Vulgar Terms in Communication Among Mobile Legends Players: A Pragmatic Analysis

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Abstract

This research discusses swear word and forms of use of vulgar terms between players in Mobile Legends. The discussion of this research focuses on the use of swearing in Mobile Legends player communication. The use of swear words and vulgar terms is often found among the public, such as on social media and especially in games such as the Mobile Legends game, In the Mobile Legends game there are often find the use of bad words, such as insults or other vulgar words, this happens when there are several players who play a game that is not good, resulting in defeat which can be detrimental to the entire team, including the other players, the player will lose their score or level that previously obtained. This research is a study of pragmatic elements that uses theory from Ljung (2011), which discusses tip types and their functions. This research aims to identify forms of use of swear words in the communication of Mobile Legends players. This research was carried out using qualitative methods. The data analysis method in this research was carried out by classifying data taken from conversations between Mobile Legends players. The results of the research show that there are 5 data from the circumstance swearing, 4 which state the use of the term sex organ swearing, 3 the use of sexual activities swearing, 2 the term family swearing, 3 from swearing animals swearing and 1 the use of religious swearing and 1 from the use of prostitution swearing.

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I INTRODUCTION

Language is very important in human life because without language we cannot communicate with each other. According to Wardhaugh (2006) language is a special tool that is used by any group of people to communicate. Through communication, people can build and understanding between speaker and hearer. Humans and language are two things that cannot be separated in communication, People can convey messages and ideas that are in their minds.With smooth and good communication, a peaceful atmosphere

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will be created, People communicate using language as a tool for communication. Nowadays people interact through social media where they can communicate directly via computer or telephone.

According to Quail (2010), the rapid development of technology gives rise to new products and makes it easier for people to access existing technology, for example such as online games. It cannot be denied that mobile online game become one of the communication media new features that offer the latest in technology and also as part of a communications device good mass is conveyed through messages written, to voice communication directly between players with using special devices such as headphones. Currently, many online games are made for refreshing because games can relieve boredom and also to fill spare time. Online games are very popular among the community, not limited to age, gender, anyone can play online games as long as they have media that can access video games. in video games a lot of interesting features such as voice chat media where players can communicatedirectly for example in Mobile Legends.

According to Abie and Srie (2023), video game is very popular among all circles of society in this game provides many interesting features, one of which can communicate directly between players and other players, in the game Mobile Legends it has many features are provided for the players to feel comfortable, one of which is the communication feature includes quick chat response, voice chat, and chat.

This can be summarized in virtual communication, namely a process of interaction between two people or more through internet technology, even though it is obstructed by distance but with the internet, everything becomes practical and fast but when communicating there are some players who throw bad words to other players and vulgars terms while playing the game. when communicating politeness is very important to apply so that there is no unpleasant situation when communicating. Swearing is the activity which is often related to the swear words. Swearing represents a linguistic behavior which is always related to emotive utterance types (Ljung, 2011).

Swear words are considered taboo language to use in public. It is judged as bad words in society. People tend to avoid using it in their conversations. However, swear words are also a part of human language. According to Jay (1992), swearing is the use of taboo language toexpress the speaker's emotional state and communicate that information to the listener. people swear by, people swear to do something, people swear at somebody or something, sometimes people swear simply out of exasperation. Swear words are usually used by its speaker to curse, insult or emphasize when they have a strong emotion. Expressing emotions by swearing is normal because swearing is an efficient way to express oneself in a frustrated, struggling or angry state this time swearing is also found on social media, using social media to communicate with each other.

With online communication people are free to say whatever is on their mind and they are also free to comment on other people's posts, people are not afraid to give bad comments such as insults and insults to others. Using vulgar terms can accour bad behavior on social media is increasingly common nowadays. Schemer (in Kharisma, 2023), says comment sections often contain a lot of spontaneity and negativity as a result, hate speech, verbal aggression and other forms of dangerous speech in audience comments are not only a serious trigger for media actors and platform owners, but also for the public. This causes a lot of swearing on social media, this is because people communicate not directly or face to face, so they are free to express whatever comments are on their minds. It is common to come across offensive and disrespectful comments on social media platforms like *Facebook, Instagram*, and *TikTok.*

