CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, I would like to draw some conclusions based on my findings after analyzing Black English in Eminem's rap songs. I find out that Black English used in Eminem's rap songs covers all of the linguistic areas, namely: Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Morphology, Phonology and Sociolinguistics. In addition to those linguistic areas, there are also two factors influencing Eminem in using Black English, which are environmental and social factors.

Firstly, in the syntactic area, I find out that Eminem includes the use of 'ain't' as an auxiliary, double negations, invariant 'be', pronoun exchange, subject-verb agreement, multi-modals in one sentence and the absence of the auxiliary. The reason for Eminem to use those characteristics of Black English is to make him identical with his friends which come from Black community. In addition, Eminem prefers using Black English in his daily activities. As we can see, Eminem comes from a lower class family with very minimum education; besides his living environment is dominated by the Black, which greatly influences him in using Black English.

Secondly, in semantic area, Eminem uses many swearwords, such as 'fuck', 'shit' and 'bitch' in his songs. He uses those swearwords because he wants to express his feelings and thoughts more effectively when writing those songs. Sometimes, people use swearwords more often than ordinary words, especially when they are in a bad mood. This condition also happens to Eminem, who has a bad temperament. Furthermore, I have also discovered that there are some slang words which I find in Eminem songs, and the purpose of using the slang words is to make the song more impressive.

Thirdly, In Pragmatics we can find out that all of the swearwords used in Eminem's rap songs have two meanings, literal and non-literal. Non-literally, all of the swearwords have a bad connotation because the purpose of the swearwords is to curse someone. Normally, the situation, place and condition influence the speaker in using those swearwords; however, someone uses swearwords when they are in a bad mood. Mostly, the swearwords used in Eminem's rap song are non-literal because of the unfavorable situation and condition of the speaker. Consequently, the speaker can not resist themselves from saying those swearwords. In contrast, the literal meaning rarely appears in Eminem's songs.

Fourthly, morphological area reveals that Eminem uses clippings and blendings which are typical of Black people. The purpose of using those two processes is to make words shorter and easier to read; in addition, clippings and blendings are meant to make those words more rhythmical. In fact, Black people like words which are rhymed and thus reveal their identity.

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Fifthly, in phonological area, there is a sound substitution of /ŋ/ sound into /n/ sound, sound substitution, the absence of /ð/ sound, and the use of weak forms in Eminem's songs. The lyrics in Eminem's songs are typical of Black people's although Eminem himself is not Black. Eminem imitates the way Black people speak and act, so that he can show that rap music is not only dominated by the Black.

Finally, there are two factors which mostly influence Eminem in using Black English, namely environmental factors and social factors. I discover that the environmental factors mostly influence him in using Black English. Eminem lives in the Black community where he socializes with them; as a result, he follows the way the Black people talk. Having lived in the Black environment for many years, Eminem can not help using Black English like his friends. His purpose is to make him accepted in his environment and by the community. Moreover, using Black English can make Eminem feel easier to express his feelings and thoughts through his songs.

Whereas in social factors, I discover that Eminem has been raised by a mother who comes from a lower social status; consequently, she can not provide his child with a good education. This condition is the same as many Black people who are mostly uneducated and tend to use Black English rather than Standard English.

Eminem also found often angry with his wife and his mother. This condition influences him when he is writing his song lyrics; in addition, social factors greatly influence him in using many swearwords in his songs. Eminem is famous for his song lyrics, which are very sarcastic. In fact, he likes to criticize the condition of the American government at the moment.

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Furthermore, I discover that Eminem's purpose in using Black English is to make himself identical with Black people who are mostly rappers. Therefore, Eminem is known as the first white person who becomes a solo rapper using Black English in the United States and in the world.

Although Eminem is known around the world because of his rudeness and his controversies, we can learn a unique style of language which has a fixed rule of itself in his songs, namely Black English. We can also know the reason why Eminem uses Black English through his biography and the factors which influence him in using Black English. Nowadays, in the United States, Black English is used not only by Blacks but also by some White people.

To end my thesis, I would like to conclude that the linguistic area that Eminem has mostly used in his songs is Syntax. There are so many aspects of Syntax which I can find in Eminem's songs, such as the use of 'ain't', multiple negations and invariant 'be', which are typical of Black people. Eminem is the same with the majority of Black people who are not as educated as White Americans. As a result, they do not pay much attention to Standard English grammar.