

**SEMANTICS ANALYSIS OF CONTEXTUAL MEANING IN PART OF YOUR
WORLD'S SONG LYRICS**

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini menganalisis tentang makna kontekstual dalam lirik lagu Part of Your World dari film The Little Mermaid. Secara spesifik, penelitian ini menganalisis tipe-tipe makna kontekstual dengan menggunakan teori dari John Lyons. Metode penelitian yang digunakan dalam analisis ini adalah deskriptif kualitatif. Hasil dari penelitian ini menemukan terdapat lima tipe makna kontekstual yang terdapat dalam lirik lagu Part of Your World, yaitu (1) konteks orang, (2), konteks waktu, (3) konteks tempat, (4) konteks suasana hati, dan (5) konteks pokok bahasan. Selain itu, dari makna yang ditemukan menunjukkan bahwa lagu Part of Your World menceritakan tentang film The Little Mermaid dimana karakter utamanya, Ariel memiliki mimpi untuk bisa hidup di dunia manusia.

Kata kunci: *semantik, makna kontekstual, tipe*

Abstract

This research investigates the contextual meaning in the lyrics of Part of Your World song from The Little Mermaid movie. This research specifically analyzes the types of contextual meaning by using the theory from John Lyons. Descriptive qualitative was employed as the research method in accordance to research analysis. The result of this research exposed that there were five types of contextual meaning found in the lyrics of Part of Your World song; (1) context of person, (2) context of place, (3) context of time, (4) context of mood, and (5) context of subject-matter. In addition, the meaning found shows that the Part of Your World song tells about the storyline of The Little Mermaid movie where the main character of the movie, Ariel the little mermaid has a dream to be able to live in the human world.

Keyword: *semantics, contextual meaning, types*

1. INTRODUCTION

Language is a communication tool that holds an essential role in human life. Every person has a need to communicate with others through language. Hazen (2015: 3) states that language is the discrete combinatorial system humans use most for communication. People will not be able to communicate effectively or efficiently without language. All people use language to convey inner thoughts and emotions, make sense of complicated and abstract ideas, and satisfy their wants and needs. This is coherent with Chomsky's statement that language serves as a reflection of the mind (2006: 67).

Language and meaning have closely interrelated. However, there can be many meanings from the same language. Istanari (2014: 6) states that people always found the meaning which has ambiguity, so that people need more comprehension about meaning. People can receive wrong information because what they capture does not match the meaning of the word. Therefore, Asmin (2019: 156) states that one of the requirements to communicate in society or a particular environment is the common understanding and meaning.

The meaning of the language in communication can be studied by semantics. Semantics is a subdiscipline of linguistics that focuses on the study of meaning. Agustiani (2015: 12) states that semantics is a branch of linguistics that studies the meaning of language units, such as words, phrases, clauses, sentences, and discourses. Based on Chaer (2012: 289), one types of meaning is contextual meaning. Contextual meaning is a meaning that arises because of the relationship between language and context.

Lyons (1995: 260) describes context as a theoretical construct in which linguists then use any factors that could influence the meaning of utterances to be considered in conveying the points as a whole. According to Lyons, there are six types of context; (1) context of person, includes deictic, social roles, sex, and age; (2) context of place, the influence of location to interpret the meaning and choosing vocabulary; (3) context of time, which provide the target of utterance with more understanding of the time the utterance took place; (4) context of formality, means the rigid observance of rules of convention or etiquette that includes formal and informal; (5) context of mood, concern

with the participant's mind or feelings during the conversation; (6) context of subject-matter, determined by the terms of the circumstances surrounding the words.

Contextual meaning can be used to examine various types of literary works, including song lyrics. According to Yalaha (2018: 4), song lyrics are a form of communication that is related to social life, which means that song lyrics are media used by the speaker to be shared with the listener. The words in song lyrics can be interpreted based on the context and will have a different meaning from words in ordinary sentences. This research uses Part of Your World song lyrics as the object to analyze the type of contextual meaning contained in it.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses descriptive qualitative method as the research design. Qualitative research method used the settings where human behavior and events naturally occur. According to Creswell (2014: 187), qualitative research is an approach for exploring and understanding the meaning individuals or groups ascribe to a social or human problem. While According to Ratna as cited in Sopa (2015: 24), descriptive analysis method is done by describing the facts then followed by analysis. The qualitative descriptive research collects the data, organizes data, classifies, then makes the interpretation of data, and draws a conclusion based on the data analyzed. This research describes the types of contextual meaning in soundtrack songs. The object of this research is the lyrics of Part of Your World song from The Little Mermaid movie. This song is one of the most iconic soundtrack song of Disney's movie. The song was sung by the main character of The Little Mermaid, named Ariel.

