

English Similes and Their Contextual Meaning in the Lyrics of English Love Songs

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ABSTRACT

The reason why the writer interested in analyzing similes is because it is important to know the contextual meaning of the similes in the lyrics of English love songs. There are so many similes included in the song lyrics especially in love song. Similes are one of the most frequently used figures of speech. Therefore, the writer focused on researching the contextual meaning of similes in the lyrics of English love songs. The major aims of this research are to describe three kinds of similes and to explain the contextual meaning of similes in the lyrics of English love songs. This research uses descriptive qualitative method. By using this method, the writer collected the data which relate to the research. The use of this method is related to the problem formulation discussed in this research, which focused on explaining the contextual meaning of similes in the lyrics of English love songs. The sources of the data were taken from fifty four lyrics from forty five singers. The result of this research shows that the kinds of similes are similes using verbs, similes using nouns and similes using adjectives. The markers of those similes are “like”, “as” and “as...as”. Similes marked by the word “like” is the most frequently used. And the similes using nouns becomes the most frequent subcategory. The meaning of similes in the lyrics of English love songs varies depending on the context.

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