

An Analysis of Idioms in Sumbawanese Songs

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Article Info Abstract Article History This research aimed to find out the meanings and types of idioms contained in 18 Received: 2021-11-20 Sumbawanese songs. The method used in this study was the qualitative descriptive Revised: 2021-12-15 method. Research data were obtained through interview, documentation, and Published: 2022-01-03 recording. In the analysis, the theory used was Leech theory (1974) to categorize the types of idiom meanings and the researchers focused on two types of meanings namely **Keywords:** denotative and connotative meanings. In addition to this theory, the researchers also Analysis; used Sudaryat's theory (2011) to classify the types of idioms contained in the 18 Idioms; Sumbawanese songs. Based on the analysis, it was found that there were 18 idioms Sumbawa song. from 18 songs that were subject to research. Then from 18 idioms, 5 idioms belong to partial idioms and 13 idioms include full idioms. Artikel Info **Abstrak** Sejarah Artikel Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui makna dan jenis idiom yang terdapat dalam Diterima: 2021-11-20 Direvisi: 2021-12-15 Dipublikasi: 2022-01-03 Kata kunci:

Analisis; Lagu Sumbawa. 18 lagu Sumbawa. Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode deskriptif kualitatif. Data penelitian diperoleh melalui wawancara, dokumentasi, dan perekaman. Untuk proses analisa data, teori yang digunakan adalah teori Leech (1974) untuk mengkategorikan jenis-jenis makna idiom dan peneliti memfokuskan pada dua jenis makna yaitu makna denotatif dan makna konotatif. Selain menggunakan teori tersebut, peneliti juga menggunakan teori Sudaryat (2011) untuk mengklasifikasikan jenis-jenis idiom yang terdapat dalam lagu-lagu Sumbawa. Berdasarkan analisis, ditemukan 18 idiom dari 18 lagu yang menjadi subjek penelitian. Kemudian dari 18 idiom, 5 idiom termasuk idiom parsial dan 13 idiom termasuk idiom penuh.

I. INTRODUCTION

A language is a communication tool that a person uses to communicate and interact with fellow human beings. Virdaus (2020, p. 162), language is a means of communication to convey a wide variety of information, expressions, and feelings to each other, According to Jones (2013 in Az-Zahra, 2018, p. 1), there are five functions of language, indicating that language (1) is expressive, (2) has strength, (3) is pleasant, (4) is dynamic, and (5) interconnected. This suggests that language encompasses human life as a social being as a whole. It is mentioned Inazar.blogspot.com:

"Expressive function is a language used to express or convey the expressions of the speaker to himself or the public with a specific purpose. This language function is usually used to express emotions, desires, happiness, sadness and the delivery of messages".

In expressing those feelings, it requires a media name as an intermediary and one of them is through songs. According to Virdaus (2020, p. 162), songs are compositions of tones or sounds of art in sequences, combinations, and temporal

relationships, usually accompanied by musical instruments to produce musical compositions that have unity and continuity (containing rhythm).

Lyrics are part of the song and the two are inseparable. The lyrics of the song itself are a set of words that songwriters use to express or describe their experiences. According to The Great Dictionary of Indonesian language in Fitri (2017, p. 257), lyrics are literary works (poems) that contain an outpouring of personal feelings. In expressing his or her experiences, poets or songwriters play words and languages to create an appeal and distinctiveness to the lyrics of their song, Fitri (2017, p. 256). One of them is to use the idiom, According to Peaty (1983 in Langi, 2016), idioms are part of an inseparable language. Idioms are also expressions, words, or phrases that have figurative meanings that can be understood in terms of the general use of expressions that are separate from literal meanings. Spears (2007, p. 12) in Langi (2016, p. 2), says that idioms can be understood as a collection of words or phrases, which when translated will have a word different from the

meaning of the word itself. Seidle and Mordie, Binkert (2003, p. 164), mention that idioms are a collection of words with different meanings than the meaning of all words. It means that the Idiom is an expression consisting of two or more words whose meaning is out of its true meaning.