In collecting data, the first step is listening Part of Your World while watching its music video. Second, checking the lyrics by reading the subtitle shows in the video. After that, identifying words, phrases, and sentences on the lyrics that meet the criteria of contextual meaning based on the theory used.

After the data collected, classifying data based on the types of contextual meaning theory by John Lyons. The next step is analyzing the contextual meaning found on the lyrics by interpreting and describing the meaning according to the context provided from the music video, and lastly drawing the conclusion about the contextual meaning found in Part of Your World song lyrics.

3. FINDINGS

This research found five types of contextual meaning which are context of person, context of place, context of time, context of mood, and context of subject-matter. There are 17 data presents in this research, as follows:

a. Context of person

The first type of context found is context of person. This research used 5 data in context of person.

Data 1

I just don't see how a world that makes such wonderful things could be bad

The data above is an excerpt from the lyric of the song Part of Your World. The data is classified into the context of person. The pronoun **I** in the data above is used to fulfill the deictic role as the speaker of the utterance. According to the context in this song which is The Little Mermaid's movie, the pronoun **I** refer to **Ariel**, the little mermaid, which also the main character of The Little Mermaid movie.

Data 2

*Wouldn't **you** think I'm the **girl**, the **girl** who has everything?*

The data above is a part of Part of Your World lyric and classified into context of person. The pronoun **you** is used to fulfill the deictic role as the target of utterance. According to the movie, the word **you** refer to the target near the singer of this song, namely **Flounder**, who is a friend of Ariel. The next pronoun **I** is used to fulfill the deictic role as the speaker of the utterance, and it is refer to **Ariel** itself. The word **I'm** followed by the word **girl**, and it is classified as the context of person. The word **girl** is fulfilling the speaker's social role, which is **a female child**. It also shows the sex and age of the speaker.

Data 3

*Up where **they** walk, up where **they** run*

The lyric in the data above is an excerpt from the song Part of Your World. The word **they** can be classified as part of the context of person because **they** is a pronoun. The word **they** is used to fulfill the deictic role as the target of the utterance. From the context provided in The Little Mermaid movie, the singer of this song is a mermaid and is live under the sea. **They** in the sentence above refer to **human** or **people**, because it is explained in the lyric that **they walk and run**.

Data 4

*Wanderin' free, wish **I** could be part of that world*

The data above is classified into context of person. The pronoun **I** is used to fulfill the deictic role as the speaker of the utterance. The speaker of the utterance above is **Ariel**, the little mermaid.

Data 5

*Bright **young women**, sick of swimmin'*

The lyric above is an excerpt from Part of Your World. The phrase **young women** is included in the contextual meaning type context of person. **Young women** fulfill the social role of **a youth female**, or can also be referred to as **a girl**. According to the context of The Little Mermaid movie, the **young women** here refer to **Ariel**, which is a 16 years old girl. In the lyric above, **bright young women** can be interpreted as a young woman who is intelligent, cheerful, passionate, and full of enthusiasm, who is tired and bored of swimming. This meaning leads to the description of Ariel's character in The Little Mermaid movie.

b. Context of place

The second type of contextual meaning is context of place. Context of place give the clue of the location of the utterance implicitly or explicitly. This research used 4 data of context of place.

Data 6

*I wanna be **where the people are***

The data above is a lyric from Part of Your World song. The data classified into context of place because it mentioned a location on the sentence. The speaker does not state a name of a location explicitly. The speaker said **where the people are** which refer to **land**, because the speaker is a mermaid who lived under the sea and there are no people under the sea.

Data 7

*Wanderin free, wish I could be part of **that world***

The data above is an excerpt from the lyric of the song Part of Your World and it is classified into context of place. The speaker said **that world** which refer to the place or world mentioned in the previous lyric, which is where people can walk, run, and be in the sun all day long. The world mentioned is also different from the world she lives in now, which is under the sea. Ariel wants to live in that world and have a better life than the current one. **That world** in the lyrics above is refers to the **human world**.

Data 8

*Up **where they stay all day in the sun***

The data above is an excerpt from the lyric of Part of Your World song. The sentence is classified into the context of place. The place mentioned is **up where they stay all day in the sun**. The location on the sentence above is not mentioned directly, but by giving a clue **up** and **in the sun**. **Up** can be interpreted as the literal meaning which means above, because according to the movie, this song sung by a mermaid who lives under the sea. **In the sun** in the lyrics above are not interpreted literally but can be interpreted as the place that is emitted by the sun, where we can see and feel the sun directly. In addition, based on the movie, the location referred to in the sentence is **land**.

