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# CORPUS LINGUISTICS PROJECT: SEEKING THE USE OF DEMONSTRATIVE IN SONGS WRITTEN BY EMINEM

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#### ABSTRACT

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Demonstrative, Seeking, Eminem Songs, Corpus, Linguistics Project The object of this study is to identify the kinds of demonstrative that are used in the songs written by Eminem. In English, there is the word this, that, these, and those. Demonstratives are used to designate the place for an object, person, or thing and to indicate pronouns that have already been mentioned. The song contains lyrics and music. Songs can be used as an accessible learning medium in learning a foreign language. In improving understanding of English about demonstrative, this research belongs to qualitative research to find out the dominant types of demonstrative used in the songs by Eminem. Researchers use the observation method to collect data, while the data collection technique is listening and analyzing the songs. The data obtained came from the songs contained in the album written by Eminem from 2009 to 2014. In this study, researchers looked for the most widely used demonstrative words in Eminem's song lyrics. There were 59 songs in the analysis and consisted of 5 albums. The use of demonstratives in the song is very much, especially the demonstrative "That." That is used to replace singular and uncountable nouns that are far away.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The language is a system of articulated signifying sound symbols that are arbitrary and conventional, used to communicate by a group of people for feelings and thoughts. (Wibowo, 2001: 3). Language is the most crucial system in human life. In everyday life, everyone will communicate with others with language. Speaking is one of the essential aspects of human life for survival. People will not be able to live alone; they will need other people and need to communicate with others because, in essence, humans are born as social creatures whose lives depend on other people. Language is the only system or tool used by humans to communicate with others.

Socially collectively, language is a means of interacting with each other (Pringgawidagda, 2002: 4). According to Ferdinand De Saussure, language is the most prominent distinguishing feature because, with language, each social group feels like a different unit from other groups. Meanwhile, according to cognitive psychologists, language is a communication system in which thoughts are transmitted (transmitted) by voice (as in

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written words or physical cues). With language people will be easier to communicate with others. Apart from learning the mother tongue, and the national language (the country's official language), we must also to master foreign languages. Language is important in learning because these activities focus on how to move humans/learners to carry out learning activities. Language becomes a delivery medium so that learning reaches a certain point as a predetermined competency. As speakers of a language in communicating, some elements in learning place humans as the same elements, while other elements are complementary to be able to express language in learning communication (Bakhtiar, 2014: 93). Human knowledge can develop due to two factors. First, humans have a language capable of communicating information and thinking that is the background of the information. Second, humans can though according to a particular line of thinking framework-development of language and broader human knowledge. In the world of education today, there is foreign language learning. A foreign language is a language that is not the native language of a particular country. Foreign languages are used as a second choice in subjects and not used for daily communication. Foreign language studies began when the Romans learned Greek as their second language before the 19th century. Foreign languages begin to be studied by Europeans, thought of methods for teaching a second or foreign language.

Today English is one of the most studied foreign languages. Chomsky (1965) considers language skills to be the mastery of language rules (competence) and how to use them (performance). In line with Chomsky's opinion, in learning, people have to understand the use of words in English, one of which is demonstrative. Demonstrative consists of the words this, that, these, and those. Demonstratives are used to designate an object, person, or thing and to indicate pronouns that have already been mentioned.

Songs are a medium using in English learning activities. Songs with various genres and sung using a good voice can make it easier to understand language, intonation, and pronunciation. The song consists of lyrics and music. Moeliono (2007: 628) explained that song lyrics are literary works in poetry that contain an outpouring of the heart as the composition of a song. To use a lyric, a poet must be good at processing words. Based on the explanation, this research focuses on finding the word demonstrative in Eminem's song. The songs that will be analyzed consist of songs in Eminem's 5 albums from 2009 to 2014.

Several previous researchers have examined the same topic related to this study. Firstly, it is carried out by Roy Randy Y. Briones, with his research entitled A Demonstrative Analysis of News Articles Using Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis Framework. This research is about demonstrating Norman Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) framework by conducting an internal and external level analysis of two online news articles that report submission of their findings to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) regarding the "Mamasapano Incident" that occurred in the Philippines in 2015.

Ade Irma Suryani writes the second research with her research entitled A Contrastive Study of Demonstrative Pronoun In English and Japanese. This researcher studies the research report, which consists of discussing the various kinds, functions, and positions of demonstrative pronouns in English and Japanese.

