

AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORD IN R & B'S SONG LYRICS: A SOCIOLINGUISTICS APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Language has many variations in its use, one of them is slang. Slang is used for a very informal speech variety which often serves as an "in group" language, such as teenagers, army, and pop people group (Richard:1985). Slang is closely related to the community environment. The objective of this research to find out the types of slang word that contained in Mariah Carey's song lyrics and to find the most often slang language appeared in Mariah Carey's song lyrics. This research is qualitative research. In the data collection researchers using the method of observation with simak bebas libat cakap technique. In analyzing the data the researcher used orthographic identity method with dividing key-factors technique. The result of the research are presenting by an informal method in the form of words. After conducting the research process, the researcher found 11 types of slang word in the lyrics of Mariah Carey song based on yule's theory. The 11 types of slang word are etymology, coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, backformation, conversion, acronyms, derivation, multiple processes. In this research, researcher make conclude that the most often slang word appear in the lyrics of Mariah Carey song is clipping.

Key words: Language; Slang Word; Sociolinguistics.

INTRODUCTION

Language is the human's device to communicate with other people. Language always develops from time to time because of the social condition and human need. Language has important role in the society because the humans use language to convey message, information, or knowledge from one to another. According to Sapir (1921:7) language is a purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbols. It means people will convey ideas, emotions, and desires to other people by language. The study showed the relationship between society and language known as sociolinguistics. Yule (2013:254) sociolinguistics is used generally for the study of relationship between language and society. It means that sociolinguistics is the science that learn language are related to the society

then language will be influenced by society itself.

One of the sociolinguistics phenomenon found in society is slang word. Slang word is very informal language or words used by a particular group of people. It refers to the words and expressions which are extremely informal and it makes speech relax, colorful, and interesting. Richard (1985) slang is used for a very informal speech variety which often serves as an "in group" language, such as teenagers, army, and pop people group. It means that slang language usually find in groups environment. For example teenager, the teenager will use slang word to make relax and close conversation. Studying about slang word becomes very interesting for researcher to be analyzed because the slang word itself is directly related to the environment and society. There is a language change when this language is used in different places. Slang created from the change of linguistic message without

changing the content and meaning of the sentence and many society use this language to make close conversation, but it depends on situation itself. So, it can be said that slang word has an important role in the use of language in daily life.

The people can be found the slang word phenomenon in society such as at campus, at school, at home, Social Media, Song Lyric, daily conversation, and even in the song lyric. So many place that the people can find slang language phenomenon because slang is informal word, many people often use it. For example in Campus, there is student said like "I dunno, where is she?". The example shows that the student uses slang word "dunno". The word "dunno" comes from "dont know". The student used "dunno" to make shorter and it usually used with their friend. It can occur because it is in informal situation. If it is in formal situation, the student can not say like that. From the explanation above, it can be concluded that the society can influence the language from formal to be in informal, it depends where the people stands.

The slang word not only found at campus, but people can found in song lyric. Song lyric is the lyrics of the song is a person's expression of what people has experienced, felt, seen and written into a writing. In expressing the experience, songwriters use words or languages to beautify the song itself. Music and song lyrics played, and to an extent are playing, a crucial role in the society as a traditional way of communication (Raj & Muniapan (2012)). It means there is a relationship between music and song lyrics to convey a message by the language.

The song lyric that the researcher interested to be analysed is Mariah Carey's song lyric from Rhythm and Blue genre. Mariah Carey was born 27 marc 1970, in Huntington, New York. She is american singer, songwriter, actress, and record producer, and actress from the United States. Referred to as the "Songbird Supreme" by the Guinness World Records. She made her debut record in 1990 under the guidance of Columbia Records executive, Tommy Mottola and became the first musician to have her first five singles top of the US Billboard Hot 100 Chart. Her song genre is Pop and Rhythm & Blues modern. There are

many slangs word that researcher found in Mariah Carey's song lyric. One of the example found in Mariah Carey's song lyric with the title is *Atlantic Soul Vocal*:

"I never *shoul*da let you go"

Based on the Mariah Carey's song lyric above, there is slang word in that lyric. The researcher found the slang word in this lyric is *shoul*da. Based on a book entitle Simple and Cool daily English conversation that study about slang word related to the grammar *shul*da is slang word from *should have*. It is used for a must statement. This phenomenon is one of the characteristics of slang. So if it changes into the formal language, it must be 'I never should have let you go'. The song lyric above uses slang word but the society still receive and enjoy the song. In this research, the researcher took some Mariah Carey's song lyric. They are *Beautiful, For Real, Againts All Odds, Bad Boy Fantasy, Atlantic Soul Vocal, Betcha Gon' Know, shake it off, fantasy, sweetheart, always be my baby, don't stop, honey, 'll be there, if we, irresistile, prisoner,obsessed, and its like that*.