Furthermore, idiom also exists in Sumbawanese songs. For example: First, in Yayan's song titled *Sanapat Hajat* more precisely in the second verse, Yayan uses the phrase sasai sepat. The phrase is an idiom because they have no connection at all to the words of the shaper. The word *sasai* literally means "Unite" while the word *sepat* is "one of the names of Sumbawa food made from fish". The idiom meaning of the phrase *sasai sepat* refers to the word "Invite to marry". So it can be concluded that in the song "The man wants to invite his lover to marry".

Based on the explanation above, the researchhers were interested in analyzing the idioms contained in Sumbawanese songs. Other reasons for conducting this research are: first, the researchhers wanted to know the meanings and types of idioms contained in Sumbawanese songs. Second, due to the lack of use of idioms in everyday life, many Sumbawanese people, especially the young generations, still or even do not understand the meanings of the song they hear or sing. Therefore, the researchers believed it was necessary to conduct this research.

Based on the background above, the problems of this research are;

- ✓ What are the denotative and connotative meanings of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs?
- ✓ What types of idioms are found in Sumbawanese songs?

1. Idioms

Idioms are units of language that differ from their basic meanings. Idioms are also called a phrase in the form of a combination of words that form a new meaning, has nothing to do with the word-forming the base. An idiom is an expression or expression in the form of a term or phrase whose meaning cannot be derived from the literal meaning and the arrangement of its parts but has more figurative meaning that can only be known through common use (Silaban & Mulyadi 2020, p. 352).

Besides, Chaer (2009, p. 74), defines the idiom as a unit of language (it can be a word, phrase, or sentence) whose meaning cannot be "foretold" from the lexical meaning of its elements nor the grammatical meaning of

those units. Furthermore, Puspita (2018, p. 132) states that idiomatic expression is an expression that cannot be understood from the literal meaning of the words of it is composed. It can be concluded that idioms form a new meaning which means that they cannot be derived from the literal meaning of its forming elements, in other words, the Idiom cannot be explained from each of its forming words and deviates from its forming elements.

2. Types of Idiom

In this research, the researchers used Sudaryat's theory (2011. p. 80) to analyze the types of idioms contained in the lyric of Sumbawa songs. There are two types of idioms according to Sudaryat (2011), namely:

3. Partial idiom

The partial idiom is an idiom whose meaning is still described from one of its constituent elements. In some idioms, one of the elements still has lexical meaning.

4. Full idiom

The full idiom is an idiom whose meaning is completely in no way reflected in its separate elements. In the idiom, the meaning is unified and cannot be interpreted with the meaning of the shaper.

5. Meaning

Meaning is a concept in human thought with referents outside the language that provokes certain reactions and understandings. Meaning can also be interpreted as an abstract concept of human experience. However, the determination of this concept is not done by individuals, but by people who use language in certain regions. With the agreement, a convention arises so as not to interfere with the communication process in everyday life, (Wulandari, 2013). Besides, Aminuddin (2011, p. 50) also suggested that the meaning can be aligned with meaning, ideas, concepts, statements, messages, information, intentions, hunches, content, and thoughts. It can be concluded that meaning is a message conveyed with words, sentences, and symbols in a context.

The theory used is the theory of meaning proposed by Leech (1974); conceptual meaning, connotative meaning, stylistic meaning, affective meaning, reflective meaning, collocative meaning, and thematic meaning. Based on the seven types of meaning above, this research used conceptual or denotative meaning and connotative meaning.

6. Conceptual Meaning

Conceptual meaning is called denotative or cognitive meaning. It refers to logical, cognitive, or denotative content. For example, a part of the conceptual meaning of "Needle" may be "thin", "sharp" or "instrument". The conceptual meaning is the base for all the other types of meaning.

7. Connotative Meaning

Leech (1974) proposed that connotative meaning refers to the communicative value of an expression based on what it refers to, above and beyond its purely conceptual content. For example, the word *Woman* has such connotative meanings as babbling, capable of speech, experienced in cookery, frail, prone to tears, skirt or dress wear. Moreover, the word *Internet café* connotes the meanings of uncleanliness, unpleasant affairs.

