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An Analysis Of Idiomatic Expression Used In

"The Call Of The Wild" Movie

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Abstract

Analysis of Idiomatic Expressions in the Movie "The Call of the Wild", the purpose of this research is to identify the different idiomatic that were used in the movie "The Call of the Wild" and to decipher their true meanings. Researchers employed the theory of McCarty and O'Dell and an idiom dictionary to address the set research topics. This study employs qualitative descriptive research techniques. Data analysis was done by reduction and display information to draw conclusions. The study's conclusions are as follows: the six kinds of McCarty and O'Dell idiomatic idioms were discovered in the movie The Call of the Wild. The six categories of terms are similes idiom (7%), binomials idiom (5%), proverbs idiom (16%), euphemisms idiom (22%), cliches idiom (17%), and fixed statement idiom (33%). The most common form of idiomatic expression is a Fixed Statement idiom, which is the dominating idiom. On the other hand, binomial idioms are the style of idiomatic expression that The Call of the Wild uses the least. The implied meaning of idiomaticcan be deduced from the context of the statement in the movie, idioms cannot be understood in just one word or phrase, so they must be understood in the context of one sentence or

paragraph in order to understand the meaning of the original contextual.

Keywords: The Call Of The Wild Movie, Idiomatic Expression

1. Introduction

Language is a communication system used by humans to convey and understand messages between one another. It is an important tool in social interaction and helps us share information, thoughts, feelings, and ideas. According to Sugiati (2016: 1), language is a means of communication that has a very significant role in the social life of society to exchange ideas, express intentions, and convey messages to others. Language has many types and variants, including spoken languages and sign languages. language as a complex system that connects the thoughts of every human in this world. By using language, we can interact with the people around us, gain access to information through writing, the media, and the internet, and expand our reach and understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge. Each language has different grammar rules, key words, and vocabulary, so 14 it is important for people to learn a particular language to be able to communicate with others

who speak that language. Language does not only function as a means of communication, but also reflects the culture, history and identity of a group or society. Through language, people can learn and understand worldviews, traditions, and values.

In the current era of globalization and technological advances, English is a universal language that is extensively utilized for international communication. According to Puspita (2018: 3), English is a link language. As an international language, English functions as a global communication tool in various fields, such as business, academics, tourism, and diplomacy. In everyday life, the ability to speak 7 English can also help individuals communicate with people from various countries with different languages and cultures.

This can broaden social networks and open opportunities to study and work abroad.

academia, and the media. 7 English is used as the official language in many countries, so understanding this language can help one to communicate with people from different backgrounds and establish business relationships with international companies. In addition, the ability 23 to speak English is also important in the field of education. According to Listiani (2016: 3), Students must be motivated to communicate 1 in order to be able to exchange ideas that will expand their knowledge if they are to learn English well. Many literatures and learning resources are available in English such as scientific publications, journals, and websites, so that English proficiency can help individuals to obtain broader information and knowledge. English can also be found in various media such as TV, news, magazines, songs, and movies. Panjaitan et al. (2022: 2) stated that movie is an audiovisual work consisting of a series of moving images displayed sequentially to create the illusion of movement. Movies are created through a combination of moving 15 images, sound, and other visual elements. Movies are usually produced to be shown in theatre's, television, or streaming platforms. People can be educated and entertained at the same time when they watch a movie. Movie has the power to entertain, inspire, educate, and convey a message to its audience. In watching a movie, the audience can be emotionally involved with the story and characters, and enjoy the audiovisual experience provided by the movie. Movies can also be 1 a means of entertainment and an escape from everyday reality, providing an opportunity to explore new worlds and different experiences. In the global movie industry, English 15 is very important for audiences around the world who want to enjoy international movies, but sometimes movie enthusiasts are very confused about understanding the storyline in English-language movies because movies usually contain a lot of idioms that are foreign to hear and difficult to understand.

An idiom is an expression with a deeper meaning than their exact definition or the sum of its constituent words. According to Arizal (2022: 1), idiom (idiomatic expression) is a kind of informal language that has a different meaning from the sentence that has been written.

