



# The Analysis of Figurative Language Found in English Lyrics of Song “*Easy on Me*” By Adele Laurie

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INFO ARTIKEL	ABSTRAK
<p><i>Sejarah Artikel:</i> Diterima: 2 October 2024 Direvisi: 23 October 2024 Disetujui: 29 October 2024 Tersedia Daring: 1 November 2024</p> <p><i>Kata Kunci:</i> Lirik Bahasa Inggris Bahasa Kiasan Lagu</p>	<p>Tujuan dari Makalah Penelitian ini adalah untuk Mengetahui Jenis-Jenis Bahasa Kiasan yang digunakan dalam Lirik Lagu Inggris, Arti Bahasa Kiasan ini dalam Lirik Lagu Inggris dan Untuk Mengetahui Bahasa Kiasan yang Paling Dominan dalam Lirik Lagu Inggris. Dalam Penelitian ini peneliti menggunakan Penelitian Kualitatif karena Data Berbentuk Kata-kata Tertulis atau Lisan Teknik Pengumpulan Data yang Dikumpulkan Dari Lagu Berjudul “Easy on Me” Oleh Adele Laurie. dan peneliti melakukan 8 Langkah Teknik Analisis Data, Sebagai Berikut: Mendengarkan Lagu, Membaca Lirik Lagu, Menggarisbawahi Kata Yang Berhubungan Dalam Bahasa Kiasan, Mengidentifikasi, Mengklasifikasikan Lirik Tertentu, Menganalisis Ulang Lirik Lagu, Coding, dan Yang Terakhir peneliti membuat Tabel dan Pie Chart. Temuan Penelitian, Peneliti Menemukan Tujuh Belas Bahasa Kiasan dalam Lirik Lagu Bahasa Inggris adalah: Aliterasi, Hiperbola, Idiom, Ironi Litotes, Metafora, Metonimia, Onomatopoeia, Oxymoron, Personifikasi, Pengulangan dan Simile. Bahasa Kiasan yang Paling Dominan Digunakan dalam Lirik Lagu adalah Repetition Found Three Song Lyric.</p>
ABSTRACT	
<p><i>Keywords:</i> English Lyrics Figurative Language Song</p>	<p>The Aims of the research Paper are to Find out the Types of Figurative Language are used in English Lyric of Song’s, Meaning of this Figurative Language in English Lyric of Song’s and To Find out the Most Dominant Figurative Language in English Lyric of Song’s. in this Research, the researcher used the Qualitative Research since the Data are in the Form of Written or Oral Words the Techniques of Collecting Data, the Collected From the Song’s Entitled of “<i>Easy on Me</i>” By Adele Laurie. and the researcher did 8 Steps to the Techniques of Analysis Data, Follows: Listening the Songs, Reading the Song Lyrics, Underlining the Word Which Related in Figurative Language, Identifying, Classifies Certain Lyrics, Reanalyzed the Song Lyrics, Coding, and the Last the researcher make a Table and a Pie Chart. The Finding of the Research, The researcher Found Seventeen the Figurative Language in English Lyrics of Song’s are: Alliteration, Hyperbola, Idiom, Irony Litotes, Metaphor, Metonimia, Onomatopoeia, Oxymoron, Personification, Repetition and Simile. The Most Dominant Figurative Language which are used in the Song Lyrics is Repetition Found Three Song Lyric.</p>





## 1. Introduction

Language is a method of human communication that is essential for everyday interactions, allowing individuals to communicate, engage, and get information from others. Language serves as a means of conveying one's emotions, ideas, thoughts, and fantasies. It may be communicated orally or in writing form. Spoken language is a kind of communication that is conveyed by spoken expression, often accompanied by intonation and nonverbal cues. According to Khoerunnisa *et.al* (2023), Language serves as a means of transmitting messages or a comprehensive understanding of meaning within the context of social, political, and historical circumstances. Humans often make blunders while utilizing language as a form of communication in their daily lives. Indeed, the inaccuracies may or may not be recognized. A two-second silence while speech indicates a pause. Moreover, if someone makes a mistake, such as mispronouncing words when speaking, it may be referred to as a slip of the tongue. Psycholinguistic studies also examine speech mistakes, revealing that language involves cognitive processes that are expressed via linguistic forms.

