	Goddamn	A more intense and vulgar form of darned; often taken as profane and offensive.	To refusal or rejection.
15.	Society Slang	Creatin'	Abbreviation word of "creating"	To brief and concise.
16.	Society Slang	Talkin'	Abbreviation word of "talking"	To brief and concise.
17.	Society Slang	Assholes	An inconsiderate, arrogant, uncaring, selfish, borderline sadistic, apathetic, mean, spiteful, dishonorable, bastard of a man who could tempt the Pope into a fight.	To refusal or rejection.
18.	Society Slang	Hon'	Darling or honey	To show or express

				friendliness.
19.	Society Slang	Retard	The type of person who keeps putting their name in Urban dictionary to try and be cool.	To be different.
20.	Society Slang	Fathead fuck sack of shit	Someone with a big size head but empty / worthless brain or dumb	To refusal or rejection.
21.	Society Slang	Stabbin'	Abbreviation word of "stabbing".	To brief and concise
22.	Society Slang	Fucking bitch about life	When you live, and the life you are living is too sucks, too wicked, sickening and tiring.	To refusal or rejection.
23.	Society Slang	Cut that shit	Commonly used to tell someone to stop doing something that for whatever reason.	To refusal or rejection.

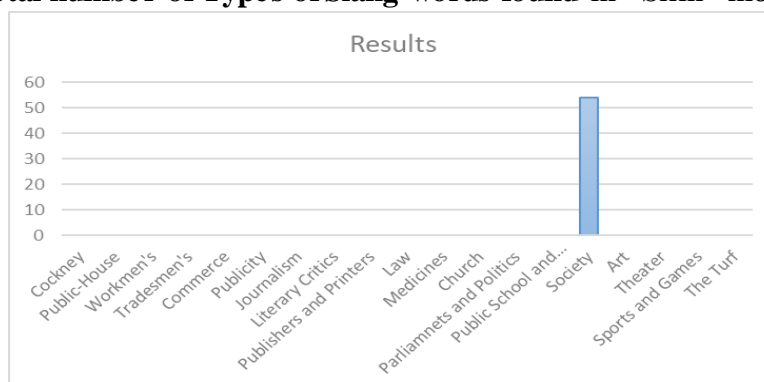
24.	Society Slang	Fuckin' idiot	A moron who knows absolutely nothing.	To refusal or rejection.
25	Society Slang	Fuck'em	An expression of contempt	To refusal or rejection.
26.	Society Slang	Somethin'	Abbreviation word of "something".	To brief and concise.
27.	Society Slang	Gotta	Abbreviation word of "got to" 'have to".	To brief and concise.
28.	Society Slang	Kinda	Abbreviation word of "kind of".	To brief and concise.
29.	Society Slang	Fucking cow	An unkind or unpleasant woman.	To refusal or rejection.
30.	Society Slang	Gonna	Abbreviation word of "going to".	To brief and concise.
31.	Society Slang	Outta	Abbreviation word of "out of".	To brief and concise.
32.	Society Slang	'Em	Abbreviation word of "them".	To brief and concise.
33.	Society Slang	Shitheads	A person whose brain is made of shits.	To refusal or rejection.

34.	Society Slang	Comin'	Abbreviation word of "coming up".	To brief and concise.
35.	Society Slang	Gimme	Abbreviation word of "give me".	To brief and concise.
36.	Society Slang	Earnin'	Abbreviation word of "earning".	To brief and concise.
37.	Society Slang	Burnin'	Abbreviation word of "burning".	To brief and concise.
38.	Society Slang	Fuck it up	When someone truly slays at life and they are being an absolute queen.	To refusal or rejection.
39.	Society Slang	Goin'	Abbreviation word of "going".	To brief and concise.
40.	Society Slang	Helpin'	Abbreviation word of "helping".	To brief and concise.
41.	Society Slang	Workin'	Abbreviation word of "working".	To brief and concise.
42.	Society Slang	Hail, mother earth	To express a greeting to the giver and sustainer of life. Perhaps the most ancient of all	To show and express friendliness

