

# SWEARING ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERS IN *DEADPOOL* MOVIE

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## Abstract

*This research focuses to identify the types and the reasons of swearing for characters of Deadpool movie. It uses a qualitative method to analyzing the data that are found. It finds 81 data of types of swearing, and 83 data of reasons of swearing out of 83 data. The data of this research are in the form of sentences, words spoken by the characters. This research finds that the types of swearing uttered by the characters of Deadpool movie can be classified into five types according to Pinker, there are, Dyphemistic Swearing (DS), Abusive Swearing (AS), Idiomatic Swearing (IS), Emphatic Swearing (ES), and Cathartic Swearing (CS). In addition, it also found the reason of swearing that is consist of three motives. There are, Psychological motives (PM), Social Motives (SM), and Linguistic Motives (LM). From this research, it can be concluded that emphatic swearing is the most used swearing expression and psychological motives is the most dominant reasons spoken by the characters.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Communication is part of human's life that can't live without. People likes to communicate to establish relationships with other people. By communicating, people can freely tell what is on its mind, what does it feels, and to know what other people think about. Communication is a tool that capable to express our thought and feeling, it can be said that communication is one form of self-expression. People must build good relationship with others by communicating, since it's one of a main thing for human to live since people can't live without others. Communication is one of kind of an easier way when people needs others, to ask a help. One of part of communication is language. By language, people used it as a way to communicate with other people. The use of language can be used

to get a knowledge from other people in daily life. Language is something important because by using it, it can make a good relationship and build connection with others. Aside from communication, the use of language also has a function to be a material to exchanges ideas, to get an information, also to convey messages. By its use, it can be used to describe or express sadness, anger, happiness, etc. People express those feeling in many ways. One of them is uttering swear words.

Swear words are used as a form expression that contains words that are rude, disrespectful that described a feeling of sad, angry, or even happy. Today, swear words are unavoidable for most people because its use already popular at this time. The use of swear words can distract people because for some people it is still uncommon to be said. Swear

words can make people hurt if they don't usually get swear by people around them. A lot of people consider that swear word reflects of bad manners, rudeness and make others disrespect of those people who uttered it. According to Anderson and Trudgill (1990) swearing contains type of swearing in which the expression (1) indicate something that is taboo or stigmatized in the culture; (2) don't interpret freely; (3) can be used to describe strong emotions and attitude. There are five types of swearing according to Pinker (2010), there are, dysphemistic swearing that is used to provoke, abusive swearing is used to insult someone, idiomatic swearing is to show comfort between people who swear, emphatic swearing is used to point out the issue or matter, and the last one is cathartic swearing that is used to express the feeling of sadness, anger when something bad happen. Swear words can be seen in the neighborhood, television, drama, and movie. As it can be seen in movie, this research is using *Deadpool* movie that portray swear words.

There are many previous researches which is related to the Swear Word such as Esterika (2016) entitled "The Analysis of Swear Word That Used by White and Black Characters in 12 Years A Slave Movie". This study's aim is to find out the types and the purpose of the use of swear words that are uttered by the white and black character. Wulandari (2017) entitled "The Use of Swear Words in PewDiePie's Youtube Videos". The aim of this study is to show the type of swear

words and the most swear words based on the meaning and meaningless that found in that youtube channel. Permadi (2017) entitled "The Analysis of Swearing Uttered by The Main Character in The Terence Winter's Movie "The Wolf of Wall Street". The study's purpose is to find out the types and the reasons of swearing uttered by the main character.

According to the research background, the objectives of this research are (1) finding and identifying types of swear words uttered by the characters in *Deadpool* movie. (2) Finding the reasons of using swear words that uttered by the characters in *Deadpool* movie.

## **METHODS**

This research employed qualitative research. The object of this research is a movie that was released in 2006, *Deadpool*. There are some steps of collecting data, such as watching *Deadpool* movie, reading and listening, taking note the swear words spoken by the characters. Further, in analyzing data, the researcher collects the swear words uttered by the characters in the dialogue. Next, analyzing and classifying the data that are found according to its types and reasons. The classification uses Pinker theory as a guideline in analyzing data. The last one is, drawing a conclusion based on the data that has been analyzed.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

After analyzing the dialogue of *Deadpool*, the researcher found 81 swearing

expressions data in Table. 1 that included in types of swearing. 83 swearing expression

data in table. 2 that classified into three motives uttered by the characters in *Deadpool*.

**Table. 1 Types of Swearing in *Deadpool* Movie**

Types of Swearing	Quantity
Dyphemistic Swearing (DS)	5
Abusive Swearing (AS)	17
Idiomatic Swearing (IS)	19
Emphatic Swearing (ES)	22
Carthatic Swearing (CS)	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>

**Table. 2 Reasons of Swearing in *Deadpool* Movie**

Reasons of Swearing	Quantity
Psychology Motives	43
Social Motives	25
Linguistic Motives	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>

***Dyphemistic Swearing***

Dyphemistic swearing is a kind of swearing expression that is to show how someone who utters to swear in order to provoke others.

