

CHAPTER III

DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH FOCUS

In this chapter, the researcher will make a clear explanation and the phenomenon happened on *Peaky Blinders* Series that related with this research which is bad words based on Edwin Batistella's prospective fitting in with the data gained through documentation have mentioned on one chapter before.

For the first research focus as the researcher mentioned in chapter 1 "what are the types of bad words used in *Peaky Blinders* series Season1. Eps. 1"

A. Types of Bad words used in *Peaky Blinders* series Season1. Eps.1.

Based on research method above, researcher have to watch and collecting data from the main source which is *Peaky Blinders* Series and found some good data related with Bad words to completing the first research focused have mentioned earlier on this research

Batistella have their own prospective dividing bad words the first is epithets, profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity⁶⁰.

a. Epithets

Epithet is characterized by the existence of several types of slurs, such as bitch and fag. Other references that are included as epithet are connected to race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, one's appearance, and disabilities such as nigger, madget and retard,

⁶⁰ E.L Batistella2005. *Bad Language: Are Some Words Better Than Others?*. (New York: Oxford University Press. 2005) 72

motherfucker, tat-man⁶¹. Jay defines epithet as a short but strong blast of passionate language which is triggered by frustration or anger⁶² such as son of a bitch

After observe the series researcher found some scene in peaky blinders that fit in with the theories of ephitets

i. 1st data at 15:22



Figure 3.1. Polly mad at John

Polly's utterance in this scene is part of Ephitets

Polly : Get up off your arse, you mumping pig!

Johnny make Polly angry due to his sloppy, he put his riffle in the place that can easily reached by their young person, Vin Shelby.

ii. 2nd Data at 29:23



Figure 3.2 Inspecture Campbell speech

⁶¹ Ibid. 72

⁶² Ibid.

The conversation that indicated this scene is a part of ephitets is

Campbell : A three-headed beast.

This speech when the first inspecture Campbell came to police office, he explained the root issues in the Birmingham. And he called this as “three-headed beast”.

iii. 3rd Data at 34:42



Figure 3.3 Arthur were inquired by the Inspecture Campbell

On this scene The cops ask a question to Arthur about the robbery, and Arthur called the cops as “bastrad” because he were smacked by the police on his face..

iv. 4th Data at 34:08



Figure 3.4 the police inquired Arthur Shelby

The conversation that indicated this scene as a part of ephitets is

Inspecture Campbell ; It is well within my power to have you and the rest of your scum family face down in the canal before the year is out. On the other hand... we can help each other

On Campbell's utterance he called Arthur family which is Shelby Family as a Scum, in purpose triggered Arthur's anger and frustation

John shelby attacking the members of kimber's family directly, clear with unambiguous utterance "all guns are not balls" these words are indicates that kimber's family are not even have a brave to use the gun properly.

v. 5th Data at 35:21



Figure 3.5 conversation between Tommy and Grace

The scene when Tommy came to the pub and recognized there is a new woman worker he asked "are you a whore?" due to her appearance and braveness work on the pubs

vi. **6th data at 42:24**



Figure 3.6 in front of the shop

The scene when there is a freaking words man in front of the shop, shopkeepers came to stamped him and he used the bad words which is ephitets “Go home, crazy man” and it is a part of Ephitets because the shopkeepers callaed the man by him disabilities.

vii. **7th data at 47:49**



Figure 3.7 at the gallery

These people which is mr campbell and Grace talk about Shelby Family, on this conversation he called this family as “brute” because of their work as bookmaker and their appearance.

viii. 8th data at 49:45



Figure 3.8 Thommy and Danny talk about their enemy

In this scene Thommy mentioned Italians as a bastrad due to their way finished the business “that's how those bastards do thing”

b. Profanity

According to Batistella, profanity can be categorized as religious cursing because it usually includes the foul-mouthed use of what is considered to be sacred⁶³. Being more detail, Jay in Doyle describes profanity as the expression involving

the use of religious terms in a profane, secular or uncaring manner. The aim of the speaker is not to vilify God or anything connected with religion but it may be used to express emotional response to certain motives⁶⁴. This term is proposed to mock people using insult their religion sacred, the words that belong to this type are Jesus Christ, hell, damn, goddamn. This strategy is used to attack someone’s face who wants to be acknowledged as a part of the society.

⁶³ Doyle, T.M. 2006. *Teaching “Bad Language” in a Serious and Systematic Manner. Proceedings of the CATESOL State Conference.* <http://www.catesol.org/06Doyle.pdf>.(Retrieved on 13 January 2013.)