Idioms are often used in everyday language by native speakers to express thoughts or

ideas briefly and concisely. Idioms are characterized primarily by their meanings, which are not literally comprehensible from the meanings 1 of the words that make them up. The meaning of idioms is often unpredictable based solely on word-for-word knowledge of the language. Therefore, understanding idioms requires cultural knowledge, typical use of language, and the situational context in which the idioms are used. They add colour, style, and feel to everyday language and are often used in conversation. Understanding and using idiomatic expressions requires knowledge of cultural context and language use. Idiomatic expressions

improve language proficiency and help convey messages effectively, but their meaning cannot be translated literally.

Considering the foregoing explanation, the researcher chooses the movie "The Call of the Wild" to provide deeper insight into English used in different contexts, such as in movies.

This can help enrich our understanding of the culture and habits of people who use English as the main language. The researcher chose this movie because there are many idioms that can be found in the movie script. Some cultural knowledge has an impact on conversational statements in movies, so they need contextual explanations to interpret the meaning contained therein.

2. Theoretical Framework

According to Thao (2021: 12), that idiom (idiomatic expression) are 2 a type of informal language that have a meaning different from the meaning of the words in the expression.

Pratama & Damara (2018: 47), proposes idiomatic expressions proposes 24 are daily expressions that used by English speakers that the meaning is different from the actual literal meaning. A 2 phrase or expression in a language that has a particular meaning that cannot be deduced from the meanings of the individual words is called an idiom. Generally, these idioms have long existed and developed in a particular culture. They are used to

expressing an idea in a way that is unique and sometimes cannot be understood exclusively by non-native speakers or people who are not familiar with the idiom.

Idioms can give a more powerful feel to a conversation and add an interesting linguistic dimension. They help to convey meaning efficiently and effectively, and are often used satirically, describing feelings or situations in a more colorful way. Zaid (2019: 7), stated that native speakers always

5 use idioms in everyday communication because idiomatic expressions are colorful and interesting to use. However, understanding idioms is often a challenge for second language learners because it's not always possible to infer the meaning from the words that make up an idiom. It is crucial to note that idioms can vary between languages and different cultures. Therefore, understanding idioms in their proper cultural context

14 is key to using and understanding them properly.

According to McCarty and O'Dell as cited from Okfiyanti (2020, pp. 20) define 8 types of idioms: Similes, Binomials, Trinomials, Proverbs, Euphemisms, Cliché, Fixed Statements, and Other Language.

Following are explanations for each type of idiom:

- 1) Similes (Comparison): Simile is a type of idiom that uses a direct comparison between two different things. Similes often use words like "like" or "as" to connect the two things being compared.
- 2) Binomials (Word Pairs): Binomials are a type of idiom consisting of two words that are often used together and have a unique meaning distinct from the meaning of the words alone.
- 3) Trinomials are idiomatic expressions that consist of three words combined using a conjunction, typically "and," or "or," though "and" is more common.
- 4) Proverbs (Proverbs): Proverbs are a type of idiom in the form of short statements containing general advice or truths. Proverbs are often widely recognized sayings in a language or culture
- 5) Euphemisms: Euphemisms are 2 a type of idiom used to convey something in a more subtle or more polite way. Euphemisms are often used to replace words that are

considered inappropriate or less sensitive.

- 6) Clichés: Clichés are a type of idiom consisting of phrases or phrases that are used repeatedly so that they lose their allure or become clichés. Cliches are often very well-known expressions and are often used in a variety of contexts.
- 7) Fixed statements are idioms that you hear and use frequently in ordinary conversation. remarks made in casual conversation, for example:
- 8) The other languages are mostly derived from Latin or French.

3. Research Method

According to Creswell (2012: 3), research is a process of steps used to collect and analyse information to increase our understanding of a topic or problem. This research is a process of obtaining information by collecting data on idioms in "The Call of The Wild" Movie. The approach used in this study is qualitative, which focuses on understanding the observed phenomena. The qualitative approach was chosen because it has flexibility and is not complicated in defining concepts, as well as providing opportunities for changes if more basic evidence is found.

