SLANG LANGUAGES USED IN A MOVIE ENTITLED BABY DRIVER (A Sociolinguistics Approach)

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses about slang languages used by the characters in Baby Driver movie. Data in the form of conversations which contain slang languages were collected from Baby Driver movie script. The collected data then were analyzed by applying Sociolinguistics approach to see the types, forms, and the functions of slang used in Baby Driver. The findings show that there are three types of slang used in Baby Driver movie including society, criminal, and police slang. Meanwhile, there are two forms of slang used by the characters, words, and phrases. Meanwhile, there are ten functions of slang. They are to address, to form intimate atmosphere, to express impression, to show intimacy, to reveal anger, annoyance, or disappointment, to threaten or to mock, to express a blaming or accusing, to show high spirit, to persuade someone in conversation, and to be secret or as an identification marker.

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Slang is a subset of a language used by one particular group. It consists of words and expressions which will not be found in the dictionary, and can be distortions of existing words or entirely invented terms. It is used in informal situations. It is not appropriate in formal situations. For the groups that use slang, it is a way to set themselves apart, to express themselves in a distinct and individual way, and sometimes to keep secrets from being known by others. But for the society in general and the development of the language, slang performs another role. For the language, slang is like a linguistic laboratory, where new words and forms can be tested out, applied to a variety of situations, and then either abandoned or incorporated into the regular language. Sociolinguistics examines the interplay of language and society, with language as the starting point. Variation is the key concept, applied to language itself and to its use. The basic premise of sociolinguistics is that language is variable and changing. By studying written records, sociolinguists also examine how language and society have interacted in the past. For example, they have tabulated the frequency of the singular pronoun thou and its replacement you in dated handwritten or printed documents and correlated changes in frequency with changes in class structure in 16th and 17th century England. What slang terms do students use to show affiliation with subgroups of their peers and to distinguish themselves from their parents' generation? This article discusses about slang languages used by the characters in Baby Driver movie. Data in the form of conversations which contain slang languages were collected from Baby Driver movie script. The collected data then were analyzed by applying Sociolinguistics approach to see the types, forms, and the functions of slang used in Baby Driver. The findings show that there are three types of slang used in Baby Driver movie including society, criminal, and police slang. Second, there are two forms of slang used by the characters, words, and phrases. Meanwhile, there are ten functions of slang.