

## CHAPTER III

### RESEARCH METHODS

This chapter presents the detailed information about research methods used in this study. It consists of type of research, data sources, data collection, and data analysis.

#### 3.1 Type of Research

In this study, the writer analyzes taboo words. This analysis does not use numerical data. This study is categorized as qualitative research since it is aimed to analyze taboo words in movie entitled *The Departed*. The document used can be textbooks, newspaper, speeches, movie, and other documents. Ary et al. (2002, p.424) states that in qualitative studies, the human investigator is the primary instrument for collecting data. This research will be conducted by the writer herself as the primary instrument to collect and analyze the data are and also because the data in the form of words rather than numbers. The writer analyze her data more concerned to find out the types of taboo words, in what of circumstances the taboo words are used and the purpose of using taboo words

#### 3.2 Data Sources

The source of the data in this study is a movie entitled *The Departed* which was released in 2006. The script is from <http://www.imsdb.com/scripts/Departed>. The movie has 18 characters, two main characters and 152 scenes. It is about two men

in the police department who are to undercover within the Massachusetts State Police and the Irish mafia, but violence and bloodshed happened when discoveries are made. The spies are dispatched to find out their enemy's identities. In order to find out taboo words, the writer uses the utterances uttered by Bill Costigan and Colin Sullivan in the movie.

### 3.3 Data Collection

In collecting data for this study, the writer used several steps, namely:

1. Watching the movie
2. Taking the script

By downloading the script from the official site of "The Departed" movie

3. Reading the script

The movie script helps the writer in transcribing the data

4. Classifying the scenes that contain taboo words used by Bill Costigan and Colin Sullivan.

5. Listing the dialogue containing taboo words used by Bill Costigan and Colin Sullivan

### 3.4 Data Analysis

In analyzing data in this research, the writer did several steps, namely:

1. Identifying taboo words.

The writer identifies all the taboo words from the observation

2. Listing the taboo words.



3. Analyzing the types of taboo words.

4. Analyzing the circumstances.

5. Finding out the purposes of taboo words.

6. Drawing conclusion based on the analysis

The writer presented the result of her analysis in the table 4.1 and 4.2 as

follows:

There are eight types of taboo words. Taboo words that uttered by Bill Costigan and Colin Sullivan can be classified into mother-in-law, certain game animal, death, excretion, bodily function, religious matter, The Left Hand. For the circumstances consist of two things, addressee and topic. The last is the purpose of using taboo words can be classified into five, to express pain and anger, to insult someone, To invoke or wish for supernatural assistance in harming someone, add emphasis to statements whether positive and negative way, To issue ritual guarantees of truthfulness.

Table 4.1 Taboo words used by Bill Costigan

No	UTTERANCES	TYPES									ADDRESSEE			TOPICS					PURPOSES					
		MIL	CGA	SEX	DTH	EXC	BF	RM	TLH	IMT	DST	OTH	LT	EP	ST	RT	MT	ANG	INS	INV	EMP	RIT		

Table 4.2 Taboo words used by Colin Sullivan

No	UTTERANCES	TYPES									ADDRESSEE			TOPICS					PURPOSES						
		MIL	CGA	SEX	DTH	EXC	BF	RM	TLH	IMT	DST	OTH	LT	EP	ST	RT	MT	ANG	INS	INV	EMP	RIT			

Notes

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| MIL : Mother - in - Law   | IMT : Intimate                | MT : Mock Topic  |
| CGA : Certain Game Animal | DST : Distant                 | ANG : To express pain, anger frustration, annoyance                    |
| DTH : Death               | OTH : Other                   | INS : To insult someone, directly or descriptively                     |
| EXC : Excretion           | LT : Light Topic              | INV : To invoke or wish for supernatural assistance in harming someone |
| BF : Bodily Function      | EP : Emotional Pressure Topic | EMP : To add emphasis to statements whether positive or negative way   |
| RM : Religious Matter     | ST : Serious Topic            | RIT : To issue ritual guarantees of truthfulness                       |
| TLH : The Left Hand       | RT : Regret Topic             |  |