

## Analysis of The Use of Slang Word Formation in Drake's Song Lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" Album

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**Abstract.** The title of this study is "Analysis of the Use of Slang Word Formation in Drake's Song Lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" Album". This study deals with the slang word analysis in selected Drake's song lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" album. This study aims to identify the types of slang word found in Drake's song lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" album, to find out the meaning of slang word in Drake's song lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" album, and to analyze the slang word which are realized in Drake's song lyrics on "Certified Lover Boy" album. Descriptive qualitative research was applied in this study. The data were taken from 7 songs lyrics on Drake's "Certified Lover Boy" album. The data were analyze using Yule's theory by identifying the song into four types of process, classifying the word in each type of slang, and analyzing the data into the slang word. There were 89 words found in the songs based on three types of slang that found in selected 7 songs lyrics on Drake's "Certified Lover Boy" album. Those types are blending, clipping, and compounding. In 7 songs lyrics on Drake's "Certified Lover Boy" album, the researcher concluded that the most common type of slang found was clipping with a percentage of 61% more than blending 29%, and compounding 10%. The researcher would like to suggest to the reader especially for students of English Department to analyze slang more deeply, not only the types and meanings of slang words in other literary work such as film, drama, novel, poem, etc.

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### Introduction

The type of language that uses informal vocabulary and phrases or idioms in non-standard or even in informal situations is called slang. This means that language styles can be distinguished which are used by speakers.

According Andersson & Trudgil, (1990) cited by Jacob (2018) Slang is always used consciously, with the desire to create a particular identity. In American culture, the language of slang is an important feature. Slang language is a new vocabulary that reflects the social background of the speaker. This language is not an official language recognized in dictionaries and more effective than standard English in explaining physical, gender, and poisoning activities in everyday conversation.

Agha (2015) stated that an ideological framework for reasoning about language that defines a class of deviant registers of language is called slang. In general, Slang is widely used in various countries, whether it is a large and small state. One example is the use of Slang in Indonesia. Some Indonesians usually use slang in conversations in their daily lives, especially for teenagers. Slang often appears and is used in movies, novels, modern songs, and even social media.

In the music world, there are some types of music that are popular and of interest to many people, such as pop, jazz, rap, rock, opera, and etc. Most musicians use Slang as their inspiration when they are writing songs. Each song has the story described by the composer. So the hidden emotions and meaning of the song can be properly delivered, some composers prefer to use the words of the Slang not the standard language. Many slang phrases are associated with how people really feel. Slang in lyrics is also a form of communication. Singers can convey information to listeners through songs.

One of the famous musicians in the world is Drake. Aubrey Drake Graham who was born on October 24, 1986, is a Canadian rapper, singer, and actor. Drake released his debut studio album Thank Me Later in 2010. Later on, it became number one on the US Billboard 200. His latest album that released in 2021 is Certified Lover Boy. In the album, there is twenty one songs created and written by Drake.

The album Certified Lover Boy was a commercial success, debuting at number one on the Billboard 200 with 613,000 album-equivalent units. It became Drake's tenth US number-one album

and hit the biggest opening week in the US for an album in 2021 at the time. On December 6, 2021, *Certified Lover Boy* was nominated for Best Rap Album at the 2022 Grammy Awards. At the 2022 Billboard Music Awards, Drake's *Certified Lover Boy* album won Top Rap Album beating Moneybagg, Rod Wave, The Kid LAROI, and Ye.

In the United Kingdom, *Certified Lover Boy* debuted at number one on the UK Albums Chart with 46,000 units sold in its first week while the tracks were streamed 70.4 million times, accounting for 96% of his first-week sales, becoming Drake's fourth album to reach the top spot in the country, following *Views* (2016), *Scorpion* (2018), and *Dark Lane Demo Tapes* (2020).

On this occasion, the researcher revealed the use of slang in the Drake's *Certified Lover Boy* album. There are seven songs used by the researcher in this study. Those are *Champagne Poetry*, *Knife Talk*, *In the Bible*, *No Friends in the Industry*, *TSU*, *You Only Live Twice*, and *Yebba's Heartbreak*.

Based on explanation above, the researcher choose this songs and this topic because Drake is one of the best musician and artist in the world. The researcher also add some specific detail with Yule's theory that shown in seven songs of Drake's *Certified Lover Boy* album. This is done in the sense of knowing the type of slang that is clearer from the seven Drake songs according to Yule.

### **Method**

This study used descriptive qualitative research methods. The researcher applied the method in this work because it is suitable for describing the findings. According to Yin (2011), qualitative research gives the opportunity to study in real-world settings in their own term, thereby putting a broad array study topics at the disposal. This means that researchers can learn about the real world through qualitative research, as it brings the author closer to the object of problem. Analysis of Drake's lyrics on the "*Certified Lover Boy*" album were using a descriptive qualitative research method. In this study, researcher taught readers about the types and meanings of slang terms.

This study was classified as a semantic study related to linguistic meaning. It had been analyzed as the study of semantics using slang theory.

