

Polisemy Analysis of Song Lyric in Album 'Position' by Ariana Grande

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Abstract

This study goal is to analyze the types and meanings of polysemy found in Ariana Grande's album 'Positions'. Polysemy, as a linguistic phenomenon, refers to a single word that has multiple related meanings. The research focuses on identifying polysemous words in song lyrics and analyzing their contextual meanings based on Cruse's theory (1986). The qualitative descriptive method was employed, and the data were collected from the official lyrics of selected songs. The findings revealed that polysemy is commonly used in Ariana Grande's lyrics to enrich the aesthetic and emotional value of the songs. The dominant type of polysemy found was contextual polysemy, where words convey meanings dependent on the song's narrative and tone. This study contributes to semantic analysis in linguistics and provides insights into how pop music employs polysemy to create artistic ambiguity and emotional resonance.

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Introduction

Language is the vital element of human communication. Hornby clarified language is word and sound that individual utilizes to communicate both feelings and thoughts. Language is mean of human communication that is inextricably linked to significance of each word said. Rimer clarified meaning is language main. As a result, the definition consisted of language essential parts. Discourse of word and phrase consisted of a single meaning. Language studies the dynamic aspects. Then, it utilized as a method variety. Meaning technique is a method that should be utilized to investigate language. A linguistic area studies meaning called as semantics.

Semantics is called from Greek term semantics that meaning 'symbol' or 'sign'. Verb 'symbolize' or 'mark' is semantics verb. Semantics study is the language meaning. Individual has function. We must learn semantics. A linguistics is the richest and the most intriguing area is semantics. From those descriptions, we can say semantics is a meaning study of the types, for examples: grammatical, lexical, connotational and denotational.

We came into meaningful link or semantic in language when word or another language aspect related to others in several way. Meaningful relation in instance is concerned on synonym, antonym, homonym, hyponym, polysemy and redundancy or another factor. Additionally, polysemy is considered as phenomenon whereby a single word form is gathered from related senses. As the part of translation process polysemy is one of more meaning relationship.

For the current polysemy conception, the similarity concept is a usual property of meaning that can raise the difficulties. Polysemy happened when word had closely related meaning. We can say the native speaker of language had strong intuitions that several senses are related to the several ways. Since, it will be challenging for a translator in interpreting word without comprehending context to an entire phrase. Based on a popular interpretation, polysemy referred to a linguistic construction that consisted of several meaning particularly phrase and word. On term, polysemy also had the distinct meaning, each of which is familiarly related to others. By having the usual thread that connected to several meanings, a relationship between meaning was demonstrated.

When language was utilized verbally, meaning was interpreted based on what the speaker wanted to say. It happened from the result of speaker apply of movement, tone, nodding, emotion, nodding, and viewpoints when speaking. Applying written language in the lyrics is another example. When a writer merely applying written language to describe their ideas, meaning which emerge will depend on readers’ knowledge and comprehension. On the common applies of the writers’ feelings in songs.

Ariana Grande was particularly rumoured to be working on new songs on April 19, 2020. It was confirmed on social media on October 14, 2020. Her sixth studio album was released on the same month. Then, Ariana’s website began to countdowns for October 23, 2020 and October 30, 2020 on the same day. Ariana confirmed that her album released on October 30, 2020.

This research focused on analysis of polysemy in Ariana Grande’s album ‘position’ that is according to the research that had been explained before. Polysemy type became main subject. The reason of researcher chose polysemy because she was interested to find out the different of word classes and types of polysemy were presented in song. Besides that, Individuals had explained about polysemy lyrics. Then, the researcher had investigated polysemy in a local tongue.

Furthermore, songs’ lyrics by Ariana Grande had polysemy including **Back** in “Motive” song which consisted of meaning *return to individual* and **back** on “My hair” song which consisted of meaning *part of body*. Then, researcher decided analyzing Grande’s lyrics because the song utilized the complex words and minimal slang. Moreover, the readers might be confused to control meaning contained in Ariana Grande’s lyrics. Thus, the researcher confirmed that analyzing Ariana Grande’s lyrics is an essential part to avoid miscomprehending meaning. Before the researcher determined meaning of polysemy words, he classified polysemy types in order to construct his research to be easier in determining polysemy meaning.