From the explanation above, basically there are many researches that have discussed about slang word before. Actually, the researcher and previous researchers have the same aim that is to find language rules. For example one of the previous researcher is Prihandoko (2012) who has discused about slang word. The previous researcher has analyzed about the types of slang word and the reason of using slang word by character in Ramona and Beezus Movie. The previous researcher used (Trudgill 1974) as a theory. This previous research almost same with what the researcher analyze, it only different in the object and the theory that used.

Based on the example and previous research above, the researcher is interested to analysis this research, because this research is crucial. So, the researcher will analysis about what types of slang word that used in Mariah Carey's song lyric and what the most often type of slang word that appear in Mariah Carey's song lyrics.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Sociolinguistic

In a social environment, people will always interact with one another by language. The language is a tool of human communication, without language people

will not be able to interact, communicate, give messages, etc, within the environment itself. In the study of linguistics, this phenomenon is a part of Sociolinguistics approach. Sociolinguistics may be defined as the branch of the study about languages related to the society. Yule (1996:254) Sociolinguistics is used generally for the study of the relationship between language and society. It means that sociolinguistics is one of part the branch of linguistic which is concerned with language as a social and culture phenomenon in society. The language and society can not be separated, because both of them are interdependent. The Language as an arbitrary sound symbol system used by the society as a communication, interaction and self-identification. The function of language itself as a tool to interact or communicate in the sense of a tool to convey thoughts, ideas, concepts or feelings in the society. So it can be said the relationship between language and its users in this society is a sociolinguistic study. Clark & Yallop (2006:11) sociolinguistics is an attempt to find correlations between social structure and linguistic structure and to observe any changes that occur. Its clear that there is correlation between language and society.

Beside, according to Chambers (2002:3) Sociolinguistics is the study of the social uses of language, and the most productive studies in the four decades of sociolinguistics research have emanated from determining the social evaluation of linguistic variants. It means that the use of language involving the community has been around for a long time. The use of this language is still evolving until now. The languages that are used in an informal environment there will be a change of form from standard to nonstandard and otherwise there will be no change of form when people are in formal environment.

Therefore, the environment or a community very influence the language used by humans themselves. Humans must preserve the mother tongue and humans must know the standard language. The standard language has rules in the use. However, in practice often occur deviations from the standard rules. This happens one of the causes is the environmental factor. Deviant words are called non-standard words or slang word.

Slang

The language used in the community will be a change of form from the standard to the non-standard. Everyone will not be able to avoid this phenomenon. This phenomenon is a slang word. The slang word is very informal language. Everyone can use this language if the people in the informal situation. Rodríguez González (1998:11) slang is an ever changing set of colloquial words and phrases that speakers use to establish or reinforce social identity or cohesiveness within a group or with a trend or fashion in society at large. It means that the language used in daily conversation in a group will form a non-formal language that makes the conversation closer.

Slang is an unconventional words or phrases that express something new or something old in a new way. Slang word sometimes flippant, impolite, and improper. Slang is a wide concept and it is used in different and rather confusing ways, there is not fixed definition about it. Slang is an area of lexis in a permanent state of flux consisting of vivid and colourful words and phrases which characterize various social and professional groups, especially when these terms are used for in-group communication (Epoge : 2012). Yule (2010) slang is more typical used among those who are outside established higher status groups. Slang or colloquial speech describes words or phrases that are used instead of more everyday term among younger speakers and other groups with special interest. It means that slang is widely used in the community or group to make conversation relaxed more interesting. Based on the Yule (2010), there are eleven types of slang word. They are:

1. Etymology

The study of the origin and history of a word. Etymology comes from the Greek "etymos" which means "real" or "right". While the suffix "-ology" means "science" or "study about something". So, "etymology" is the study of the origin of words and how they evolved. It means that the change in form of a word that is used now has a history in the past.