Data 9

*What would I pay to spend a day warm **on the sand***

The data above is an excerpt from the lyric of Part of Your World song. The sentence is classified into the context of place. The place mentioned is **on the sand**. The speaker tells the place by giving a clue of **sand** in the sentence, which means the context of the place in question is a place that has sand, namely the **beach**.

c. Context of time

The third type of contextual meaning is context of time. This research used 2 data for the context of time.

Data 10

*Up where they stay **all day in the sun***

The sentence above is part of the song Part of Your World and it is classified into context of time on contextual meaning. The word **all day** shows context of the time of the sentence. Moreover, the sentence mentioned **in the sun**, so **all day** on the datum above refers to **the period from sunrise to sunset**.

Data 11

*What would I pay to spend **a day warm on the sand?***

The sentence above is part of the song Part of Your World and it is classified into context of time on contextual meaning. The word **a day warm** shows context of the time of the sentence. **A day warm** on the datum above refers to **the time where the sun when the sun shines on the land so that the atmosphere feels warm**.

d. Context of mood

The fourth type of the contextual meaning found in this research is context of mood. Context of mood shows the feeling of the speaker. This research used 3 data for this type.

Data 12

I just don't see how world that makes such wonderful things could be bad

The data above is an excerpt from the lyric of Part of Your World. The data is classified into the context of mood. The phrase **I just don't see** shows the mood of the speaker. The phrase shows a feeling of **confusion and uncertainty from the speaker**.

Data 13

I want more

The data above is from the lyric of Part of Your World. The phrase **want more** on the data above can be classified into the context of mood because that phrase shows the mood of the speaker. The phrase **want more** offers the feeling of **hope and dissatisfaction** with what she has now and wanting something more.

Data 14

Wanderin' free, wish I could be, part of that world

The data above is from the lyric of Part of Your World. The phrase **wish I could be** on the data above can be classified into context of mood because that phrase shows the mood of the speaker. The phrase shows the feeling of **hope**.

e. Context of subject-matter

The last type found in this research is context of subject-matter. This type related to the term used in certain situation. There are 3 data used in this type.

Data 15

I just don't see how a world that makes such wonderful things could be bad

The sentence on the data above is an excerpt from the lyric of the song Part of Your World. The word **see** on the sentence above can be classified into context of subject matter. The word **see** is homonymous with at least two meanings as a verb. The first one is the word **see** with a meaning **to be conscious of what is around you by using your eyes**, and the second is with a meaning **to understand, know, or realize**. In the sentence above, the word **see** has the meaning **to understand, know or realize**. Moreover, the word **see** is also has homonymous with the word **sea**. When listening to this part of the lyric, it can be concluded the word that is meant to be used is **see**

Data 16

*Wanderin' **free** wish I could be part of that world*

The sentence above is an excerpt from the lyric of the song Part of Your World. The word **free** on the sentence above can be classified into context of subject matter. The word **free** is homonymous with at least two meanings as an adverb. The first meaning is **not limited or controlled**. The other meaning of the word **free** as an adverb is **costing nothing or not needing to be paid for**. According to the context on the datum above, the word **free** here has the meaning **not controlled**.

Data 17

*Bright young women, **sick** of swimmin'*

The sentence above is an excerpt from the lyric of the song Part of Your World. The word **sick** in the sentence above can be classified into context of subject matter. The word **sick** is homonymous with at least two meanings as an adjective. The first meaning of **sick** is **physically or mentally ill, not well or healthy**. The second meaning of the word **sick** as an adjective is **feeling strong unpleasant emotions, especially anger or disgust**. According to the context of the datum above, the word **sick** on the lyric from Part of Your World has the meaning **feeling strong unpleasant emotions, especially anger or disgust**.

4. CONCLUSION

This research presents the analysis of contextual meaning in Part of Your World lyrics from The Little Mermaid movie. The result of the analysis based on John Lyons (1977) theory used in order to find the types of contextual meaning. According to the analysis above, Part of Your World only has five types of contextual meaning, which are context of person, context of place, context of time, context of mood, and context of subject-matter. In this research, there are no context of formality was found, because the context of formality usually used for addressing other, while this song is sung by the character to express her wish and dream. The most term used in the song is about hope, dream, and land that represent the storyline of The Little Mermaid movie where the main character of the movie, Ariel the little mermaid has a dream to be able to live in the human world.

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