⁶⁴ Ibid,

i. 1st Data at 04:35



Figure 3.9 At Shelby Family house

The conversation between Tommy and Finn indicated profanity which is "Arthur's mad as hell" hell is a very close subject to religions term, and this statement to ensure the huge anger of Arthur that's way Finn use hell as an adjective.

ii. 2nd Data at 13:32



Figure 3.10 At the pub.

The cops showing the impolite behaviour by calling grace with another names which is whore to insult grace and also indicates that he hate grace, In this scene Danny experienced his post-traumatic during war and destroyed the pub, he felt that everyone pressed him a lot, at that time

he mentioned “hell” because he felt bad destroying the pub and said sorry to Tommy.

iii. 3rd data at 20:35



Figure 3.11 At the church

The conversation that indicate profanity is among Tommy and Polly, they discussed about the robbery, which unconsciously did by Tommy, and polly’s utterance “hell” as an her expression to Tommy’s mistake.

iv. 4th Data at 28:39



Figure 3.12 At the police office

The conversation that indicated this scene is part of Profanity is

Ada Shelby : God damn you for soiling your uniforms!!

This speech when the first Campbell came to Birmingham police office and founded some bad attitude towards the officer such as

bribery, and he mentioned “god damn” to mock the police who can easily buy by the gangster.

c. Vulgarity

Vulgarity and obscenity have the same reference especially to words or expressions that contain sexual anatomy and excretory function in a rough manner⁶⁵. The difference between vulgarity and obscenity is usually related to the level of prurience. Jay asserts that vulgarity is used to humiliate or bring down the thing or individual referred to or described. Almost similar with previous type but vulgarity such an type that proposed to bring down the mental of listener. The words that belong to this type are such as ass, tat, cock, dick, and crot⁶⁶.

i. 1st Data at 15:11



Figure 3.13 a scene between Polly and John

The conversation that related with vulgarity because Polly gray mention Ada’s tits.

⁶⁵ E.L Batistella2005. *Bad Language: Are Some Words Better Than Others?*. (New York: Oxford University Press. 2005) 72

⁶⁶.E Mercury. “Swearing: A Bad Part of Language; A Good Part of Lanugage Learning”. *TESL Canada Journal*, 13, 1, 28-36. <http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ518119.pdf>. (Retrieved on 12 January 2013)

d. Obscenity

Obscenity refers to the expressions that are prohibited from public use since they involve repulsion to the sense, abhorrent, impolite and detestable to morality⁶⁷. Moreover, according to Batistella profanity is defined as words or expression which involve sex differentiating anatomy or sexual and excretory function that usually uttered in rough manner⁶⁸. Including some sex utterance when communicate each other indicate detestable of moral of speaker. The words that belong to this type are fuck and shit.

a. 1st Data at 09:13



Figure 3.14 Freddie speech

This scene Freddie Thorne spoke person from the communist, in front of workers provoked to protest and to strike, before he ends up his speech he used “a fucking cut your wedges” it is impolite when it is mentioned in public.

⁶⁷Doyle. *Teaching “Bad Language” in a Serious and Systematic Manner. Proceedings of the CATESOL State Conference.* <http://www.catesol.org/06Doyle.pdf>.(Retrieved on 13 January 2013.)

⁶⁸ Batistella (2005: 72) E.L Batistella2005. *Bad Language: Are Some Words Better Than Others?*. (New York: Oxford University Press. 2005) 72

Freddie throne: Comrades... we're here today to take a vote on strike action. But before we have a show of hands for that... let's have a show of hands from all those who fought in France, all those who stood side-by-side with your comrades and watched your comrades fall. Raise your hands. The blood shed on Flanders fields, the sweat of your brows! Who reaps the rewards? Is it you?

Freddie Throne : And what is the reward they offer you for your sacrifices made? A fucking cut in your wages! THAT is your reward! Raise a hand, for those who want to strike!

b. 2nd Data at 15:02



Figure 3.15 conversation between Polly and John

The scene in the street when Polly smacked John face up because he let his rifle easily reached by his young brother, due to his anger, John responses included bad words in it, and it was part of obscenity, the words were “what the fuck”.