			Goddesses, worshiped back in prehistorical times.	
43.	Society Slang	Shitty	Discomfort, unhappiness, miserable, incompetent, or inept.	To refusal or rejection.
44.	Society Slang	Dunno	Abbreviation word of "don't know".	To brief and concise.
45.	Society Slang	Nope	How to say no, nah, disbelief or doubt (statement of).	To brief and concise.
46.	Society Slang	Ass off	The act of saying "fuck you" to responsibility & obligation and just going off to do your own thing.	To refusal or rejection.
47.	Society Slang	Kiddo	A children	In sheer high spirit.
48.	Society Slang	Showin'	Abbreviation word of "showing".	To brief and concise.
49.	Society Slang	Fucking liar	Someone who is a big liar.	To refusal or rejection.
50.	Society	Runnin'	Abbreviation word of	To brief and

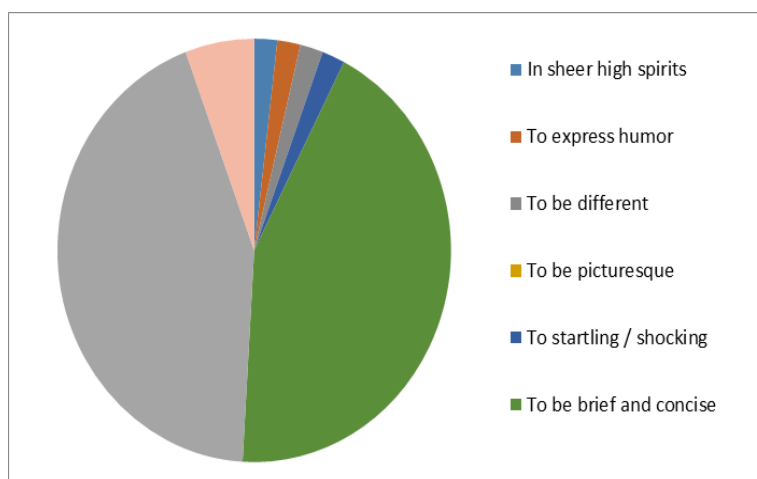
	Slang		“running”.	concise.
51.	Society Slang	Fuckin’ dumb	A stupid person or lacking intelligence	To refusal or rejection.
52.	Society Slang	Seein’	Abbreviation word of “seeing”.	To brief and concise.

**Chart 1**  
**Total number of Types of Slang words found in “Skin” movie.**



**Chart 2**  
**Circle diagram of reasons of slang words used in “Skin” movie.**





As it is shown in the chart 1, society is the most frequently used in slang words among in Skin movie. Thus, it can be assumed that they are creative and innovative in making the new words or vocabulary in their society. It is supported by the appearance of slang words categorized as society, which are rich of new words and not listed in formal language dictionary. In chart 2 it is shown that to be brief and concise is the most frequently reasons used why people / society used slang words in daily conversation.

## DISCUSSION

Based on findings and discussion in the previous chapter, the researcher wants to describe some conclusions about slang words used in the “Skin” movie by Guy Nattiv.

There are nineteen data collected on the slang type theories, which have been mentioned in the previous chapter. As the researcher proposed in theoretical and research findings, the researcher concludes that the data collected into four categories,

the slang words used, contextual meaning of slangs word, types of slang words and the reason why using slang words in daily conversation. The researcher found fifty-two kinds of slang words used in “Skin” movie. From those data, the researcher has searched the meaning of each slang word based on some dictionaries of slang and understood the content of the dialogue. Besides, the researcher found the slang words that are used in the movie only one type that is society slang.

From the slang types that the researcher mentions above, society slang was the slang words that most commonly used in the movie. Because this movie takes a lot of background places closely connected with society, so they used slang words in daily conversation. They make their relationship with the people around them closer. Then they spontaneously create new words that they can use to approach their relationship. Also, the researcher analyzed the reason for using slang words in the “Skin” movie based on Patridge’s theory, it can be concluded that there are fifteen reasons of slang words uttered by characters in this movie. By understanding the reasons for slang, the researcher concludes that at least seven reasons why people / society used slang words in daily conversation and the most significant factors used is to be brief and concise.

Slang words are known by impolite and rude language because it is informal and mostly used in society. People in society are considered slang words as a new fashion or trend. They are created their own words and phrases only can be understood by their own groups to enrich the language in society and make it in a simple way.

## CONCLUSION

The researcher made the conclusion of this research in. the researcher concluded the following things, There are found fifty-two data of slang words used in "Skin" movie. The most frequently slang words used in this movie is Society slang. Furthermore, at least found seven reasons why people / society used slang words in daily conversation and the most reasons used is to be brief and concise.

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