In analysing the data, the data is first gathered by the writer, who then analyses it. 7 The process of analysing data derived from research findings is known as data analysis. Non-statistical analysis methods are employed by researchers. In this research, the researcher utilized the procedural steps of Miles and Huberman as cited by Wuri et al. (2021: 37), such as data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing/verification. The following is an explanation of the 3-step method of analysing research data as follows:

1. Data reduction

Data reduction is the process of selecting, merging, simplifying, and reducing data. This involves extracting relevant information from 4 field notes or written transcripts, then summarizing and translating it. The main data sources in qualitative research are words and actions, while secondary data can be in the form of written documents, pictures or

videos.

2. Data Display

After the data is reduced, the next step is to present the data. In qualitative research, data can be presented in various forms, such as descriptions, tables, flowcharts, and so on. In this analysis, the researcher prefers to explain information about the kinds of idioms contained in the movie "The Call of The Wild".

3. Conclusion drawing/verification

Before drawing conclusions, the researcher must summarize all the research results and evaluate their implications. Based on the research findings contained in the movie "The Call of The Wild".

4. Result and Discussion

Result

After the researcher watched the movie "The Call of The Wild" there are several things that will be explained in the findings of this research. Several answers to the questions contained in the research question will be presented.

In this case, the researcher found various kinds of idiomatic expressions in the film "The Call of The Wild" then the researcher categorized the types of ideomoatic expressions found, based on McCarthy and O' Dell's theory and the meaning of these expressions.

After the researcher did the analysis of idiomatic expressions in the movie "The Call of The Wild", the researcher finds eight types of idiomatic expressions in the movie. They are Similies, Binomials, Trinomials, Proverbs, Euphemisms, Clichés, Fixed Statements and Other.

Language. The researcher found a total of 86 idiomatic expressions by identifying films using the theory of McCarthy and O' Dell.

Where the researcher found that in Similies there are 6 idiomatic expressions, Binomials there are 4 idiomatic expressions, Proverbs there are 14 idiomatic expressions, Euphemisms there are 19 idiomatic expressions, Clichés there are 15 idiomatic

expressions, and Fixed Statements there are 28 idiomatic expressions.

Based on the findings above, the most dominant idiomatic expression in the movie "The Call of The Wild" is "Fixed Statement" with 28 idiomatic expressions used. This accounts for about 33% of all idiomatic expressions found in the movie. The second most frequently occurring idiomatic expression is "Euphemisms" with 19 idiomatic expressions, which account for about 22% of the total idiomatic expressions in the movie. In the third position, there are "Clichés" with 15 idiomatic expressions or about 17% in the movie. "Proverbs" occupies the fourth position with 14 idiomatic expressions or about 16% in the movie. The fifth idiomatic expression is "Similies" with 6 idiomatic expressions, which account for about 7%. The sixth is "Binomials" with 4 idiomatic expressions, which only covers about 5% in the movie. and the last one is Trinomial and Other language with 0 data. The percentage

Diagram picture 4.1 : Idiomatic Expression

1. Similes

Similes (Comparison) is a figure of speech and a literary device that involves making a comparison between two different things or concepts using the words "like", "as for as", "as much as". Similes are used to create vivid and imaginative descriptions, drawing similarities between the known and the unfamiliar to enhance understanding or create a more engaging and colorful expression.

There are examples of 6 Similies idiom type in the movie 13 "The Call of The Wild":

Table 4.1: Similes idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom

Meaning

as far as word can travel

This phrase uses the simile "as far as word can travel" to describe how quickly excitement and enthusiasm spread among people.

2

Get up like one

"Get up like one": This expression means to recover or stand up together as a unified group. It highlights the idea of teamwork and unity.

3

like it might happen

This simile compares Perrault's daily driving 5 to someone who is constantly prepared or cautious, suggesting he is always ready for something unexpected.

4

As much as he believes in you

This simile compares the level of belief or trust that Perrault has in "Buck" with something else, emphasizing the strength of his belief.

5

He's not like him

This expression shows the difference or contrast that occurs in an unusual Spitz. Perrault usually always saw Spitz but at that time he didn't see him.

6

It's like he's vanished

This simile compares the situation that occurred to the vanishing or missing spitz, highlighting a mysterious or unexplained absence.

2. Binomials

Binomials (Word Pairs) are expressions or phrases that consist of two words or parts that are typically joined by a conjunction such as "and," "or," or "but." These word pairs are

commonly used together in a specific order, and the combination of the two words often has a specific meaning that may not be directly deducible from the meanings of the individual words.