### **Findings And Data Analysis**

The data studied is the type of slang term. Slang has ten different properties: coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, back formation, conversion, acronym, derivation, multiple process. In the data for this study, the researcher found three slang terms, they are: blending, clipping, and compounding, which were used in Drake's selection of lyrics on "*Certified Lover Boy*" album.

#### **Blending**

Based on the above data analysis, it can be seen that Drake's lyrics in the album "*Certified Lover Boy*" contain slang words, and some use blending methods to form words. Namely, in this case, there are slang words; *I'll*, *we'll*, *'em*, *gotta*, *life'll*, *y'all*, *we've*, *ain't*, *wanna*, *tryna*, *I'ma*.

#### **Clipping**

Based on the above data analysis, it can be seen that Drake's lyrics in the album "*Certified Lover Boy*" contain slang words, and some use clipping methods to form words. Namely, in this case, there are slang words; *strugglin'*, *nothin'*, *'cause*, *makin'*, *gon'*, *addy*, *catchin'*, *gettin'*, *droppin'*, *doin'*, *inheritin'*, *countin'*, *'bout*, *smilin'*, *holdin'*, *mimickin'*, *wrestlin'*, *'em*, *waitin'*, *celebratin'*, *playin'*, *seekin'*, *slidin'*, *supportin'*, *throwin'*, *actin'*, *callin'*, *somethin'*, *lookin'*, *prayin'*, *spazzin'*, *chunkin'*.

#### **Compounding**

Based on the above data analysis, it can be seen that Drake's lyrics in the album "*Certified Lover Boy*" contain slang words, and some use compounding methods to form words. Namely, in this case, there are slang words; *letterman*, *surreal*, *moonwalk*, *minefield*, *sweetheart*, *lifestyle*, *payback*, *teardrops*, *overflowing*.

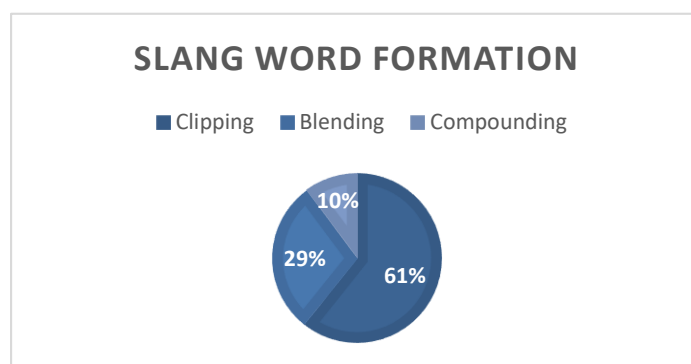


Figure 1

From the analysis above, it can be shown that there are four types of slang in 7 song lyrics by Drake on "*Certified Lover Boy*" album namely blending, clipping, and compounding. The most widely type of slang that is used in the words above namely clipping.

### Slang Meaning

Many slang words which were found in 7 song lyrics by Drake on "Certified Lover Boy" album. As can be seen, these words are slang terms meaning that some of the words in the lyrics are informal or uncommon words. According to Keraf (1980) cited by Hidayati, et al, (2018), slang terms are informal, non-standard words arranged in a typical, forceful and humorous form, or common words that are arbitrarily altered and used in conversation. Furthermore, slang language is neither an official nor an informal language, and it is often used in oral communication. So the researcher found that slang seems to be one of the most important forms of language that has had a major impact on language development. Slang is regarded as a result of the rapid growth of the new words that is happening as a creative way of expression by people to make more simplified words easy to be uttered. Due to rapid development of language, the occurrence of slang words is more frequent even in the field of literary language. Slang expressions penetrate into public speeches, scientific language and break up the strict limits between literary and non-literary language.

Due to the influence of the media, the spread of slang words is also very fast, especially among young people. The role of slang in language shows how language has changed over time. So the researcher found that the words were slang terms found in the lyrics of Drake songs on the Certified Lover Boy album by reading all the lyrics in detail and analyzing the word by trying to find the correct word or true meaning. That word is called slang. What is the correct word for slang is also explained according to the dictionary of slang.

### Discussion

The most common type of slang word formation is Clipping. Clipping is the process of forming words by cutting part of the word itself. For example, the word because becomes 'cause. this is often found in songs because the lyrics must match the tempo of the song. Taking into account that the songs on the Drake's album are fast-paced, then shortening the word with Clipping is the right thing to do.

### Conclusion

There are three slang terms found in Drake's selection of lyrics on the Certified Lover Boy album, namely blending, clipping, and compounding.

A lot of slang are found in Drake's selection of 7 lyrics on the album "Certified Lover Boy", the researcher found that the most common type of slang is clipping.

Based on the above results, The researcher think it is important to learn and understand the meaning of slang. The researcher found slang to be relevant to the study of meaning in linguistics, especially semantics. This study also gives examples of using slang terms in everyday life.

The main purpose of slang is to convey or express a specific emotional attitude. Sometimes it can convey a certain level of anger, humor or shock.

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