

CHAPTER 4

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

4.1 Analysis of the Data

In this chapter, to answer the questions in 1.2, the writer divides the analysis into two major parts, i.e how many kinds of taboo words are used to swear in ‘Jay and what do the taboo words to swear conveys.

4.1.1 Types of swearing that are used

After collecting the data from the transcription of the film, the writer finds out that there are 9 kinds of swearing that are used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back' communication. In order to classify these kinds of swearing, the writer of this thesis combines between Hughes' swearing theory and Wardhaugh's taboo theory. They cover categories such as "(one's) mother in law", "certain game animal", "sex", "death", "excretory", "bodily functions", "anatomical", "religious matters", and "general". However, there is one of Hughes' swearing theories and another one from Wardhaugh's taboo theory, i.e: "imbecilic" and "the left hand" that the writer does not include them into table 1. Because there are no conversation among all characters that are used this terms.

After classifying the types of swearing, the writer counts the frequency of occurrence each type and presents it into the percentages. From the total number of frequency, the writer is able to ratify 9 types of swearing: "sex" has the highest frequency of occurrence (144) and the lowest frequencies of occurrence (7) are "death" and "bodily function". In order to have a clear picture, the writer puts the types of swearing and their frequency into table 1. She puts the swearing word by word into the table and she also inserts symbol to give clear illustration and deeper understanding about swear words that are used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back'.

In this analysis, swear words that are categorized into "(one's) mother-in-law" is "motherfucker"; this term is used to describe a woman who has affair with many different partners. Then, the swear words that are included in "certain game animal" are "bitch", "son of a bitch", "a noble rabbit", "a mad cow", "pussy", "tiger", "super-monkey", "bullhorn", "weepy little chimp", "dirty ape", "puppy", and "pig". Those are included in certain game animal because in their conversations they frequently curse someone to be an animal. On the other hand, swear words "fuck" is included in "sex" category because this term refers to sexual activities and is the most frequently used in the conversations of the characters in the film 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back'. The swear words "go to hell" is included in "death" category because this term refers to something that

makes people fear to face it. Next category is “excretory”. This category is connected to human excretory, such as “shit”, “fart”, and “piss”. Then, “bodily functions” category, this category is related to human’s body or human’s genitals, such as “cock” and “prick”. In addition, “anatomical” category may include such as “tit”, “asshole”, and “ass”. These terms are related to the human’s anatomy. Besides, “religious matters” categories are related to or referring to God and swear words that are included in this category are “Jesus”, “Oh my God”, “Goddamn”. Last category is “general”, swear words that are included in this category are “bastard” and “fucker”.

From table 1, the writer wants to show to the readers that the highest percentage of swear words related to “sex” (41.50%) which means that these swear word are frequently used in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ in their conversations. The next percentage are followed by “excretory” (18.73%), “certain game animal” (14.98%), “anatomical” (6.34%), “(one’s) mother-in-law (5.47%), “general” (4.61%), and “religious matters” (4.32%). The lowest percentage are both of “death” and “bodily function” (2.02%).

Then the calculation of the percentage of each types of swear words makes it easier for the writer to show which type of swearing that is frequently used in “Jay and Silent bob Strike Back’.

Avoiding or ignoring taboo words in the society is impossible; forbidding their use is useless way to makes a conversation. Based on the conversation, most all characters in the film ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ saying swear words “fucking” several times. The words are available to all characters, saying them are proof of bravery and expression of their mood. Showing in one scene, the writer must have heard swear word “fuck” at least ten times and “shit” about as many. These words are generally considered taboo because of their application and the negative connotations associated with them. Terms such as “damn” and “hell” are general swear words not usually considered indecent in either their meaning or application. They may add strength, however, to taboo words when used as adjectives.

Table 1
TYPES OF SWEARING THAT ARE USED

Classification of Swear Words	Swear Words	Frequency	Percentage
(one's) Mother-in-Law	"motherfucker"	19	5,47%
Certain Game Animal	"bitch", "son of bitch", "a noble rabbit", "a mad cow", "pussy", "tiger", "super-monkey", "bullhorn", "dirty ape", "weepy little chimp", "pig".	52	14,98%
Sex	"fuck"	144	41,50%
Death	"to hell"	7	2,02%
Excretory	"shit", "holysht", "fart", "piss".	65	18,73%
Bodily Function	"cock", "prick"	7	2,02%
Anatomical	"arsehole", "ass", "tits"	22	6,34%
Religious Matters	"Oh My God", "Goddammit", "Oh God", "Good God", "Jesus"	15	4,32%
General	"damn", "bastard", "suck", "fucker", "maniac"	16	4,61%
Imbecilic	"idiot", "imbecile", "moron", "cretin", "prat"	0	0%
The Left Hand	"screw you"	0	0%
Total		347	