There are examples of 4 Binomials idiom type in the movie "The Call of The Wild":

Table 2: Binomials idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom

Meaning

1

Club and fang

Describes a harsh and unforgiving law or rule, often used in the context of survival in the wilderness.

2

Beaten but not broken

This binomial indicates that 29 although Buck was physically defeated or overpowered by the man with a club, he remained mentally strong or resilient. It suggests that while he may have lost the battle, he did not lose his spirit or determination.

3

And edge of nowhere

Refers to a remote and isolated location, is situated at the edge of a vast and desolate wilderness, often used when describing places that are far from civilization.

4

Young and flourish

imply that something or someone is both young and showing signs of healthy growth.

3. Proverbs

Proverbs are traditional sayings or expressions that convey a piece of wisdom, truth, or

advice based on common sense, cultural beliefs, or practical experiences. These concise statements often offer guidance or moral lessons in a memorable and easily understandable form. Proverbs are typically passed down through generations within a culture and play a significant role in folklore, literature, and everyday communication.

There are examples of 14 Proverbs idiom type in the movie "The Call of The Wild":

Table 4.3: Proverbs idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom

Meaning

1

All that glitters is not gold.

This proverb implies that not everything that appears valuable or attractive on the surface is truly valuable.

2

A pack can have only one leader

This proverb implies that within a group or team, there should be a clear and single leader to avoid confusion or conflict.

3

You can't make up this much time

This phrase reflects the idea that once time is lost or wasted, it cannot be regained or made up.

4

They don't need me and my sled anymore

This saying expresses the idea that someone or something has become unnecessary or obsolete.

5

You never 5 know what's coming

This proverb underscores the unpredictability of life and how unexpected events can occur at any time.

6

It's everywhere. Take it, take it all. It won't change anything

This phrase suggests that material wealth or possessions, symbolized by gold in the context, won't necessarily bring happiness or fulfillment.

7

Don't touch him until we hear all the facts

This saying 12 emphasizes the importance of gathering all the information before passing judgment or taking action.

8

We fall all together, but so do we get up as one

This proverb highlights 1 the idea that unity and cooperation are essential when facing challenges or adversity.

9

In the world of men, Buck had learned to listen to their voices

This saying implies that adapting and understanding the language or behavior of a particular group or environment is crucial for survival.

10

"Off the map, where no one's been" That's... that's what he loved

A real adventure

This saying encourages exploration and taking risks beyond what is familiar or known.

11

They don't understand you, just do what Spitz does

This reflects 1 the idea that sometimes, individuals conform to the norms or behaviors of a group, even if they don't fully understand them.

He was less attentive to his master's commands

This phrase implies that when individuals become more independent or self-reliant, they may pay less attention to authority figures.

13

No man 14 needs more than that

This proverb suggests contentment with simple necessities rather than excessive desires.

14

You see, I knew him once when he was just a dog at a man's side

This phrase reflects the idea that individuals or animals can undergo transformative experiences or growth over time.

4. Euphemisms

Euphemisms 22 are figures of speech or expressions used to replace direct, blunt, or potentially offensive words or phrases with milder or more socially acceptable ones. 15

They are often employed to discuss sensitive, delicate, or uncomfortable topics in a less harsh or confrontational manner. Euphemisms can serve various purposes, including politeness, avoidance of taboos, or softening 1 the impact of distressing or unpleasant information.

There are examples of 19 Euphemisms idiom type in the movie 13 "The Call of The Wild":

Table 4.4: Euphemisms idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom

Meaning

1

The yellow metal

refer to gold

A mad fever's spread

refer to gold rush.

3

To try their luck

this is for seeking gold.

4

Thousands of gold rushers

for individuals participating in the gold rush.

5

News of the Klondike

refer 26 to information about the Klondike gold rush.

6

He was less attentive to his master's commands

for disobedience.

7

Crying for a dog

for showing emotional attachment or concern for a dog.

8

He's 18 not broken, he just got fall of his feet

for being exhausted or fatigued.

9

We carry lives

for delivering important mail.

10

Spitz' had her enough

for a change in leadership among sled dogs.

