

Affixation in the Script Song Lyric “A Little Piece of Heaven”

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Abstract

The affixation is the important element of linguistic which interest to be analyzed. Almost in every book, newspaper, magazine, script, movie and songs lyric can found affixation. The objective of research is to know affixation in The Script song lyric. The main purpose of this research is to know how affixation process happens in The Script song lyric “A Little Piece of Heaven”. The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative method. The data used the text script of lyric. The result of this analysis shows that affixation process divided in two types depends on affixes itself.

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A. Introduction

Affixation is morphological process whereby a bound morpheme or affix is attached to morphological base word. In other word affixation is process of adding morpheme or affix to create a different form of the words. Base on their position it divided into two primary of affixation, they are prefixation to add a prefix and suffixation to add a suffix. Brinton (2000, p.78) argues “Affixes maybe to types, derivational or inflectional, which have very different characteristics. A derivational affix in English is either a prefix or a suffix”. Furthermore, He added “An inflectional affix in English is always a suffix; there may be only one per word”. It means affixes divided into two types, derivational and inflectional affixes. Derivational affixes divided into prefix and suffixes. In English, inflectional affixes always contain at the end of word or as a suffix. Johnston and Schembri (2007, p.127) says “affixation is a process that forms new words by combining bound affixes and free morphemes”. It means is process to combine free morpheme and bound morpheme to create new word form. Hamawand (2011, p.10) says “affixation is the morphological process of deriving a new word by adding an affix, namely a bound morpheme, to a root or base”. It means affixation is morphological process that supposed to change a root or base word into new form.

When people learn about morpheme of course they also learned about affix. An affix has strength relation with morpheme. Because actually affix is a morpheme, bound morpheme additionally. Generally, affixes joined with another morpheme to create new word. Base on their position affix divided into three parts, they are; prefixes, infixes, and suffixes. Prefix occurs in the left or begin of word and suffixes in the right or end of word. Meanwhile infixes occur in the middle of word, but

in English almost has no found infixes. Infixes usually only found in Tagalog, Greek, and another language. Mainly, affixes have the effect of slightly modifying the meaning of the base word.

Morphology is major subfields of linguistic which studied about words formation and how they are formed. Words formation includes morphemes, roots, affixes, part of speech or another element which give influence to word formation. Morphology not only learns about linguistic element but also learn the way how they are formed. The affixation is the important element of linguistic which interest to be analyzed. Almost in every book, newspaper, magazine, script, movie and songs lyric can found affixation.

There are several previous studies related to Affixation. The first related research is from Ayu Wulandari (2014). The title of the research is “A Morphological Analysis of Derivational Suffixes in Short Stories”. Her research focuses her research on analyzing derivational suffixes in short stories. The Second from Sarah Fitri Rabbani (2014). The title of the research is “An Analysis of Derivational Suffixes in Novel The Great Gatsby”. Her research talks about derivational suffixes in novel. The third from Qiyat Alfianto (2014). The title of the research is “A Morphological Study of Affixes Found in Campus Magazine”. His research talks about the forms and meaning of affixes in English Magazine. The researcher uses songs lyric as object of research to analyze the affixation.

From the previous researches above, there are several similarities and differences that made the researcher of this study interested in conducting this research. For the similarities, there are, first, several previous researches used the same theories that used by one researcher to another, such as the type of affixation. It made easier for researcher to search and add theories that can support the researches. Second, the data collection techniques used by previous researchers are in the form of listening and reading. Like the previous researchers, the researcher of this study also wrote everything into a piece of paper related to this research. The researcher chooses The Script song lyrics as the object because it is the researcher’s favorite song lyric. Besides that, in The Script song lyric contains many affixations which happen in some words. Based on background of study about analysis of affixation in The Script song lyric, the purposes of research is to know what are the affixation form processes in The Script song lyric “A Little Piece of Heaven”?

B. Methods

This research was designed to use descriptive qualitative method. It makes real and factual descriptions of the facts. According to Farkhan (2011), descriptive methods are used to describe phenomena related to other phenomena. In qualitative research, descriptive data are generated in the form of written or oral words from people and behaviors observed in this study. This research was carried out by taking steps to collect data, classify data, analyze data, and make conclusions. Therefore, before doing the research, the researcher doing observations that aimed to collect data and select data related to research problems. The method of research is content analysis.

C. Result

In this part the researcher tries to show the result of the research. Here the researcher found that affixation happens in two of affix which combine with the free morpheme in the script song lyric “A Little Piece of Heaven” namely inflection and derivation.

Table 1. Taxonomy Analysis for Affixation

| Affixation | Occurrence | Percentage |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Inflection | 72 | 69% |
| Derivation | 32 | 31% |
| Total | 104 | 100% |

The above table shows the taxonomy analysis of each type of word occurring mostly as Affixation. Word with has Inflection consist of 72 data or 69% has the higher number and percentage than word with has derivation which consist of 32 data or 31%.

D. Discussion

In this part the discussion about affixation form process, the influence of affixation into structure sentence and also changed of meaning context that caused by affixation in The Script song lyrics. In this discussion the writer would like to explain about affixation form processing The Script song lyrics. A changed process happens when a root word joined by bound morpheme (affix) and creates new word. The purpose of affixation is to create new word with another meaning or another part of speech which appropriate with sentence necessary. Affixation is adding affixes into root word to form another word. Affixes are short elements that usually do not exist as words in their own right but are tacked on to a root word in order to form another.