As early-stage EFL students, they must understand what is demonstrative. Demonstratives (truncated dem) are words, such as this and that, utilized to show which substances are being referred to and to recognize those substances from others. They are typically deictic; their meaning depends on a specific outline of reference and cannot be caught without setting. Demonstratives are frequently utilized in spatial deixis (where the speaker or some of the time the listener are to supply setting), but too in intra-discourse reference (counting theoretical concepts) or anaphora, where the meaning is subordinate on

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something other than the relative physical area of the speaker, for illustration whether something is right now being said or was said prior. One thing that students must know in learning English is the use of demonstrative. As EFL students, they must become familiar with what a demonstrative is, create it and use it. Understanding demonstrative is essential for EFL students because demonstrative is always there, even in simple English.

In this research, the writer will seek demonstrative use, especially demonstrative with singular nouns & uncountable nouns, and demonstrative with plural countable nouns.

	Away from the speaker	Close to the speaker
Demonstrative with singular	That	This
nouns		
& uncountable nouns		
<b>Demonstrative with</b>	Those	These
plural countable nouns		

Example of using the words this, that, these, and those:

- Is *this* Emil's house?
- Is *that* John's car over there?
- *These* flowers are mine.
- *Those* grapes are yours.

From the above statement, the author is interested in using demonstrative in songs written by Eminem, especially demonstrative with singular nouns & uncountable nouns, and demonstrative with plural countable nouns. This research data is a demonstrative word found from the songs contained in the album written by Eminem from 2009 to 2014. The observation method used by researchers to collect data is the data collection technique with listening and analyzing the songs. The data obtained came from the songs contained in the album written by Eminem from 2009 to 2014.

### **METHOD**

According to Sugiyono (2011), the research method is a scientific way to obtain data with specific purposes and uses. In this research, the method used is the descriptive qualitative method. According to Winartha (2006: 155), the descriptive analysis method analyzes, describes, and summarizes various conditions, situations from multiple data collected in interviews or observations regarding the problems to be studied. Meanwhile, according to Sugiyono (2008: 4), the analysis method is a method based on the post-positivism philosophy, used to examine natural object conditions, where the researcher is the key instrument.

Qualitative research results focus on meaning rather than generalizations. This research emphasizes the meaning of the results. Here the role of the searcher is as the primary data collector. Researchers use the observation method to collect data, while the data collection technique is listening and analyzing the songs. The research data came from the analysis of songs from Eminem. The songs that will be analyzed are the songs contained in the 5 Eminem albums from 2009 to 2014. The data will contain the number of expressive words that are the most widely used in each song.

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### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this research, researchers collected data from listening to songs then analyzing the lyrics. The data obtained will show the number of demonstrative pronouns in the song. The data also shows the most widely used demonstrative pronouns. The total data obtained is 1,105. The data from the analysis of Eminem's song lyrics are as follows:

Table 1: Number of songs in Relapse: Refill (2009) album

No	Song Title		Analy	Total		
		This	That	These	Those	
1	Forever	18	7	3	-	28
2	Hell Breaks Loose	13	15	-	-	28
3	Bufallo Bill	1	3		21	25
4	Elevator	6	22	1	-	29
5	Taking My Ball	-	4	-	1	5
6	Music Box	2	5	-	-	7
7	Drop the Bomb	3	5	-	-	8
	On'em					
	Total	43	61	4	22	130

From the table above, it can be seen that the total of the total demonstrative pronouns analyzed is 130. "That" is the most widely used demonstrative pronoun in the song lyrics on the Refill album, with a total of 61. "That" refers to nouns that are further away in time or space. Then the second most are "This" with a total of 43. "This" refers to nouns that are nearby in time or space. In third place, there are "Those" with 22 and finally "These" with a total of 4.

Table 2: Number of songs in Recovery (2010) album

No	Song Title	Analysis Word				Total
		This	That	These	Those	
1	Cold Wind Blows	9	11	1	-	21
2	Talkin	6	8	2	1	17
3	On Fire	10	6	1	2	19
4	Won't Back	2	12	2	-	14
	Down					
5	W.T.P	5	10	-	-	20
6	Going Through	7	6	1	-	14
	Changes					
7	Not Afraid	11	9	4	1	30
8	Seduction	3	12	1	-	16
9	Space Bound	6	7	1	-	14
10	No Love	3	11	6	-	20
11	Cinderella Man	5	3	-	-	8
12	25 to Life	11	6	-	-	17
13	So Bad	3	11	1	-	15
14	Almost Famous	6	4	13	-	23
15	Love The Way	2	16	-	-	18



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	You Lie					
16	You're Never	13	10	3	-	26
	Ever					
17	Untitled	3	8	-	-	11
18	Ridaz	9	9	-	-	18
19	Session One	9	6	-	-	15
	Total	151	165	36	4	336

From the table above, the total number of demonstrative pronouns is 336. Of the 19 songs analyzed, "That" is the most widely used demonstrative pronoun in this album with a total of 165 songs, the same as in the Refill album. "This" is the second most demonstrative pronoun with a total of 151 followed by "These" in third place with a total of 36, and "Those" coming in last with a total of 4.