Example : OK = Ol + Korrekt

Based on the example above, OK comes from the spelling error "all correct" to "oll

korrekt" in the newspaper in Boston in 1839. One of the newspapers shortened it to "O.K." and then this abbreviation was used until now with the same meaning.

2. Coinage

The invention of totally new terms. The most typical sources are invented trade names for commercial products that become general terms (usually without capital letters) for any version of that product.

Example : aspirin, nylon, vaseline and zipper, google, etc.

3. Borrowing

One of the most common sources of new words in English is the process simply. The taking over of words from other languages. Throughout its history, the English language has adopted a vast number of words from other languages. Other language, borrow terms from English, as in the Japanese use of *suupua* (supermarket). A special type of borrowing is describe as Joan translation orcalqued. The following are some example of borrowings from foreign language.

Example :

Latin		
Straet	>	Street
Cealc	>	Chalk"
Spanish		
Playa	>	Beach
Guerrill a	>	Small War

4. Compounding

Ajoining of two separate words to produce a single form. This combining process, technically known as compounding, is very common in languages such as German and English, but much less common in languages such as French and Spanish. Plag(2003)the combination of two words to form a new word.It means that there are two words that can be made into one form or become a new language.

Example :

Book	+ case	= Bookcase
Finger	+ print	= Fingerprint
Wall	+ paper	= Wallpaper

The example above shows the compound from noun + noun. Below thecompounding from adjective.

Example :

Good	+ looking	= Good-looking
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Low + pad = Low-pad

Based on the example above, it means that from two words can join to be one word or a new word.

5. Blending

The combination of two separate forms to produce a single new term is also present in the process called. Blending is typically accomplished by taking only the beginning of one word and joining it to the end of the other word.

Example :

Gasohol = Gasoline +Alcohol

Smog = Smoke+Fog

Telecast = Television+Broadcast

Based on the example above, the blending just take in the begining of word and take at the end of other word.

6. Clipping

The element of reduction that is noticeable in blending is even more apparent in the process. This occurs when a word of more than one syllable (facsimile) is reduced to a shorter form (fax), usually beginning in casual speech.

Example :

Flu > Influenza

Perm > Permanent

Fan > Fanatic

Based on the example above, in daily activity people often say or heard a word to be shorter. For example such as " Influenza". The people more often say " flu " than influenza in daily activity. It makes it relexed and closer.

7. Backformation

A very specialized type of reduction process is known as backformation. Typically, a word of one type (usually a noun) is reduced to form a word of another type (usually a verb). It means that backformation occurs when a word of one type (noun) is changed to another different type of word (verb).

Example :

Television (noun)> Televise (verb)

Donation (noun)> Donate (verb)

Emotion (noun) > Emote (verb)

8. Convection

A change in the function of a word, as for example when a noun comes to be used as a

verb (without any reduction), is generally known as conversion. Other labels for this very common process are “category change” and “functional shift.

Example :

Vacation > They’re

vacationing in Florida.

Butter > Have you buttered
the toast?

Based on the example above, it means that there are changes that occur in a word without reducing the word but a change in function.

9. Acronyms

Acronyms are new words formed from the initial letters of a set of other words. Where the pronunciation consists of saying each separate letter. More typically, acronyms are pronounced as new single words.

Example:

CD > Compact Disk

IDK > I Dont Know

LOL > Laughing Out Loadly

Based on the example above, it means that the acronyms takes the word at the beginning of the word and it uses capital letter.

10. Derivation

A large number of small “bits” of the English language which are not usually given separate listings in dictionaries. These small “bits” are generally described as affixes. Some familiar examples are the elements *un-*, *mis-*, *pre-*, *-ful*, *-less*, *-ish*, *-ism* and *-ness* which appear in words like *unhappy*, *misrepresent*, *prejudge*, *joyful*. Derivation consist of 3 parts, they are :

Prefixes and suffixes

The affixes usually put at the begining and at the end of word. If the affixes have to be added to the beginning of the word is called prefixes. For example such as *un-*, *mis-* . If affixes have to be added to the end of the word is called suffixes. For example such as *ness-*, *ful*.