A linguistic expert Minkova argues about affixes in his book "English word: history and structure" that affixes have two quite functions. First is to participate in the formation of new words. The affixes which do this are called derivational affixes. The other type of affix, which does not participate in word-formation at all, is called inflectional". It means base on the function affix divided into two group, they are derivational and inflectional affix. In this research, the researcher analyzes affixation in The Script song lyric. The writer used song lyric as object for this research, it is "A Little Piece of Heaven".

In the eleventh line of A Little Piece of Heaven song lyric has sentence which has affixation word, that is:

Data 1: line 11 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

"Conjuring her **deepest** fears

In this sentence the word "deepest" is the word which had affixation. The word "deepest" formed from the root word "deep" as the free morpheme and affix "-est" as the bound morpheme. Affixation process in the word "deepest" is called regular inflection. Because affixation happens in this word do not change lexical category of word. The word "deep" as the base word of "deepest" is adjective word and it still adjective after changed into "deepest". It provides that that the word "deepest" has inflection which caused by inflectional suffix "-est". When inflectional suffix "-est" in this sentence has function as superlative word.

Data 2: line 3 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

"We were **more** than friends, before the story ends."

In this sentence the word "more" is the word which had affixation. The word "more" formed from the word "many/much". Affixation process in the word "deepest" is called irregular inflection. Because affixation happens in this word do not change lexical category of word. The word "many/much" as the base word of "more" is adjective word and it still adjective after changed into "more". It provides that that the word "more" has inflection irregularly from word many/much with function as comparative word.

In line 20 of A Little Piece of Heaven song lyric also has sentence which has affixation word, that is:

Data 3: line 20 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

"I can keep you **looking** young and preserved forever."

In this sentence the word "looking" is the word which had affixation. The word "looking" formed by stem or root word "look" and bound morpheme or affix "-ing". Affixation in the word "looking"

not caused lexical category changed. It still verb before or after affixation. So, kind of affixation which happens in the word “looking” is inflection. Function of inflection in this sentence as present participle.

In the next line in A Little Piece of Heaven song lyric contains a sentence with another kind of affixation, it is:

Data 4: line 20 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

“Now **possibilities** I’d never considered.”

In this sentence affixation word happens in the word “possibilities”. The free morpheme “possibility” combines to bound morpheme “-es” to form “possibilities”. However, the affixation in this case not change the lexical category. It still a noun word before or after affixation. So, it is inflection which happens in this case. The function of affixation in this sentence only to change a meaning of word especially in the word “possibilities”. Inflection suffix “-es” in the word “possibilities” functioned to show plural noun. It means not only one “possibility” but also two or more “possibility”.

Data 5: line 19 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

“It **goes** on and on and on”

In this sentence the word “goes” is the word which had affixation. The word “goes” formed from the root word “go” as the free morpheme and affix “-es” as the bound morpheme. Affixation process in the word “goes” is called regular inflection. Because affixation happens in this word do not change lexical category of word. The word “go” as the base word of “goes” is verb word and it still verb after changed into “goes”. It provides that that the word “goes” has inflection which caused by inflectional suffix “-es”. When inflectional suffix “-es” in this sentence has function to indicate third-singular person.

Data 6: line 8 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

“I took all possibility from you.”

In this sentence, affixation process the free morpheme “possible” combine with bound morpheme “-ity” to form “possibility”. In this case happened derivation processed by derivational suffix “-ity”. It called derivation because affixation process in this case changed lexical category “possible” as adjective word into “possibility” as noun word. It causes the meaning and word class changes.

Data 7: line 56 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

“I must venture back to apologize from somewhere far beyond the grave.”

In this sentence, affixation process the free morpheme “apology” combine with bound morpheme “-ize” to form “apologize”. In this case happened derivation processed by derivational suffix “-ize”. It called derivation because affixation process in this case changed lexical category “apology” as noun word into “apologize” as verb word. It causes the meaning and word class changes.

Data 8: line 89 *A Little Piece of Heaven*

“Do you take this man in death for the rest of your unnatural life”

In this sentence, affixation process the free morpheme “die” combine with bound morpheme “-th” to form “death”. In this case happened derivation processed by derivational suffix “-th”. It called derivation because affixation process in this case changed lexical category “die” as verb word into “death” as noun word. It causes the meaning and word class changes.

E. Conclusion

Based on the discussion above the researcher concludes that affixation happens in two different condition depends on kinds of affix which combine with the free morpheme. First is inflection which happens when inflectional affix joins with free morpheme. Generally, inflection only causes changed meaning but do not change lexical category. Like in the word “tears” when inflectional affix only gives additional meaning without change lexical category. Second is derivation which happens when derivational affix joins with free morpheme. However different like inflection, derivation not only causes changed meaning but also changed lexical category. As an example, the word “apologize” has derivation process when derivational affix “-ize” change lexical category “apology” from noun into verb and automatically change the meaning of word itself. In addition, in this research analysis amount of inflection more than derivation.

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