11

He grabbed a pencil and he drew a bound line off the map

For venturing into uncharted territory.

12

This for Mrs. Birthday

for a birthday gift.

13

My fortune is lost

this is for losing a substantial amount of money.

14

It's your ancestors

for wild wolves.

15

It's their domain, they own this house

This is for the wolves' territory.

16



for rebuilding one's life.

17

It's everywhere, take it all

for the abundance of gold in the area.

18

You're home

to returning to one's place of origin.

19

He remembers kind hands and old masters

to remembering past human companions.

5. Clichés

Cliches are expressions, phrases, or ideas that have been overused to the point where they have lost their originality, impact, or effectiveness. They often come across as trite, predictable, or lacking in creativity because they have been used so frequently that they no longer provide fresh or meaningful insights. Clichés can be found in various forms, including idiomatic expressions, catchphrases, sayings, or even plot elements in stories.

There are examples of 15 Clichés idiom type in the movie 13 "The Call of The Wild":

Table 4.5: Cliches idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom

Meaning

1

All in the papers 1 at the time

This cliché is used to indicate that something was widely known or publicized. It means that the information was commonly reported in newspapers.

2

Mad fever's spread

This cliché suggests that a strong enthusiasm or obsession has taken hold of many people, often in a reckless or irrational way.

3

To try their luck

This cliché means attempting something in the hope of achieving success, often with an element of risk or uncertainty.

4

His master

Referring to someone as "his master" 21 is a cliché that implies a strong and loyal relationship between a person and their pet or servant.

King of the realm

This cliché suggests that 2 someone or something holds a dominant or authoritative position within a specific context or domain.

6

Out of the way!

This 21 phrase is a cliché used to demand that someone or something move aside or make room for another.

7

Men with a club

This cliché refers to individuals who use force or violence to assert control or dominance over others.

8

Edge of nowhere

This cliché describes a remote or isolated location, often implying that it 16 is far from civilization.

9

Fall all together

This cliché means that 26 a group of people or things will experience success or failure collectively, with shared outcomes.

10

Off the map

This cliché refers to going to a place or pursuing a path that is uncharted or not commonly explored.

11



This cliché means to attempt to restore or recover something that has been damaged or broken.

12

It's everywhere

This cliché suggests that something is abundant and can be found easily in many places.

13

Won't bring back the dead

This cliché reminds us that no matter what we do, we cannot change the past or resurrect those who have passed away.

14

Remember kind hands

This cliché reflects on the memory of people who have treated someone or something with care and compassion.

15

Heard the call

This cliché implies that someone has responded to their inner calling or instinct, often suggesting a strong sense of purpose or destiny.

6. Fixed Statements

Fixed Statements 9 also known as fixed expressions or formulaic language, are specific phrases or sentences that have become standardized and are commonly used in everyday

conversation, often without much variation. These expressions are deeply ingrained in a language and are often recognized and understood by native speakers without the need for further explanation.

There are examples of 28 Fixed statements idiom type in the movie The Call of The Wild":

Table 4.6: Fixed statements idiom and the meaning

No.

Idiom Meaning 1 Come on there An informal command to encourage someone or something to move or act. 2 Here, good boy. Used to praise or encourage a well-behaved dog. 3 I'm so sorry An apology for a mistake or misbehavior. 4 Don't you dare!. This expression is used to emphasize a prohibition or to express firm disapproval of an action 5 that the person may take. 5 Usually Indicates that something is typically the case. 6 Settle A command to calm down or become quiet. 7 Why don't you sit out here and think on what you've done? Suggests taking time to reflect on one's actions. 8 I need help with this last transfer. A request for assistance in completing a task.

9

What 7 in the world is in this thing? Expresses surprise or curiosity about the contents of something. 10 Just one, locked in that box. Refers to a single item or individual enclosed in a locked container. 11 Easy boy. A calming phrase to reassure or calm a dog 12 She deserves it. Expresses the belief that someone deserves something. 13 That's mine Claims ownership of something. 14 Good morning A polite greeting used 16 in the morning. 15 It's been a long time Indicates that a significant amount of time has passed since the last meeting. 16 Good to see you Expresses happiness at seeing someone. 17 Mush! A command used to instruct a dog team to start moving. 18

Tied up

It is means being busy.
19
Get up
To rise or stand up.
20
Growing up
he process of maturity.
21
Make up
To reconcile or resolve a disagreement or conflict.
22
Get off me!
command to stay away.
23
came up
rrived or reached a certain place or destination.
24
Stay out
used to limit access to the area or to keep someone from entering it.
25
Get out
used as a command or instruction for someone to leave a particular place or area.
26
Go on
often added to reinforce the command and urge the person to continue moving or
departing.
27
Hands off

This phrase 14 is used to command someone to remove their hands from something or someone.