Infixes

It is not normally used in English, but found in some other languages. This is called an infix and, as the term suggests, it is an affix that is incorporated inside another word.

For example : Halle**bloody**lujah!,
Absog**ddam**lutely! and
Un**fuckin**believable!

11. Multiple Processes

It is possible to trace the operation of more than one process at work in the creation of a particular word. For example, the term *deli* seems to have become acommon American English expression via a process of first borrowing *delicatessen* (from German) and then clipping that borrowed form. If someone says that problems with the project have snowballed, the final word can be analyzed as an example of compounding in which snow and ball were combined to form the noun.

Definition of Lyric

Song lyrics are an expression that is owned by a songwriter, whether it's sad, laughing, happy, and disappointed, which is delivered through a writing. In writing a song lyrics, a songwriter must know the language and rhythm that is used. Language and rhythm need to be noticed because this relates to the tastes of the listeners. The rhythm is easy to remember and the language that is easy to understand makes the listeners want to repeat the song. According to Dalin in (firdaus : 2013) generally, music consists of two elements, sounds as the primary and lyrics as the secondary. It means that in the word of music, there are two most important thing are the sound and song lyric. The sound and song lyric have a close relationship. A song lyrics, every songwriter has a separate way to make listeners interested. One of is the uses of language in a song. Songwriters usually use slang word in the song to make the lyrics more acceptable and easy to understand.

Previous Researchs

As the reference in conducting this research, the researcher uses some previous researches that related to the researcher topic. First, Andraini (2010) this research aim to identify the slang words that used in pop-punk’s lyric, to find out the meaning of slang language that used in pop-punk’s lyrics which are related to mood, drug abuse, and narcissism. This research is qualitative descriptive, the samples of this research are taken from the Avril Lavigne’s album Let

Go that was published in 2002, Blink 182 album enema of the state that was published in 1999, and take off your pants and jacket that was published in 2001.

In the first previous research, the researcher found the similarities and the differences. The similarities are the same field in slang language analysis and the same method of analysis that is qualitative descriptive. The different is the object used, in this research, the researcher chooses the object about rhythm and blues's song lyric and Andriani choose the object about pop-punk lyric song.

The second previous research is Hanggoro (2011) this research discussed about the meaning, kind, and the reason of using slang in American produced by Universal Picture 2007. The objective of the research is to know the kinds of slang term and the reason of using them in America Gangster movie. This research used qualitative method. He uses the movie script that initialized in the movie to make the reason of the characters about why they are using the slang term. As a result the researcher found that there are two kinds of slang that initialized in the movie. There are society and soldier's slang. He only focused on the slang terms that have high frequency it is society slang.

In the second previous research, the researcher found the similarities and the differences. The similarities are the same field in slang word analysis and the same method of analysis is qualitative method. The different is the researcher used song lyric as a data to analyzed while Hanggoro used movie script in the analysis.

The third previous research is Aris (2015) this research discussed about study of slang word "Ride Along" movie. This research used two theories. The first is the theory formulated by Partridge (2004) about the type of slang classified into eleven types of slang. The second theory is about the function of slang formulated by Yanchun and Yanhong (2013). There are three functions of the of using slang. In this research, the researcher used the descriptive qualitative method.

From the third previous research, the researcher found the similarity and the difference. The similarity is between the researcher and previous researcher used the same method is qualitative method. The

different is the theory of analysis. If the researcher used Yule (2010) as a theory while Andrianto used Partridge (2014) and Yanchun (2013) as a theory in analysis.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research was started when the researcher hear the music and then the researcher found the slang word in song lyric itself. The researcher found some types of slang word in song lyric itself. So the researcher was related this phenomenon with theory (Yule : 2010). In doing this research, the researcher used qualitative research. According to Sugiyono (2008) qualitative research is a research method based on postpositivism philosophy, is used to examine the natural object condition, where the researcher is as a key instrument, data collection technique is done by triangulation, the data analysis is inductive / qualitative, and the result of qualitative research is more emphasizes the meaning of generalization.

The object of this research is very essential in the research in order to get the result scientifically. In this research, the object is song lyric that used in Mariah Carey's song lyric. In Mariah Carey's song lyric there are many slang word that can be analyzed. The lyrics of a song is a person's expression about what someone feels and experiences. In expressing of experience, the songwriter makes the words and languages have appeal and uniqueness to the lyrics itself.