Bullying and insults are part of the comments on social media. Ljung (2009), state using vulgar terms in swearing can arise from intentional bad behavior from people believing that what other people say is incorrect or improper, or from other people speaking badly in order to incite people's ire by starting arguments that are merely meant to be entertaining. The phrase you are an illegitimate child and your mother is a prostitute is one instance of how players intentionally insult other players in Mobile Legends. The words has a meaning in which the player acting impolitely claims that the

player listening is the illegitimate child of a prostitute. Saying this word to other people is completely improper, especially to people we do not know According to Hughes (1991), people swear at somebody or something, sometimes people swear simply out of exasperation. Swear words are usually used by its speaker to curse, insult or emphasize when they have a strong emotion. Expressing emotions by swearing is normal because swearing is an efficient way to express oneself in a frustrated, struggling or angry state. Moreover, Karjalainen (2002) suggested that swear words may be a factor in reducing stress. Although it is taboo, swear words are still used in daily conversations, especially in a group of friends, to show their intimacy or a strong relationship with their friends.

II RESEARCH METHODS

The me qualitative descriptive research method because qualitative descriptive method uses data that is described in the form of words or pictures and not in the form of numbers.thod used According to Creswell (2009), qualitative research is a means of exploring and understanding the meaning of an individual or group ascribed to a social or human problem. The research process involves questions and procedures that arise. Researcher make interpretations of the meaning of the data. The final written report has a flexible structure. Those involved in this form of inquiry support a way of looking at research that respects inductive styles, focusing on individual meanings.

According to Creswell, the descriptive research is a study that describes the characteristics of a population or phenomenon being studied. Primarily used to gain understanding of a group or phenomenon. This involves collecting data through surveys, interviews, or observation. descriptive qualitative in the form of written or oral data in society. Descriptive research methods tend to be used in qualitative research, especially in collecting data and describing data scientifically. Various study methods can be used depending on the theoretical, approach to be used to describe the data accurately and generate linguistic rules, linguistically.

Researcher used descriptive qualitative method by Creswell's theory in 2009. Data collection procedures qualitative research, including types of strategies, namely: observation, interviews, documents, and audio and visual material. The researcher chooses the audio recording and video recording because the researcher analyzed swearing vulgar terms among mobile legends players. Based on Creswell qualitative audio and visual materials, this data may take the form of photographs, art objects, videotapes, website main pages, e-mails, text messages, social media text, or any form of sound Creswell (2009:178).

In this research, recognizing image text and audio-visual data will be applied from the data to be studied so that it can form answers to questions, in this study researchers observe and analyze data. with the aim of knowing the application of vulgar terms in the mobile legends game, by observing data and the behavior of impoliteness of the players in Mobile Legend Game. According to Creswell (2013), in qualitative research data collection is

very necessary, including five types of data collection techniques, namely access to the organization, observation, interviews, collecting documents and audio-visuals, and carrying out ethics. Documentation technique is a recording

of events which have already happened in the past. There are three types in documentation method such as written document including diary, life history, biography, Picture document including picture, sketch, moving picture or video and art works document including picture, statue, movie. This research employed documentation method because the data source which is taken from impoliteness in Mobile Legend.

The data collection technique used in this research is providing tools to enter the game and providing a game application that will be used as research material, namely the Mobile Legends game. Enter the game which will be used as a research site. Record communication between players in online games and record all data that contains impoliteness. This research begins by logging into the game and starting to watch and

also record the players' live broadcasts and note down the vulgar terms that appear during the live broadcast.

Data collection in this research was carried out step by step by repeating the video in order to get correct and factual data in the form of notes. Creswell (2009), explained that data analysis in Qualitative research will process the data one by one that has been collected and noted previously. In the data collection process, researchers have carried out analysis so that it can organize the data structure at the end of the research. activities in data analysis are data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions.

Data reduction, reducing data means summarizing, so in reducing data, each researcher will be guided by the goals to be achieved. The main aim of this research is the problem of language impoliteness and the use of vulgar terms among mobile legends online game players.

The researcher applies a basic technique called the determining element sorting technique summarizes, according to Sudaryanto (1993: 21), sorting methods The sorting tool being used by the determining element is suitable for the type of decider. The pragmatic sorting forces are elements that are segregated or separated based on the type of determinant based on LJung's theory (2009).