4.1.2 The occurrences of swear words based on speaker's mood

When people use swears words, of course, there are some occurrences that cause them to use those words based on their mood or their feelings. Therefore, the writer needs to analyze that speaker's mood. Here, the speaker's mood includes annoyance, anger, offense, frustration, emphasis, happiness, hostility, surprise, and miscellany. In order to classify these kinds of speaker's mood, the writer of this thesis uses category based on her review of related study and her own findings. In addition, she also finds out if there are other reasons that cause someone to use swear words and she groups those words under "miscellany".

In this research, swear words are included in "annoyance" category if people in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back' in their conversation shows that they feels annoyed be someone or something. Besides, "anger" category shows that

they are angry with someone or something. Then, “offense” category shows that they feel hurt because of someone or something, sometimes someone is sensitive about something so they curse somebody else when they feel hurt. Furthermore, “frustration” category shows that they feel frustrated when something happens or someone has been doing something so they want to curse. The most frequently used mood in ‘Jay and Silent bob Strike Back’ conversations is “emphasis” category because there are many statements that use swear words for the sake of emphasizing what are they talking about and also to clarify what they said. For instance, “what the fucking time?” means that actually the speaker asks emphatically about what time. On the contrary, “happiness” category shows that actually they feel happy when they curse someone or something but this term is rarely used. Then, “hostility” category shows that they feel hostile or hateful so they want to curse someone or something. Feeling surprised also makes someone produce swear words because they cover something accidentally. The last swear word based on speaker’s mood is miscellany. Swear words of this category are generally used to insult something or somebody else.

From the result, the writer presents the total number of swearing based on the occurrences and the results of the percentage into table 2.

Table 2
THE OCCURRENCES OF SWEAR WORDS BASED ON SPEAKER’S MOODS

Speaker’s Moods	Frequency	Percentages
Annoyance	54	15.56%
Anger	41	11.81%
Offences	19	4.47%
Frustration	11	3.17%
Emphasis	131	37.75%
Happiness	4	1.15%
Hostility	35	10.08%
Surprise	11	3.17%
Miscellany	41	11.81%
Total	347	

Based on the table 2, the writer wants to show that the highest percentage, “emphasis”(37,75%), expresses the easiest mood or feeling for the people in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ to use swearing while the lowest percentage “happiness” (1,15%) expresses the indefinite mood for them to use swearing.

The reason why the swear words are often used for emphasis may be found in the need of the speakers to give more emphasis to what they are saying or expressing.

4.2. Findings

Throughout the analysis, from table 1 the writer can conclude that the swear words that are used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back' can be classified into nine types in accordance with Wardhaugh's taboo words theory and Hughes' theory of swearing. Those are "(one's) mother in law", "certain game animal", "sex", "death", "excretory", "bodily functions", "anatomical", "religious matters", and general". The writer can also mention here that there are two components from both of Wardhaugh's and Hughes' classifications that are not found in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back', i.e. "imbecilic" and "the left hand". From table 1, the writer has also found out that the "sex" category (43.23%) has the highest percentage occurrence which means that this type of swearing is frequently used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back', and then followed by "excretory" (16.71%), "certain game animal" (14.69%), both "(one's) mother in law" and "anatomical" (5.76%) that have the same percentage (5.76%), "general" (5.19%), "religious matters" (4.03%), and "bodily functions" (2.59%). On the contrary, "death" (2.02%) has the lowest percentage of occurrence which means that these swear words are rarely used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back' in their conversation.

The result also shows that the highest percentage is "sex" category which means that these swear words are frequently used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back'. Swear words such as "fuck", "fucking", and "fucked" appear many times in their communication and these kinds of expletives are used so frequently. The word "fuck" includes sex, which means an act, or an instance of sexual intercourse or simply it is called making love. As these are words are becoming commonplace, their meanings may erode over time. The real meaning of swearing that is usually used does not make sense or is no longer offensive to the hearer anymore, because some swear words are indefinite. However, "fuck your mother!" is the strongest insult. It would seem that term like "shit" and "piss", since they are "defused", are not used in standard idioms of insult, such as "you shit!" and "piss off!".