c. 3rd data at 15:05



Figure 3.16 john conversation between Polly and John

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d. 4th data at 18:18



Figure 3.17 stranger bad words

Suddenly there was a stranger and said bad words to Inspecture Campble who jusr arrived at Birmingham, his words was “fuck off”,

e. 5th data at 30:46



Figure 3.18 at the Cinema

When Arthur Shelby came to cinema, he suddenly got rested by the cops, Arthur's utterance was consisted of bad words especially Obscenity as a part of sex utterance, he state "what the fuck"

f. 6th data at 33:05



Figure 3.19 cops inquired Arthur Shelby

During his interrogation Arthur got smacked on his face, and unconsciously he state "fuck"

g. 7th data at 37:28



Figure 3.20 Shelby Family gathering

Family meeting was held on the bad situation, due to Arthur got injured by the cops, at that time Tommy Shelby was hiding something from his family member, and Arthur notice that, by this he mentioned “what the fuck is wrong with him lately”

h. 8th data at 45:54



Figure 3.21 conversation between Charlie and Tommy

On this scene Tommy ask Charlie to move their secret stuff to another place which is tobacco wharf, this plan was actually out of their first plan that's way Charlie mentioned “have you lost your fucking mind” Due to Tommy risky plan.

i. 9th data at 50:18



Figure 3.22 Tommy would Danny as his punishment

This scene when Tommy want to execute Danny because Danny kill the Italian shopkeepers, Danny felt bad and including bad words on his words “I left my fucking mind in the mud”.

A. Function of Bad words used in *Peaky Blinders* Series Season1. Eps.1

After researcher mentioned the kinds of impoliteness strategies here we will mention the function of impoliteness strategies used in this series, According to culpaper there are 3 function of impoliteness They are affective impoliteness, coercive impoliteness, and entertaining impoliteness.⁶⁹

1. To Draw Attention To One Self

Sometimes people utter taboo words in order to get the attention from the listener. Mc Edward explains that the speakers should gain the interest trough the use of strong, powerful language whose connotation can stimulate an instant reaction from the audience⁷⁰. Therefore, people use taboo words which are believed to have power in gaining listener’s attention because of its strong

⁶⁹J culpaper 2011. *Impoliteness: Using Language to Cause Offence.*: Cambridge University Press. 223

⁷⁰ Mc Guire, S.M. “*Obscenity: Its Use and Abuse*”. *The Communicator*, 4, 4, 6-13. <http://www.files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED099920.pdf>. (Retrieved on 4 March 2014.)

emotion on his/her words. The explanation below is the example of taboo words which function to draw attention to oneself.

The first example of draw attention is the conversation among Charlie and Tommy Shelby



Figure 3.23 Conversation between Charlie and Tommy

Charlie : Have you lost your fucking mind

This word is intended to make Tommy that his plan is risky and it is because Charlie felt surprised with Tommy's plan

The next example of draw attention was the Arthur question at the Shelby meeting family, at that time he mentioned "what the fuck is wrong with him lately" due to uncommon act of Tommy Arthur Felt there was something wrong with his brother, besides his question to ask what were actually happens with his brother which is to get attention from his listener which is his own brother.



Figure 3.24 Shelby Meeting family

2. To Show Contempt

The use of taboo words in conversation between two people which is listener and speaker can that show contempt. contempt means the impression in which a person or may be something is totally useless and cannot be regarded. In other words, when someone tries to show contempt by using taboo words, he or she will insult the addressee by uttering words that can offend their pride

There were two examples on the Peaky Blinders Series Season 1 Eps 1 scenes which indicates bad words purposing to show contempt

The first is when inspectur Campbell first came to the Birmingham police office, on his speech he called officers as a bastard who spoiled their own uniforms, and it is clearly to mock and to show his new authirity in this institution

Inspectur Campbell: God damn you for soiling your uniforms!!



Figure 3.25: first speech of inspecture Campbell

Another scene which shown same purpose is during Arthur interrogation with the police, inspectur Campbell ask him about the robbery, in the end of his question, inspecture Campbell stated “you and the rest of your scum family” that purposed to threat Arthur Shelby.



Figure 3.26 the police inquire Arthur Shelby

3. To be Provocative

Provocative means here to get angry listener because of our words and in another word speaker words become provocative to make specific respond in speaker. This is in line with Rothwell who says that verbal obscenity can be the most efficient symbolic process offered to protester intended for inviting chaotic reaction⁷¹.

⁷¹ RFitzgerald, M. 2007. “Offensive Language Spoken on Popular Radio Program”. *Electronic Theses, Treatises and Dissertation, College of Communication, Department of Communication, The Florida State University.*

Example of bad words intended to provocative are performed by stranger



Figure 3.27 on the street

On this scene when Inspector camopbell came to the Birmingham he met with the stranger, and because the strangers did not like the existance of him the strangers mocked by utter “fuck off”

Another example of entertaining impoliteness is also performed by shopkeepers to Danny he called danny as “Crazy man” to provoke him of course this statement got Danny chaotic reaction towards this word



Figure 3.28 in front of the shop