8. Song

A song is a set of words, short poems, compositions of music containing vocal parts (lyrics) performed or sung and usually accompanied by chanting music. According to Oxford Dictionary by As Horn (1995 in Puspita, 2018), "song is the poem set to music, intended to be sung". It combines melody and vocals, although the same composers have written instrumental pieces or musical works without words that mimic the quality of a singing voice. As it is mentioned in https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/song, there are many kinds of songs, those are pop song, rock n roll, rock, and hip hop. In this study, the researchers only focused on one type of song namely Sumbawanese pop songs.

II. METHODS

This research used a descriptive qualitative approach because it gained the descriptive data in the form of vocabulary or sentences. Bogdan and Taylor (1975, p. 5), defined qualitative research methods as research procedures that produced descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and observed behaviors. Furthermore, Sukmadinata (2011, p. explained qualitative descriptive research, namely research that aims to describe and describe existing phenomena, both natural and human engineering, that pay more attention to the characteristics of quality, interconnectedness, between activities. Based on the descrytion above, it can be concluded that qualitative descriptive research is research by describing the observed data clearly and describing the conditions that what they are.

In this research, there were some data sources used by the researchers in collecting data. Those are primary and secondary data sources. The primary data in this study are collected by conducting interviews directly with parties related to the research to be conducted, namely elders or people who better understand the Sumbawa language and videos of Sumbawanese songs on YouTube. Furthermore, the researchers chose 4 informants to be interviewed as the source of data. While secondary data in this study sourced is Sumbawanese songs lyrics contained idioms meanings, and other sources related to the research. The data collection techniques used in this research were documenttation and interview. The interview technique used was semi-structured interviews. Interview was used to find data from the sources about the meanings in Sumbawanese songs which are considered to contain idioms, The requirements of informants in this study were:

- 1. Sumbawa native speaker.
- 2. Male/female.
- 3. Age 35 to 65 years (not senile).
- 4. Educated.
- 5. Healthy physically and spiritually.

The criteria of each respondent had been determined to be qualified as an informant, as per the requirements. According to Mahsun (2005 in Hartina, 2019), that is sane still sharp memory or not senile, honest and know the source of information.

III. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. Findings

In the data description, there were 18 Sumbawanese songs. The data were analyzed based on the theories of Geoffrey Leech (1974) and Sudaryat (2011). Leech's theory of meaning was used to find out the meanings of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs lyric. Then, Sudaryat's theory was applied in order to find out what types of idioms found in the Sumbawanese songs lyric. In this theory, there are two types of idiom; partial and full idioms. The description is as follows:

1. The Meanings of Idioms Found in Sumbawanese Songs

Based on the data obtained from the documentation (Sumbawanese songs lyric) and interviews, the researchers found there are eighteen denotative and connotetive meanings from eighteen songs that

become the research subject. The idiom could be seen in following the table. They were:

Table 1. Findings the Meaning of Idiom Found in Sumbawanese Songs

No	Songs	Idioms	Meaning	0
	Title		Denotative	Connotative
1	Sanapat Hajat	Sasai Sepat	Sasai (Unite) Sepat (one of Sumbawa typical food of the area	Invite to marry
2	Loam Rapuen	Loam Rapuen	made from fish) Loam (is one of the fruits in Sumbawa)	someone who likes to
	Katimis	Katimis	Rapuen katimis (is the name of the loam tree) Jepen	lie or liars
3	Jepen Sapuen	Jepen sapuen	(Cambodian flowers in Sumbawa)	A lonely place or a symbol of the dead
			Sapuen (one tree)	the dead
4	Intan Samoden g	Intan ku Samoden g	Intan ku (my gold) Samodeng (Grain)	Faith
			Tanam tinum	
-	Pakarap	Tanam tinum	(growing	reality is not in line with
5	Рикигир	unum dadi nas	cucumbers) Dadi nas	expectations
			(become nas)	
6	Rara no	Basai	Basai (unite)	hope to get
	baketong	puen	<i>puen (</i> tree) <i>Miker</i> think	married
7	Timang	Miker dua	Dua keleno	bearing her
,	raasate	keleno	(both with	own load
			shadows) Ate "hati" (Heart)	
8	Ate kalumpa	Ate tukalum	tukalumpak	disappointed
O	k	pak	(upside down or	heart
		_	spilled) Lenang	
9	Sampang	Lenang mata	(Expanse)	after receiving
	jangi	jangi	Mata (aye) jangi (destiny)	destiny
			Tu (people)	other people
10	Melong	Tu barang	Barang	are not
10	rasate	kayu	(originally)	relatives or
			Kayu (tree) Bararung Jonga	family
11	Arung	Bararun	(a shelter like a	left to get
	jonga	g jonga	beruga whose roof is half)	married
	Kemang	Kemang	Kemang (flower)	the only one
12	paranga	paranga	Parangan	the only one missed
	n	n	(memory) Tu mate (we	
	Calin ~	Tu mate	dead)	Dolring as
13	Saling pajele	saling	Saling pajele	Relying on each other
	E-7	pajele	(lean on each other)	
14			Lala	
			(designations or	a 1110
	Lala	Lala	calls for noble or noble	a woman who went to
	Saudi	Saudi	princesses)	wander
			Saudi (country's	
4.5	Palit mo	Palit mo	name)	not getting
15	parujak	parujak	Palit mo (lick)	anything

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			Parujak (tools used for pounding leaves)	
16	Liser samada	Ate kalangke	Ate (heart) Kalangke (confined or shackled)	heart adrift
17	Bendran g Birayat	Renung aru gili arap	Renung (randu) Aru (plants that are usually incorporated into a) Gili (small island) Arap (hope)	the great hope for a beloved woman
18	Totang Dana	Kupagal ang ares turen	Kupagalang (pillow) Ares (current) Turen (down)	wallowing in the void of hope

In the table, above shows that of the 18 Sumbawanese songs that became the subject of research, one idiom was found in each song. Each expression or idiom has two meanings namely denotative meaning and connotative meaning.

2. Types of Idiom Found in Sumbawanese Songs

Below is the description of the occurrence of the types of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs.

Table 2. The Classification Types of Idioms Found in Sumbawanese Songs

No	Songs Title	Idioms	Types of Idioms
1	Ate Kalumpak	Ate tu kalumpak	Partial idiom
2	Sampang Jangi	Lenang mata jangi	Partial idiom
3	Bendrang birayat	Renung aru gili arap	Partial idiom
4	Liser samada	Ate kalangke	Partial idiom
5	Sanapat Hajat	Sasai Sepat	Full idiom
6	Loam Rapuen Katimis	Loam rapuen katimis	Full idiom
7	Jepen Sapuen	Jepen sapuen	Full idiom
8	Intan Samodeng	Intan ku samodeng	Full idiom
9	Pakarap	Tanam tinum dadi nas	Full idiom
10	Rara No Baketong	Basai puen	Partial idiom
11	Timang Rasate	Miker dua keleno	Full idiom
12	Melong Rasate	Tu barang kayu	Full idiom
13	Arung Jonga	Bararung jonga	Full idiom
14	Kemang Parangan	Kemang parangan	Full idiom
15	Saling Pajele	Tu mate saling pajele	Full idiom
16	Lala Saudi	Lala Saudi	Full idiom
17	Palit Parujak	Palit mo parujak	Full idiom
18	Totang Dana	Kupagalang ares turen	Full idiom

In table 2 above shows the classification of idiom types namely partial idiom and full idiom. From the eighteen songs found 5 partial idioms and 13 full idioms.

B. Discussion

This section discussed the result of the research that had been discussed in the

findings. There are two points that would be discussed to answer the problems of study in chapter 1 such as the meaning of idioms and types of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs. It can be seen as follow:

1. The Meanings of Idioms Found in Sumbawanese Songs

Based on the results of research that has been discussed in the previous part, the researchers found the denotative and connotative meaning of idioms in 18 Sumbawanese songs. The researchers marked every data from the lyrics of the song that became an idiom by using the code SL (song lyrics). Here are some examples of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs.