III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Swear words are strong language expressed by person to their powerful emotion. It shows that swearword is used by person to show his emotions with someone else. Crystal (1995), said that swear words can be interesting. Even though they are frowned upon by society and few people admit to using them, everyone swears by them at least sometimes. Swearing is a normal part of our language, and it is undoubtedly one of the best methods to release excessive irritation or anger in difficult circumstances. swear words are present in almost every language in the world Swearing is a worldwide phenomenon, but in certain languages it varies more than in others. However, the use of profanity across languages and cultures is not uniform; on the contrary, there are many variations in customs. According to Anderson (in Ljung, 2011), potential swear

words are words that are 'bad' or good in terms of content and form, namely. words whose literal meaning is 'bad' and whose form is undesirable by most of the speakers. A word like shit, for example, has a commonly assumed content unpleasant, and its form is considered unpleasant by most speakers that language. Therefore, it is not surprising that this happened Swear words are the most effective and surprising way if they are spoken in certain places and situations in which they are least or not expected, for example in school, public speech. This indicates that swearing is a common language and a usefu technique to vent frustration or rage challenging circumstances. using swearwords, it is streng then way to show emotional expression and emotive life. When one expresses one is anger feeling, one tends to use swearwords to strengthen one's anger expression. Swearing is the employment of taboo language in order to express the speaker's emotional feeling and to communicate information to the listeners. It implies that the language which is employed in swearing is intended to reflect someone's emotion. Similarly, Ljung (2011: 4) states that swearing is emotive language, in which its primary function is to express the speaker's feelings. Thus, swearing is a tool to express the speaker's emotion toward something, or it can also be addressed to someone commonly people use vulgar terms to attack people. stated that swearing is often considered as offensive

language when it becomes a habit in the speech. The reason for this is because people can show their anger, discomfort, annoyance, or interference by swearing. While it is true that cursing has become more commonplace in today's world, it is still necessary to look into the usage and perception of swearing. uttering swear words to others aims to attack the speech partner when communicating with the aim of causing uncomfortable feelings, it means swearing is negative attitude towards certain behavior in certain contexts that are supported b expectations, desires and beliefs about social

organization swearing draws upon such powerful and incongruous resonators as religion, sex, madness, excretion, and nationality, encompassing an extraordinary variety of attitudes, including the violent, the amusing, the shocking, the absurd, the casual and the impossible and the

varieties of English swear words can be described as swear words related to sex, swear words related to excrement, swear words related to name of animal, swear words related to personal background, swear words related to mental illness, swear words related to sex activities, swear words related to taboo or religion or oath and swear words related to racism.

Types of Swearing

Magnus Ljung (2011), classified types of swearing, there are the religious or supernatural theme, the scatological theme, the sex organ theme, the sexual activities theme, and the mother (family) theme, Animal theme and the prostitution themes.

1.Religious Supernatural Swearing

Ljung (2011:37), explained this type of swear word has to do with religion or supernatural terms, and it is commonplace in many languages. In Christian culture, a distinction can be made between curses involving God, Jesus, Christ, the Holy Spiri, saints. and curses involving Satan and hell.

2. Scalotical Swearing

The scatological is harsh expression which is related to feces such the scatological swearing theme is a prominent one in all the languages in this study. It is represented in English swearing by words like ass, asshole, arsehole, crap, fart, piss, shit, turd.

3.Sex Organ Swearing

Ljung explained (2011:38), these swear words use a taboo term for human sex organs. The familiar words for this type are perhaps the most tabo swear word in all English. Such in sex organ terms are dick, cock, pussy. A third common swearing theme in many languages is that involving taboo terms for the sex organs.

4.Sexual Activities Swearing

Ljung explained (2011:40), sexual activities swear words are swear words that use taboo words for sexual intercourse, for example, fuck. Swear words in English have developed several uses as varied as such fuck you! Fuck up,

fuck off, fucking. Other words included in the sexual activities term are cocksucker, jerk or jerk-off, asshole.

5.Family Swearing

Ljung explained (2011:41), the type of mother family is widespread in expletives in many languages. It is also exploited in name-calling in many languages, for example, when someone is called a son of a bitch or motherfucker, both of which successfully defame mother and child.

6.Animal Swearing

Animal-related linguistic units are figuratively employed. That is, just those traits of the animal that are comparable to or similar to the person or circumstance that is the object of insults.