**Meghan’s Friend: “Hey, think you could f\*ck up my step dad”**

**Deadpool : “I give a guy a pavement facial, it’s because he’s earned it”**

The conversation between Megan’s friend and deadpool take place in the informal place, the street where young kids hang out. Deadpool approached Meghan first to tell her that he gave her enemy a lesson. Meghan feeling extremely happy and thankful to

Deadpool. After that, suddenly Meghan’s friend talk to Deadpool ask for help. Constantly, she said “think you could f\*ck up my step dad” to show she needs help. The use of “f\*ck up” uttered by Meghan’s friend because she knows that Deadpool has been help Meghan by fight off someone who has bothered her. Indirectly, Meghan’s Friend ask Deadpool to help her finish off her step father by saying so. It can be said that the words uttered by Meghan’s friend belong to this type since by its mean is to provoke other to think about negative matter the listener, that is Deadpool.

***Abusive Swearing***

This type of swearing usually used to insult by saying swear words to others or for a particular person whose swear words are specifically intended by someone who uttered it.

**Deadpool :** “Now, if I were a 200-pound sack of as\*holes named Francis, where would I hide?”

The use of “as\*hole” uttered by Deadpool is in the situation where he has finished his enemy and looking for someone named Francis to give him a revenge. He said that after finish off all of his enemy and said it to insult Francis happily. By that word that Deadpool said, it indicates that is abusive swearing. Deadpool insult Francis as its type mean, insult someone specifically and Deadpool do it by saying his enemy’s name, add swear word “as\*hole” with it. Actually, he speaks for himself but the way and the words he said is belonging to this type.

### *Idiomatic Swearing*

Idiomatic swearing is swearing expression that is intended to express a feeling of someone who comfortable to swear with. It can be happened between a person who close enough to saying some swear words.

**Deadpool :** “I want you to remember me. Not the ghost of chrismast me”

**Vanessa:** “Well, I wanna remember us”.

**Deadpool :** “I swear to God, I will find you in the next life and I’m gonna

**boom- box careless whisper outside your window.**

**Vanessa:** “No one is boom-boxing, okay? We can fight this. Besides, I just realized something. You win. Your life officially way more f\*cked up than mine.”

The type of swearing is idiomatic swearing since Vanessa and Deadpool are lovers. This situation happens when they both have argument about Deadpool diagnosed with a cancer and he feeling desperate about it. Vanessa explains to him that nothing to have to worry about. Vanessa tries to cheer up Deadpool by saying “Your life officially way more f\*cked up than mine”. This line means that Deadpool’s life is more wrecked than Vanessa’s. It doesn’t mean Vanessa insult Deadpool but just want to be fun to each other to face this problem and trying to be fine. Those words are idiomatic swearing since they are lovers and very close to each other, and usually to swear. By saying so, it indicates that they both comfortable to each other by swearing around.

### *Emphatic Swearing*

Empathic Swearing is type of swearing where its used to claim the problem or point out the problem itself by say a swear word.

**Francis’s Partner:** “They wont disappoint”

**Francis :** “They’d better not”

**Francis’s Partner :** “And what about next month’s shipment?”

**Francis : “There wont be one. You’re not the only one with a war to win”**

**Francis’s Partner : “They wont do”**

**Francis : “See, we’ve had this small disruption to our supply chain. We’d appreciate your patient.” (while strangling his partner's neck and lifting it)**

**Francis’s Partner :”Okay...”**

**Francis : “Pleasure doing business with you”**

**Francis’s Partner : “Fu\*king mutant”**

This situation is where Francis and his partner negotiating about a business interest. At first, everything looks fine between them and discuss silently. After discuss some their interest, in the middle of their discussion, the situation gets tense when Francis approaches his partner and start to strangled his neck while say some words that have means threat and his partner has no idea about what happened and angree easily about what Francis said.

Angry because he feels debased, Francis’s partner starts to swearing after Francis left him behind. “fu\*cking mutant” uttered by Francis’s partner indicates that the problem is on Francis who a mutant. Adding a “f\*king” in it, he tries to assert the problem, that is Francis. It belongs to emphatic swearing because all the Francis’s partner does and say is to point out the problem he experienced.

### ***Cathartic Swearing***

Cathartic swearing is a type of swearing that occurs when someone feeling

down due to bad things that happened and have to show it by swearing.