Therefore, in album “position” the researcher chose 11 songs because all of them consisted of polysemy that was analyzed accordance to earlier researches which found that the polysemy can be found in movie, speech, and etc. The researcher did not take all of the song because three of 13 consisted of words that were unsuitable to be included on the scientific works. The eleventh of them contains ‘motive’, ‘nasty’, ‘poy’, ‘just like magic’, ‘obvious’, ‘position’, ‘shut up’, ‘west side’, ‘safety net’, ‘my hair’, and ‘off the table’. Those songs was chosen by the researcher because it can be investigated further about types and word classed of polysemy.

As indicated before, researcher was interested to examine the polysemy of lyrics from ‘position’ albums. Based the description above, the researcher was interested to accomplish her research by the title “Polysemy Analysis of Song Lyrics in Albums of ‘Positions’ by Ariana Grande’s”.

Method

A blueprint for data collection, measurement and analysis is study design; this is the conceptual framework within that research completed. The researcher employed qualitative research. Moleong, Bogdan & Taylor confirmed qualitative research is some research approaches that constructed descriptive data through written and vocal pattern of humans and observed behaviors". Qualitative research can be named as a study that employed descriptive data to designated something through written and spoken pattern of human who had experiences specific phenomena.

This research data was accomplished by listening and watching to lyric songs of Ariana Grande's videos on her official MV. In addition, this research also utilized Ariana Grande's Albums is called 'position' found in internet and lyric songs from her website.

Result and Discussion

In this research, the researcher took 11 out of 13 songs because those are included of polysemy accordance. In earlier research, the researcher found polysemy on a movie, speech and song. This research did not take all the songs because 3 of 13 included of words that were unsuitable on a scientific work. In this part, they consisted of 'motive', 'just like magic', 'position', 'nasty', 'poy', 'obvious', 'shut up', 'safety net', 'off the table' 'my hair', and 'wet side'. The eleventh songs were chosen by the researcher. It can be used to investigate further information because those included the word classed and types of polysemy.

Miles and Huberman also added about triangulation in qualitative research, data is accomplished by employing documentation, observation and in-depth interview or mix of them. Data collecting is completed for several days in order to gather data. In this research, the lyrics of song became the research topics of this research. The researcher decided gathering data by using documentation. The researcher utilized the technique variety to gather data including; Reading all of the lyric songs carefully and in-depth because it was the first stage in collecting data process. During reading activity, the researcher looked for each similar word in every condition, as well as the types and word classes of polysemy which depended on context, Making notes on prepared data card, information through reading and writing strategies was mixed from the additional examination during discussion. Data gathered for the study were research-related and supporting data.

Table 1 The Table of Data Analysis

No	Data Text	Text of Polysemy		Word Classes of Polysemy	Meaning	Song title
		Accidental polysemy	Logical polysemy			
1	Just <i>like</i> magic	✓		Prepositions	that the thing seems like another thing or comparing one thing to another	Just like magic
	That is the kind of shit			Verb	adore or love	Love Language
	I like					
2	Losing friends <i>left</i> and right	✓		Adverb	Portside or describe direction and location	Just like magic
	<i>Left</i> my baggages, at a door, I will claim you are mine			Verb	Quit or abandoned	Love Language
3	Losing friends left and <i>right</i>	✓		Adverb	Side or describe direction and location	Just like magic
	Fallin', got me <i>right</i>			Noun	Good or Nice	POV

From the table above, we can conclude that there were three polysemy that consisted of Ariana Grande's lyric song including *like*, *right* and *left*. Below is more detailed of the accidental polysemy.

Asher clarified that the word did not receive a label named as accidentally polysemous. So that, the word had not relate to each other are named as accidental polysemy. Below is described clearly about accidental polysemy.