7.The Prostitution Swearing

A number of languages use the word corresponding to the english slut in Swearing interjections such as selling intimate organs are also used to swear, many of the other pejorative person-denoting nouns used in name calling pose the same problem as whore regarding their potential membership in the category of swear words, for instance insulting terms.

8.Circumstance Swearing

The most typical linguistic unit employed to communicate curses appears to be phrases that denote an unpleasant condition. In general, three things a mental condition can or may be related to this unpleasant state, such as being mad, an idiot, crazy, dumb, or a fool, among many others. This kind of curse is said when one is really agitated, and it produces an attitude that is quite noticeable to the one being cursed.

The Functions of Swear Words

Ljung (2011), also describes that swearing has two pragmatic functions: as stand alones, slot fillers, and replacive swearing. As stand-alone, it functions as will be focus on Expletive Interjections, Oats, Curses, Affirmation and Contradiction, Unfriendly Suggestions, Ritual Insults, or Name-calling. As slot filler, Slot Filler Functions means the swearwords that are added or inserted to a sentence or expression to make it longer on the other hand, this functions either will be focused on Adverbial/Adjectival Intensifier, Adjectives of Dislike, Emphasis, Modal Adverbials, Anaphoric Use of Epithets, or Noun Supports.

1.Expletive Interjection

Interjections are often employed as emotional reactions to a situation or as a sudden realization after considerable, expressing displeasure through interjections such as Jesus, oh my God, or fuck is a common form of swearing. Despite having a similar form to the original word from which they are derived, expletive swear words are not semantically connected to their lexical meaning.

2.Oats

Oats is expressing to make a promise by referring God or some other venerable thing which are used to claim the truth as a witness by the speaker such as by God, by Almighty god, or by hell.

3.Curses

Curses is expression which are used by the speaker to intend giving a harm or punishment on something or someone such as fuck you damn on you.

4.Affirmation and Contradiction

Affirmation is expressing some expressions which add some swearwords in some situation especially in denial situation for example the hell it is it refers to the key when opening while the door is locked.

5.Unfriendly Suggestion

Unfriendly suggestion is an expression which is showing the speaker's aggression reaction to someone in dialogue to give a reaction what someone's said, such as Go to hell!! and Kiss my ass.

6.Ritual Insult

Ritual insult is expressing sexual exploits which are related to somebody's mother and sister. This expression is also related to the mother (family) theme for example your mother.

7.Name Calling

Name Calling, expressing the speaker's opinion whether negative or positive opinion to the addresser such as thief, murderer, idiot, or fool.

8.Adjectival or Adverbial Intensifier

Adjective intensifier is which is to intensify a high degree by adding adjectives or adverb. Swearwords can be used as an adverb or adjective in a sentence for example very, extremely, or highly. Those adjectives can be replaced into swearwords for example bloody, damned, or fucking. They run damn fast or she"s damn bitch in a sentence.

9.Adjective Dislike

which is to show the speaker's dislike by adding some swearwords in following noun or referent.

10. Emphasis

Emphasis is which is used in following noun of swearing such as what the fuck, Shut the fuck up, or in fuck ingcredible.

11. Modal Adverbials

Modal Adverbials, which is used by adding swearwords in the middle of

sentence after subject which means as subjectivity for example they

fucking bought one drink between them.

12. Anaphoric Use of Epithets

which deals with the use of epithet as anaphor. There are some swearwords which are as nouns such asshole, motherfucker, bastard. In anaphoric of epithets, those swearwords are used in the same way as pronouns for example tell to the motherfucker to say

IV CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the research obtained there are a lot of mobile legends players who swear at other players, the thing that triggers the swearing is the emotions of the players themselves, where when there are several other

players who play badly which can be detrimental to other players if they lose the game then the level what other players get will be reduced. This is what gives rise to swearin. Mobile legends players should be able to avoid harsh words like that. Players should play for entertainment, but in Mobile Legends is a place to express emotions by saying bad things, the players who behave in

this way come from all walks of life, not only teenagers but also adults,children and also women. Being emotional this game community has many toxic players get emotional easily. As a result some of their teams played incorrectly, were not ggod enough and made players in one team speak harshly, there were also players in the team who wereafk or left the team on purpose and made team lose, plyaers were eager to advance to kill the enemy even though they were alive.

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