**Deadpool : “What have you done to me?”**

**Francis : “I’ve merely raised your stress levels high enough to trigger a mutation”**

**Deadpool : “You sadistic f\*ck!”**

**Francis : “I’ve cured you, Wade. Now your mutated cells can heal anything. Its attacking your cancer as it can form. yeah I’ve seen similar side- effect before. I could cure them. But whereas the fun in that? Now, Im gonna shut you in again, Wade. Not because I need to, but because I want to”**

This dialogue happens when Francis tries to changed Deadpool become a mutant. He forced Deadpool by put him in a capsule where he wants to change him. Deadpool has no idea about what Francis would do. After being changed, in pain where his body is burn and his looks really different with the looks, he was, Deadpool swearing by say “You sadistic f\*uck” to Francis.

Without feeling sorry, Francis being happily about what he did to him that makes Deadpool even angry to Francis. Not without reason, he said so because he is feeling extremely pain by Francis do to him and feeling extremely angry to Francis. By this line, it can be said that this included into cathartic swearing since its used to express the bad thing and having a hard time.

### ***Psychological Motives***

This kind of reason of swearing that is used to express feeling of someone who uttered it. Such as happy, annoyed, angry.

**Deadpool :** “Oh sh\*t! I forgot my ammo bag”

**Dopinder :** “Shall we turn back?”

**Deadpool :** “no, no time”

This situation is in the taxi where Dopinder drop off Deadpool to go to meet his enemy to finish off them. On his way, Deadpool checking his thing and realized that he forgets to bring one thing. Feeling confused, the taxi driver. Dopinder has an idea to get back to get his thing that left behind. Deadpool swearing by say “oh sh\*t” to himself suddenly because he forgets to bring his ammo bag. The use of “sh\*t” uttered by Deadpool is included into Psychological motives since Deadpool feel annoyed and angry of himself about what happen to him and not intended to others.

### ***Social Motives***

Social motives are kind of motive used to insult others but to express close relationship between someone who uttered it and the person they swear for. Usually this motive is to show some solidarity, strengthen a friendship.

**Weasel :** “Nobody wins today. Nice try Wade. You got me. I picked

**boothe in the deadpool”**

**Deadpool :** “Who did you pick?”

**Weasel :** “Yeah, Wade, about that, um....”

**Deadpool :** “No. you did not bet on me to die. You bet on me to die. Wow!

**Mother f\*cker, you’re the world’s worst friend. Well, joke’s on you. I’m living to 102. And then dying. Like the city of Detroit”**

**Weasel :** “I’m sorry. I just.... I wanted to win money. I never win anything”

**Deadpool :** “Whatever”

The use of “motherf\*cker” uttered by Deadpool is belong to social motives. The situation is in the bar where Deadpool come to meet his friend named Weasel who works there. There is a fight, and Weasel being a judge because that fight is a bet.

Watching silently without know being a bet, Deadpool calm sit there. Suddenly, after see a fight between two man, suddenly Deadpool find his name in the board in the front of him written as a bet by his friend, Weasel. Feel annoyed, he says “Motherf\*cker, you’re the world’s worst friend. Well, joke’s on you” to Weasel to insult his friend but not mean to insult his friend but just show they are very close to each other and use to be swear but in a friendship way. Since they both are close friend.

### ***Linguistic Motives***

This kind of motives is used to point out the point of something that being talked or discussed. The use of any kind of words is

able to say by users as long as it can deliver or convey the message.

**Jeremy :** “Look, would it help if I slow it down for you?”

**Mr. Merchant :** “I did not order the pizza.”

**Jeremy :** “Is this 7348 red ledge drive? Are you Mr. Merchant?”

**Mr. Merchant :** “yeah, the Mr. Merchant who didn’t order the fu\*king pie!”

This dialogue is happen in the apartment where a pizza man, Jeremy as the pizza man deliver a pizza to Mr.Merchant’s apartment. He gets confused and thinking hard as he really orders it. With a question in his head, he expressly refused because didn’t order it. and the pizza man still forced him to admit it and even to forced him more that the pizza man believes that he came and deliver it to the right address.

Feeling annoyed, angry and not willing to accept the pizza, and just because the pizza man do, suddenly. he adds “f\*cking” in the sentence “the Mr. Merchant who didn’t order the fu\*king pie!” to the pizza man angrily. The use of “fu\*king” spoken by Mr.Merchant is to assert the problem happened that he didn’t do that thing by explaining to the pizza man, that is, order the pizza.

## CONCLUSION

The researcher found 81 data of types of swearing and 83 data of reason of swearing

from total 83 data. The theory of Pinker (2010) of types of swearing that states five types of swear words are still valid. It shows that emphatic swearing is dominate in *Deadpool*. While, psychological motives are found as the most used reasons for the characters to swear.

This research has the same objective with other studies that the researcher uses in this research, those are finding the types and the reasons of swearing. It is found that the result is consistent as found there are five types of swearing and three motives of the reasons of swearing. This research is extended from previous studies because it is finding the types and the reasons of swearing from all of characters in the movie while others only focus in the main character.

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