SL.1: loam rapuen katimis

The phrase *loam rapuen katimis* is an idiom consisting of the word *loam* which denotatively means "is one of the fruits in Sumbawa" and rapuen katimis "the name of the loam tree". However, the meaning connotative or meaning that the singer really wants to convey in the song is "someone who likes to lie or liars". The phrase *loam rapuen katimis* contained in the sixth verse in the song titled Loam Rapuen Katimis is not merely a singer wanting to describe the unique *loam* fruit because it has a different name of fruit and tree. However, *loam rapuen katimis* here connotatively or meaning that the singer really wants to convey is "a person who likes to lie or liars".

SL.2: Ada intan ku samodeng

The phrase *intan ku* samodeng is an idiom consisting of the word *emas ku* which denotatively means "my gold" and *samodeng* means "one". While connotatively or meaning that really want to be conveyed from the phrase *intan ku samodeng* in this song means "faith". The phrase of *intan ku samodeng* is found in the first verse in the song titled *Intan Samodeng* sang by Oby Pamungkas, where this *intan ku samodeng* song not only tells about a grain of gold but rather the singer wants to convey that when someone later leaves the world, the only thing that accompanies is faith or deeds.

SL.3: Basai puen gama na

The phrase *Basai puen* is an idiom consisting of the word *basai* which

denotatively means "united" and the word *puen* means "tree". While connotatively or meaning that really want to be conveyed from the expression *basai puen* is "hope to unite or marry". The phrase *basai puen* is contained in the third verse in the song titled *Rara No Baketong* sung by Yayan, in his song the singer uses the phrase *basai puen* to describe someone who has such great hopes to be able to unite or marry his lover.

SL.4: Miker dua keleno

The phrase miker dua keleno is an idiom consisting of the word *miker* which denotatively means "to think" and the word *dua keleno* means "two with shadows". While the meaning connotative or meaning that really wants to be conveyed from the phrase miker dua keleno is "bear the burden of its own". The phrase miker dua keleno is found in the twelfth verse in the song titled Timang Rasate and sung by Sari Rosami. In her song the singer uses the phrase miker dua keleno to describe solitude. Where no one accompanied him in solving problems, in other words she was alone in bearing the burdens and affairs that existed in his life.

SL.5: Santuret Ate tukalumpak

The phrase *ate tukalumpak* is an idiom consisting of the word ate which denotatively means "heart" and the word tukalumpak which means "upside down or spilled". While the meaning connotative or meaning that really wants to be conveyed from the expression ate tukalumpak is "disappointed heart". The phrase ate tukalumpak is found in the twelfth verse in the song titled Santuret Ate Kalumpak which is sung by Adekhamesa, in his song the singer uses the phrase *ate tukalumpak* to describe someone who is feeling disappointed or his heart is broken because he cannot unite with the worshipper. So, the phrase ate tukalumpak containned in the song titled Santuret Ate kalumpak does not merely mean an inverted heart.

SL.6: Aku tu Barang kayu

The phrase *tu barang kayu* is an idiom consisting of the word *tu* or *tau* which denotatively means "person", goods means "origin" and *kayu* means "wood". While the meaning connotative or meaning that

really wants to be conveyed from the expression *tu barang kayu* is "other people are not relatives or family". The phrase *tu barang kayu* is found in verse eighteen in the song titled *Melong Rasate* sung by Husain. In his song the singer uses the phrase *tu barang kayu* to describe someone who is nobody expects to be loved by his lover. This is illustrated in the next verse of the song that reads *gawe mares mu pendi*.

SL.7: Ate kalangke

The phrase *ate kalangke* is an idiom consisting of the word *ate* which denotatively means "heart" and *kalangke* meaning "confined or shackled". While the meaning connotative or meaning that really wants to be conveyed from the phrase *ate kalangke* is "the heart that is attached". The phrase *ate kalangke* is found in the fourteenth verse in the song titled *Liser Samada* sung by Epun. In his song the singer uses the phrase *ate kalangke* to describe someone who is in love.