Table 3: Number of songs in Straight From the Vault (2011) album

No	Song Title		Analy	sis Word		Total
		This	That	These	Those	
1	The People's Champ	3	3	-	-	6
2	Get Money	3	8	-	-	11
3	Emulate	4	6	2	-	12
4	Things Get Worse	11	4	-	-	15
5	Ballin' Uncontrollably	2	7	1	-	10
6	My Dad's Gone Crazy	4	10	1	-	15
7	Wee Wee	-	8	-	-	8
8	G.O.A.T	4	24	3	6	37
9	The Apple	7	3	-	1	11
10	It's Been Real	3	1	-	-	4
11	Fly Away	4	2	3	-	9
	Total	45	76	10	7	138

In the album Straight From the Fault, the total of demonstrative pronouns is 138. From the table above, it can be seen that "That" is still the most demonstrative pronoun as in the previous album, with a total of 76 in the song. "This" is also still the second most demonstrative with a total of 45. Followed by "These" in third place with a total of 10 and in fourth place was "Those" with 7.

**Table 4**: Number of songs in The Marshall Mathers LP 2 (2013) album

No	Song Title	Analysis Word				Total
		This	That	These	Those	
1	Baby	7	16	-	-	23
2	Bad Guy	17	23	-	1	41
3	Beautiful Pain	5	8	-	-	13
4	Berzerk	9	10	1	-	20
5	Brainless	14	7	2	1	24



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6	Desperation	16	13	-	-	29
7	Don't Front	2	13	1	3	19
8	Evil Twin	8	15	3	-	26
9	Groundhog Day	11	6	1	-	18
10	Headlights	12	11	-	-	23
	Total	101	122	8	5	236

In the Marshall Mathers LP 2, the researcher analyzed ten songs and got 236 demonstrative pronoun words in all the songs. "That" is the most demonstrative pronoun used in the entire song, especially in the song Bad Guy with 23 words. The total number of demonstrative pronouns "That" is 122. The second highest order of demonstrative pronouns is "This," with 101 and the most number found in the song Bad Guy with 17 words. The third highest place is "These" with a total of 8 and finally "Those" with five words.

Table 5: Number of songs in Shady XV (2014) album

No	Song Title		Total			
		This	That	These	Those	
1	Detroit Vs	13	26	4	-	43
	Everybody					
2	Die Alone	5	5	3	-	13
3	Down	10	16	4	-	30
4	Fine Line	11	5	2	1	19
5	Guts Over Fear	11	13	-	-	24
6	Lose Yourself	10	3	-	-	13
7	Psycpath Killer	5	7	3	-	15
8	Right For Me	4	16	-	-	20
9	Shady	7	17	2	-	26
10	Twisted	7	10	-	-	17
11	Vegas	13	14	2	1	30
12	Y'all Ready Know	4	10	1	-	15
	Total	100	142	21	2	265

In this Shady XV album, the total demonstrative pronoun is 265, with "That" being the most used demonstrative. The total "That" in the entire song on this album is 142 words. "This" is the second most demonstrative with a total of 100 words. "These" with a total of 21 is the third most. "Those" came in the last place with a total of 2 words.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Demonstratives are divided into the words this, that, these, and those. In this study, researchers looked for the most widely used demonstrative words in Eminem's song lyrics. There were 59 songs in the analysis and consisted of 5 albums. The use of demonstratives in the song is very much, especially the demonstrative "That". That is used to replace singular and uncountable nouns that are far away.

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In the lyrics of Eminem's song, rap, demonstratives are used to replace nouns. The use of demonstratives makes the lyrics more colorful in describing the song to be not monotonous. Through this research, the researcher knows that demonstrative song lyrics play significant role. It is because almost all kinds of words from demonstrative pronouns are in every song. In addition, knowing the function and use of demonstratives is very important in using good grammar in communication.

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