The other swear words that are usually used in 'Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back' are "motherfucker", "bitch", "asshole", and "shit", those words are

included on “(one’s) mother in law”, “certain game animal”, “anatomical” and “excretory”. Those swear words are also commonly used many times in their conversation and the other swears words like “sucks”, “Goddamn”, “Oh my God” and “fart” are rarely used.

The lowest percentage of swearing words in this analysis is “death” (2.02%) which means that this swearing is infrequently used in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ in their conversation. Therefore, this kind of swears word still has strong expletives to curse or to insult someone or something. For example, when Jay is angry, he said “YOU MANIACS! DAMN YOUSE!!!!GODDAMN YOUSE TO HELL!!! (no.151) that statement shows anger and he really wants to curse somebody.

From table 2, the writer wants to show that the highest percentage of the occurrences of swear words based on speaker’s mood is “emphasis”. Actually, that category means that the original meaning of swearing is almost decreasing because in fact, people in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ are not sensitive to them anymore. In this case, swear words are used to emphasize what the speaker is talking about. Swear words that are included in this category are “fuck”, “hell”, and “shit”, “mother fucking”. For example;

(6) Randal: “What the *hell* are you talking about?”

(41) Jay: “You mean the *fucking* movie with Mork from Ork in it?”

(7) Jay: “...Written by God Herself and handed down to the world’s greatest band the *mother fucking* Time.

(1) Mother: “..., you little *shit*-machine. Mommy’s gonna try to score.

From those examples, the writer wants to show that the real meaning of swear words are based on speaker’s mood. Generally, the speakers of those swear words want to emphasize what they are talking about and their mood is actually under control. In simpler words, the speakers only want to curse something what they said. The first example, “what the *hell* are you talking about?” means that the

speaker wants to emphasize the word ‘talking’, so he wants to know what exactly his partner has said. Second, “You mean the *fucking* movie with Mork from Ork in it?” shows that the speaker wants to emphasize the word ‘movie’. Basically, emphasis shows that actually people in modern life are so used to violent expressions that they are not sensitive to swear words anymore. Crude words would not serve people who think and act, feel and talk, on problems of the civilized world. There are some words which people do not speak in polite society also in highly civilized society some of these words are considered taboo to be added.

The second category is annoyance (15.56%) that means that when the speakers in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ feel annoyed, it is the easiest for them to use swearing. For instance, Jay: “ *Bitch* , don’t you EVER say an unkind word about The Time! ...”. From this situation, the writer knows that he feel annoyed because he wants to know the time that he has never said before. In this case, the writer knows that being annoyed makes they say swear words to others more easily.

Both anger and miscellany has the same level (11.81%). Generally when people get angry with someone, they usually yell ‘swear words’ to that person to express their emotion or they sense a desire to destroy or injure whoever or whatever. From the findings, the writer knows that the speaker would be angry if they are in bad moods, then suddenly somebody mocks them. The film shows that saying swear words is just an expression of their anger. Swearing may include “miscellany” if there are other reasons that cause someone to use swear words. In the simpler words, miscellany has no definite meaning if the speaker says something without any feelings and their mood is under control, for instance, “fuck, fuck, fuck, mother-mother fuck, ...” .

Hostility (10.08%) means that someone becomes hostile because they consider someone else or something as their enemy. For instance, Guy: “That’s right, you *sonovabitch* ! I’m back for round two!”. This situation shows that Guy is cursing someone and he considers it as his enemy.

Next, offense (5.47%), People in ‘Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back’ film swear when they are offended which can hurt their feelings. For example, when

said to Jay, “And what-stupid ass little foul-mouthed bitch boys...”. This statement will hurt the hearer’s feeling, in this case is Jay, he feels very offended and made him yell swear words.

Both frustration and surprise have the same level (3.17%). Frustration means that the speaker will use swearing if they are frustrated. From the findings, the writer knows that people will be frustrated if they cannot acquire what they really want so they yell swear words to express their bad feelings. On the contrary, when people get surprised they also yell swear words to show their feeling. For example, Jay gets surprised: “Holy shit? That monkey understood us...”. In this case, Jay gets very surprised when the monkey can identify him.

The lowest is happiness (1.15%) that means that there is a possibility to use swears words when the speaker feels happy. From the findings, the writer also concludes that to show their happiness the speaker rarely yells the taboo words but they tend to use other expletives. For example, Willenholly, when he says: “...*Good God*, I wish that was in our jurisdiction...” . Generally, happiness is related to something good that is why it occupies the lowest level of occurrence. Being happy does not make the speaker easily say taboo words to others except in a certain situation and it depend on the person’s it selves.