- 2. Types of Idiom Found in Sumbawanese Songs
 - a. Partial idiom

The researchers found there were 5 partial idioms from 18 Sumbawanese songs that became the subject of the study. Some of them are as follows:

1. The phrase Basai puen "hope to unite" is a partial idiom. It is categorized as a partial idiom because the idiom basai puen consists of the word basai "united" and puen "tree". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is someone who hopes to be united with his lover in the bonds of marriage. The meaning of the phrase basai puen has a meaning that is not in accordance with its meaning as a whole, namely "the hope to be united with his lover in the bonds of marriage". The word basai in the phrase *basai puen* still has its own lexical meaning or still has the meaning of the constituent element, while the word puen can not be known seen in the overall meaning of "hope to unite". One of the meanings of the forming element can still be

known, this causes this idiom to belong to the full idiom.

- 2. The phrase ate tu kalumpak "disappointed heart" is a partial idiom. It is categorized as a partial idiom because the phrase ate tukalumpak consists of the word ate "heart" and *tukalumpak* "upside down or spilled". While the meaning that wants to be conveyed is a disappointed heart. The word ate in the phrase *ate tukalumpak* still has its own lexical meaning or still has the meaning of the forming element, while the word *tu kalumpak* cannot be known seen in the overall meaning of "disappointed heart". One of the meanings of the forming element can still be known, this causes this idiom to belong to the partial idiom.
- 3. The phrase ate kalangke "a linked heart" is a partial idiom. It is categorized as a partial idiom because the phrase ate kalangke consists of the word ate "heart" and kalangke "to be exposed shackled". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is the heart that is attached. The meaning of the word ate in the expression ate kalangke still has its own lexical meaning or still has the meaning of the forming element, while the word kalangke cannot be known seen in the overall meaning of "after or when receiving destiny". One of the meanings of the forming element can still be known, this causes this idiom to belong to the partial idiom.

b. Full Idiom

The researchers found there were 13 full idioms from 18 Sumbawanese songs. Some of them are as follows:

1. The phrase *loam rapuen katimis* "a person who likes to lie or liar" is a full idiom. Categorized as a full idiom because the phrase *loam rapuen katimis* consists of the word *loam* "is one of the fruits in Sumbawa" and *rapuen katimis* "is a tree of loam fruit". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is "people who like to lie or liars". The meaning of

- the word *loam* and *rapuen katimis* has a different overall meaning from the forming meaning. This causes this idiom to fall into the full idiom.
- 2. The phrase *intan ku samodeng*'faith' is a full idiom. It is categorized as a full idiom because idiom *intan ku samodeng* consists of the word *intan ku* "my gold" and *samodeng* "grain". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is faith. The meaning of the word *intanku* and *samodeng* does not correspond to its overall meaning of "faith". The meaning is unified and cannot be interpreted with the meaning of the shaper, this causes this idiom to belong to the full idiom.
- 3. The phrase *mikir dua keleno* "bear your own burden" is a full idiom. Categorized as a full idiom because the phrase *miker dua keleno* consists of the word *miker* "think" and dua keleno "both with shadow". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is to bear its own burden. The meaning of the word miker dua and keleno is not in accordance with the meaning as a whole which is "bear its own burden" where the meaning is fused and can not be interpreted with the meaning of the shaper, this causes this idiom to belong to the full idiom.
- 4. The phrase *tu barang kayu* "not relatives or family" is a full idiom. It is categorized as a full idiom because the phrase *tu barang kayu* consists of the word *tu* "people", *barang* "origin" and *kayu* "wood". While the meaning that really wants to be conveyed is that others are not relatives or family. The meaning of he word *tu barang* and *kayu* is not in accordance with its meaning as a whole, namely "other people are not relatives or family" where all the forming elements have fused into one unit, so that the meaning that has come from the whole unity.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis in the previous chapter, the answers of two problems of the study were found. Those are as follows: First, of the seven types of meaning that exist, the researchers only focuses on two types of meaning, namely denotative meaning and connotative meaning. Both types of meanings are found in idioms on eighteen Sumbawanese songs. Second, based on analysis, it can be concluded that there are two types of idioms found in Sumbawanese songs. They are partial idiom and full idiom. From the songs that were the subject of research, there were five partial idioms and thirteen full idioms.

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