

ABSTRACT

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Swearing is considered as a means of communication. Some people use swear words in their utterances to convey certain intentions. However, people would likely to use different swearing expressions when they are possessed by different emotional states. This phenomenon of swearing could happen in many different situations in society. In this research, the researcher intends to analyze the swearing which are uttered by the main character of a video game called “Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel!”.

The abundance of swearing uttered by the main character, Jack, throughout the story of the video game triggered the researcher to analyze them in order to find the types of swearing and also the motives behind the swearing expressions. The analysis of swearing expressions is highly contextual so that some expert theories will be employed in this research to support the analysis process. Additionally, concept of taboo, taboo words, and swear words will also be explained in this research since swearing is rooted from those concepts.

This research applied content analysis approach in order to ease the researcher to conduct this research. To find the answer, the researcher sorts the transcription of the conversation between characters which occurred in the game. The researcher only focused on analyzing the main character’s utterances which is resulting in the elimination of the conversation which did not contain the main characters’ swearing expressions. The researcher then categorized the types of swearing and motives for swearing based on the related theories.

Based on the data of the research, the researcher found that in Jack’s utterances, there are four different types of swearing expressions. Among those types, Abusive Type is mostly uttered by him. He enjoys insulting other people or things by using swearing expressions. The researcher also found three different motives for swearing. Among those motives, Jack is mostly triggered to swear by Psychological Motive. It is because Jack is confronted by a lot of frustrating conditions.

Keywords: Swearing, swear words, taboo words, Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel!

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Mengumpat dianggap sebagai salah satu cara untuk berkomunikasi. Beberapa orang akan menggunakan kata-kata umpatan di dalam perkataan mereka untuk menyampaikan maksud-maksud tertentu. Meski demikian, orang-orang cenderung akan menggunakan ungkapan umpatan yang berbeda-beda ketika mereka berada di dalam keadaan emosional yang berbeda pula. Fenomena umpatan dapat terjadi di situasi yang berbeda di dalam masyarakat. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti bermaksud untuk menganalisis umpatan yang diucapkan oleh karakter utama pada game berjudul “Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel!”.

Banyaknya umpatan yang diucapkan oleh karakter utama, Jack, sepanjang cerita dari permainan tersebut memicu peneliti untuk menganalisis umpatan tersebut dengan tujuan untuk dapat menemukan tipe umpatan dan motivasi di balik ungkapan umpatan tersebut. Menganalisis ungkapan umpatan sangatlah kontekstual. Maka teori dari beberapa ahli akan digunakan dalam penelitian ini guna mendukung proses analisa. Sebagai tambahan, konsep tentang tabu, kata-kata tabu, dan kata-kata umpatan juga akan dibahas dalam penelitian ini karena konsep umpatan sendiri berakar dari konsep-konsep tersebut.

Penelitian ini menerapkan pendekatan analisis konten yang bertujuan untuk memudahkan peneliti untuk melaksanakan penelitian. Untuk menemukan jawaban, peneliti menyortir transkripsi dari percakapan yang terjadi antara para karakter di dalam game. Peneliti hanya akan fokus pada analisis dari perkataan karakter utama. Hal ini mengakibatkan pada penghilangan perkataan-perkataan yang tidak mengandung ungkapan umpatan karakter utama. Kemudian peneliti mengkategorikan tipe-tipe umpatan dan motivasi untuk mengumpat berdasarkan teori-teori yang bersangkutan.

Berdasarkan data dari penelitian ini, peneliti menemukan bahwa pada perkataan Jack terdapat empat tipe ungkapan umpatan yang berbeda. Diantara umpatan tersebut, Abusive Type adalah tipe yang paling sering diucapkan. Dia senang menghina orang atau benda lain dengan menggunakan umpatan. Peneliti juga menemukan tiga jenis motif yang berbeda dalam mengumpat. Diantara motif tersebut, Jack lebih banyak terpicu oleh Psychological Motive. Hal ini dikarenakan Jack banyak menghadapi situasi yang membuat dia frustrasi.

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