According to Dallin in (Firdaus : 2013) Lyrics are written as a form of interaction between the writer and the listeners. Sometimes, songwriter convey a message with the purpose of motivating the listeners. It means that there is relationship between songwriter and listener, where the songwriter should use a relaxed and easy to understand language in the lyric and also give message to the listener by song lyric itself. In the Mariah Carey's song lyric, Mariah Carey using slang word to make it more interesting and easily accepted by the listener. So, in this research, the researcher got the data from transcript, which was from the internet. The researcher transcript of this song as main sources, the source of data are 18 transcript of the lyrics of song by Mariah Carey taken from <http://.azlyric.com>.

In the proses of collecting data, the researcher uses observation as a method of collecting data. The technique used non-participatory technique Sudaryanto (2015) because the researcher non participate in the song lyric. There are some steps in collecting the data as described below :

1. Looking for a website. The researcher is looking for some website about song lyric.
2. Finding the lyric. The researcher read song lyric from some artist and make the decition to take the data from Mariah Carey's song lyric.
4. Marking the data. The researcher doing marking the slang word founf in the lyrics.
5. Classifying the data. The researcher found it and classify the slang word in that lyric.

In analyzing data, the researcher applies ortho grapichal identity method with dividing key-factors tehnique (Sudaryanto 2015). There are some steps in analyzing the data as mentioned below :

1. Categorizing the collected words based on yule theory.
2. Finding the most dominant slang word.
3. Make a conclusion about the dominant slang word used in Mariah Carey's song lyrics.

After doing analysis, the next step is presenting the research result. In this research, the researcher presented the research result by using the informal method by sudaryanto (1993) to present the analyzed data. The result was presented by using words and sentences to make the readers easily understand.

RESEARCH ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

As mentioned in the chapter I, this research has the main goal to find out the types of slang word in Mariah Carey's song lyric and to find the types of slang word that often appears in Mariah Carey's song lyric. This chapter provides the result of the research. It consists of two parts. The first is about research of analysis. The reseacher will show all the types of slang word found in the Mariah Carey's song lyric. The second part is finding. It presents the deep analysis of this research which is based on the research objective.

Analysis Blending

Data 1

The title is "Beautiful feat migual" (line 7 of 53)

*Oh, you're killing me, you know it **ain't** fair ,yeah*

Ride on through the middle of the migh

Informal : you are killing me, you know it ain't fair, yeahhh

Formal : Oh, you're killing me, you know it is not fair ,yeah.

Based on data above, it can be seen the difference between formal and informal language. The underlined word in informal sentence is slang word. This type is blending form. The word "Ain't" is commonly used to shortened auxiliary for adjectives in negative form, such as is + not, am + not, are + not. It Can also to shortened have + not, and has + not. There is change of form from " is not " tobe " ain't ". It makes shorter.

Data 2

Is againts all odds

*It's the chance I've **gotta***

Informal : It's the chance I've gotta.

Formal : It's the chance I've got to.

This type of slang is shortened form. The researcher found the slang word in this lyric. The slang word is "gotta". The word "Gotta" is used in written English to represent the words 'got + to' when they are pronounced informally, with the meaning 'have to' or 'must'. This word is usually used to express an urgent necessity.

Clipping

Data 3

The title is " Beautiful Feat Migul " (line 22 of 33)

I like when you run red light

*Dont stop **'till** you thrill me,oh how you thrill me."*

Informal : Dont stop 'till you thrill me,oh how you thrill me

Formal : Dont stop until you thrill me,oh how you thrill me

In this lyric, the researcher found the slang word. The slang word is "'till". This type is clipping. The word "'till" comes from

until. It is less formal way of saying “till”. There are the difference in writing and pronunciation but if the word are used in group or in informal situation it is no problem, even it make it closer when build conversation.

Data 4

The title is “For Real” (line 30 of 68)

“ Tryin’ to Spurway with screams”

Wanna make less then seem

Informal : Tryin’ to spurway with screams.

Formal : Trying to spurway with screams.