28

Ran off

This phrase 15 refers to the act of quickly departing or leaving a place, often in a hurry or without permission.

Discussion

Based on the research results, 5 it can be shown that there are a total of 86 idiomatic expressions found in the film script "The Call of the Wild". These idiomatic expressions are divided into 8 types, namely Similies, Binomials, Trinomials, Proverbs, Euphemisms, Clichés, Fixed Statements, and Other Languages. in accordance with McCarthy and O' Dell's theory.

In this study, researchers found that there were 86 idiomatic expressions used in the movie "The Call of The Wild". Of these, 6 are similes, 4 are binomials, 14 are proverbs, 19 are euphemisms, 15 are clichés, and 28 are fixed statements.

Subsequently, as indicated by diagram 4.1, we can observe the prevalence of each idiomatic expressions. Fixed Statements distribute 32% of all idiomatic expression findings. The distribution of Euphemisms is 22% in the findings of idiomatic expressions. Clichés distribute 17% in the findings of idiomatic expressions. Proverbs' distribution is 16% in the findings. The distribution of Similes is 9% in the findings. The distribution of Binomials is 4% in the findings.

28 Based on the data, almost half of the idiomatic expressions in this study are "Fixed Statements". This is due to the fact that "Fixed Statements" are idiomatic expressions that are very common in native language, and therefore are frequently used in this film to facilitate the audience's understanding. Apart from that, the film also contains various other idiomatic expressions that contribute to its appeal. This makes the film 7 easy to understand for everyone, while still having interesting layers of

meaning for those who want to dig deeper. Therefore, the diversity 11 of idiomatic expressions found in the film "The Call of the Wild" makes the story unique, strong, and still easy to follow.

5. Conclusion

From the study done by the writer from the study done by the writer, it is known that in the movies especially "The Call Of The Wild" Movies there are phrase that contain of idiomatic expression. According to the data analyzed for the study, there are certain types of idioms and dominating idiom types in the idiomatic expressions that were discovered. They came to the following conclusion:

The first statement of the problem of this research is to analyze the kind of idiomatic expression in The Call Of The Wild Movies. Here, the researcher found out 86 idiomatic expressions that are in these movies. Based on McCarty and O'Dell, there are six 6 of idiomatic expression either it is Similies, Binomial, Proverb, Euphemism, Cliché, and Fixed statement. From those kind of idiomatic expressions in the The Call of The Wild found the type of idiom as follows: there are 6 idiomatic expression of Similies, 4 idiomatic expression of Binomial, 14 idiomatic expression of Proverb, 19 idiomatic expression of Euphemisms, 15 idiomatic expression of Cliché, and 28 idiomatic expression of Fixed Statement.

The second statement problem of this research is analysis the meaning of idiomatic expression. Here 1 to know the meaning of idiom in The Call of The Wild movies, the research used English as the main language in the movie script, so it contains many idiomatic expressions from America or England. The 11 expressions used in the dialogues in this movie are culturally influenced and require contextual explanation to understand their meaning properly.

And the last statement of the problem of this research also shows that the most dominant idiom in the film The Call of The Wild is a Fixed Statement. We analyze the idiom expressions in the The Call of The Wild movie data shows that from 28 (twenty eight)

idiomatic expressions which amount to around 32%. This is because fixed statement idioms are idiomatic expressions known as fixed expressions or formulaic language, which are certain expressions or sentences that have become standard and commonly 22 used in everyday conversation, often without much variation. These expressions are ingrained in a language 12 and are often recognized and understood by native speakers without requiring further explanation. So, 18 the The Call of the Wild movie doesn't use too many idioms that are difficult for the audience to understand so the audience can enjoy the film happily.

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