"*Just like magic*" – just like magic

"*That us kind of shit I like*" –love language

Based on the example above, we knew that there is similar word that is word 'like' that consisted of polysemy meaning. Word "*like*" had more than one meaning. In the sentence 1 like had meaning as the thing seemed like another thing. While, in another sentence, like had meaning '*adore of love*'. Word '*like*' consisted of accidental polysemy types because it showed word that had not related to each other.

Miles and Huberman discussed qualitative data analysis is completed concurrently by applying collection data. The researcher got research data from internet. In addition. He also examined that the lyrics long of Ariana Grande to look if needed information is present. It is was not, the researcher will carry out more information until those were believable. The researcher copied research actions presented by Miles and Huberman, they were data condensation, data presentation and verification / conclusion drawing. It will be described as follows:

1. Data Condensation

This is the process of narrowing down, picking out and condensing abstract concepts that the researcher found in written sources. This process focused on data to aid the researcher to carry out the studies. A variety of polysemy was focused on data collection in Ariana Grande's lyric songs.

2. Data Display

Organizing and coming information to distinguish conclusions during phrases and sentences. The researcher found the simpler to categorize polysemy classes in Ariana Grande's lyric songs as the results.

3. Conclusion drawing

The researcher found out research conclusion about the result after existing and grouping data including whether or not result must address the researcher's concept. Conclusion had not necessarily been explained before being patterned. In the last part, the researcher also confirmed that the inferences about collecting data. The researcher began to express the inferences about data in the light of what had been gathered.

After conducting those processes, the researcher analyzed data as follows:

1. Sorting information referred to types and word classes of polysemy.
2. Analyzing types and word classes of polysemy in the descriptive manners to control if word was consisted of the polysemy.
3. Analyzing meaning by paying great attention to each context that was studied from what comes after the phrases that were analyzed, rather than relying in the literal meaning but rather meaning of what it is.
4. Drawing conclusion according to data analysis. The researcher will ensure data is trustworthy. the researcher also utilized triangulation that meaning of the study employed the methods in rating the similar phenomenon. Stainback also clarified that the objective of triangulation is the expand the researcher's information about what human uncovered to control data accusation. L. Manion, Cohen & Morrison added triangulation divided to the parts according to Kimchi,

Polivka, Denzin and Stevenson. The triangulation can be separated into several parts. Below is the description:

1. Triangulation investigator

This triangulation is completed by engaging several dissimilar investigators or researchers as carried out the data. Utilizing of multiple perspectives can help to minimize bias.

2. Theoretical triangulation

This involved utilizing the multiple theoretical frameworks to interpret data. Comparing results of the research with the dissimilar relevant theories can present a richer, more comprehending and reveal dissimilar dimensions of phenomenon under studies.

3. Methodological triangulation

Mitchell confirmed the methodological triangulation can describe as employment of more than two approaches to distinguish similar phenomenon. Methodological also involved employing various data collection method in analyzing the similar topics. For instance: the researcher can combine document analysis. Interview and observation to gain comprehensive comprehending.

4. Data triangulation

Robert and Taylor clarified that in single study, data triangulation was discussed as the utilization of several data sources to existing a diverse perspective on each situation. Data involved utilizing sources of information to study in the similar phenomenon. It also gain data from dissimilar individuals.

5. Analytical triangulation

analytical triangulation can be explained as the application of more than two methods to similar data. Apart from the validation. Analytical triangulation utilized to distinguish the study is through by combining more ways of data analysis by employing both qualitative and quantitative paradigm.

In this time, the researcher employed theoretical triangulation in knowing trustworthiness data in her research.

Conclusion

From this research, we can get the conclusion that the song lyrics in ‘position’ album by Ariana Grande’s there was applied of polysemy that included word classed and types of polysemy. This research results can be explained as follows: judging from types, polysemy found in the study is in types of accidental polysemy verb such as: *left, like, get and right*. It can be asserted that the types of polysemy accidental were more than logical polysemy in lyrics in ‘position’ albums by Ariana Grande. Judging from shapes, word classes of polysemy found in data that had been analyzed were *like* has functions as preposition and verb, *right* had function as adverb and noun, while *back* had function as adverb and noun.

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