Based on the data above, there is slang word that the reseacher found. The slang word in this lyric is “ tryin’ ”. The word “ tryin’ ”comes from try + ing. This types of slang word is clipping. There is the removal of the letter ‘g’ in the end of the word “ trying” .

Acronyms

Data 5

The title is “obsessed” (line 08 of 58)

When I don't even, know who you are

Sayin' we up in your house, sayin' I'm up in your car

But you in LA, and I'm out at Jermaine's

Informal : But you in LA, and I'm out at Jermaine's

Formal : But you in Los Angeles, and I'm out at Jermaine'

Based on the data above, the researcher found the slang word is LA. The word “ LA” stands for Los Angles. This type of slang word is acronyms. It just take the beggining of the word. So if there is two words such as Los Angles , it's tobe LA. The singer use it to make it shorter.

Data 6

The title is “it's like that” (line 24 of 72)

Me and my girls on the floor like what

While the DJ keeps on spinnin' the cut

Based on the lyric above, it can be seen that there is slang word the researcher found from this lyric is DJ. This type of slang word is acronyms. The word “DJ” stands for Disk Jockey. The word “DJ” It took the beginning of the word. DJ is someone who is skilled in choosing and playing music recordings for all

the listeners. A DJ is a clever person in playing, modifying, and entertaining an audience by playing songs without end, so listeners feel entertained

Derivation

Data 7

The title is “beautiful” (line 17 of 33)

You're beautiful and your mind fucking beautiful

And I cant pretend that doesnt mean a thing to me , to me, yeah..

Based on the data above, the researcher found the slang word is “ beautiful”. The word “ beautiful” comes from beauti There is suffixe “ ful” at the end of word.

Data 8

The title is “ ll be there” (line 19 of 25)

I'll be there to protect you

With an unselfish love i'll respect you

Just call my name

Based on the data above, the slang word that researcher found is “ unselfish” .The word “ unselfish” comes from “ selfish”. There is preffixe “un” in that lyric. So, that why it mention derivation because there is affixes in that sentence.

FINDING

After the researcher analyzed all the data, the researcher found 11 slangs words that found in this research. George Yule (2010) said that there are 11 types of slang word but in this research, the researcher found only 4 types. The first is blending. This type of slang is The combination of two separate forms to produce a single new term. The second is clipping. The type of slang is the element of reduction that is noticeable in blending is even more apparent in the process. The third is derivation. The type of slang is A large number of small “bits” of the English language which are not usually given separate listings in dictionaries. The last is acronym. An acornym is typically a shortened form of words used to represent the whole. This type of slang usually takes part at the beginning of a word. If there are 3 words in the sentence, then there will be 3 parts in the beginning in short. The type of this slang commonly known by the people without mention completely.

After the researcher got all the data, the researcher found various types of slang word which are used by Mariah Carey's song lyric. The researcher found 41 data that contained type of slang word. From the 41 data, the researcher has analyzed in Mariah Carey's song lyric. The researcher found 11 blending form from Mariah Carey's song lyric. They are ain't, wanna, gonna, gotta, kinda, lemme, whatcha, outta, betcha, y'all, woulda. The second, the researcher found 25 clipping. They are 'till, blowin', tryin', 'cause, comin', fittin, usin', payin', darlin', gon', breakin', keepin', talkin', bout, goin', babe, cryin', cos, missin, lovin', lyin', denyin', thinkin', hatin', dis. The third, the researcher found 3 data for derivation. They are beautiful, unselfish, pointless and the last is acronym, the researcher found two slang words. They are LA and DJ.

CONCLUSION

The using of slang word in song lyric is one of phenomenon that occur in society. Actually the slang word is not only found in song lyric, but people can find in social media or daily conversation. In this research, the researcher focus in Mariah Carey's song lyric to find word. As mentioned in chapter 1 the researcher will analyze what type of slang word and what are the most often slang language appear in Mariah Carey's song lyric. In this research, The reseacher uses George Yule (2010) theory. According to Yule there are 11 types of slang word and the reseacher found all the types in Mariah Carey's song lyric. The researcher found 11 blending form from Mariah Carey's song lyric. The second, the researcher found 25 clipping. The third, the researcher found 3 data for derivation. The last is acronym, the researcher found two slang words. In this research, the most often type of slang words appear in Mariah Carey's song lyric is clipping.

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