As stated by Nuriadi *et.al* (2016:162), figurative language refers to the use of verbal words or expressions to explain or convey the intended meaning, concept, or message of a speaker. Figurative language is used to enhance the structure of a phrase with the main objective of achieving a certain impact, therefore creating an imaginative impression on the listener or audience, whether by oral or written means. Every writer have a unique style through which they articulate their literary concepts. The writing style of each article will be affected by its respective author. Figurative language enhances and enlivens literary works, elevating their quality and making them more vibrant.

Allowing to Gasma & Yunita (2017:77), A song is a fusion of a musical composition and a human voice, which showcases the words. Furthermore, according to Becky in Adawiyah & Ayatika (2017:86), using songs is a simple technique to capture children's attention and an enjoyable approach to facilitate learning. The use of music media in English instruction for young learners is anticipated to serve as a source of motivation for students in their English language learning endeavors. The student will exhibit a heightened level of interest in studying the English language. A lyric might have either an explicit or subliminal meaning.

The researcher is interested in doing research on songs as the subject of study. This research aims to provide a description of figurative language, specifically in music, including an analysis of the predominant forms of figurative language used. The present research focuses on analyzing the metaphorical language used in song lyrics due to its high level of



attention, popularity, and familiarity throughout society. Comprehending the significance of song lyrics may be challenging due to their use of implicit meanings and indirect expressions. Researchers must evaluate the figurative language employed in the lyrics to ascertain their intended meaning.

#### **a. Analysis**

Analysis is an attempt to observe something in detail. Bagaskara & Ristiania (2019:14), state that analysis is a process of analyzing a specific piece of data from a variety of sources, as well as analyzing the data it self and the data it contains, as well as analyzing the data among the data in order to improve the quality of the data and the quality of meaning as a whole. Analysis involves various tasks like understanding, distinguishing, categorizing, and rearranging items based on specific criteria, followed by identifying connections and interpreting their significance.

#### **b. Linguistic**

According Nafinuddin (2020) states that linguistics is can be seen as the study of meaning, one of the three levels of language analysis alongside phonology and grammar. It is recognized as a linguistic field examining the connection between language signs and their referents, essentially focusing on the meaning of language. Semantics, a branch of linguistics, is closely linked to disciplines like sociology, anthropology, philosophy, and psychology.

#### **c. Figurative Language**

As stated by Risdianto F (2011:33), figurative language refers to the use of language that directly compares unlike things using metaphors and similes. Figures of speech convey nuances of meaning that are not easily conveyed in any other manner, they communicate nuances of meaning that can be communicated precisely in any other manner, they communicate a lot in a more concise timeframe than would otherwise be possible, and they are instantaneous as they encapsulate meaning in visual language rather than expressing it in a detached manner.

#### **d. Types of Figurative Language**

As stated by James [2014;212], Figurative language is a language style in which words or phrases are used that deviate from their literal meaning. It usually accomplishes the goal of explanation. Details, fabrication or modification, and manipulation. Figurative language is language that uses a variety of speech figures. Personification and idiom are examples of figurative language types. Take a look at these explanations for further clarity.



#### **e. Song**

A song is a little component of music that has been enjoyed by several generations. One of the music enthusiasts is a youthful student. Songs are potent teaching tools used by teachers throughout the learning process.

#### **f. Adele Laurie Biography**

According to Youtube about biography of Adele Laurie with the link <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Adele> 11 march 2024 Article history Adele Laurie blue adkins MBE is a British vocalist and lyricist. Adele, who graduated from BRIT school in 2006, secured a recording deal with XL records in the same year when a friend published a sample of her song on MySpace.

#### **g. Easy on Me'Song**

According to Youtube about of song lyrics *Easy on Me* with the link <https://g.co/lgs/5ckSRSY> The song entitled "*easy on me*" is a song sung by the world class musician, Adele, which was released for the first time on October 15 2021. This work is a new work and the first after 6 years of not releasing any songs at all. Adele previously leaked a fragment of this song on her personal instagram. These was such excitement that within 45 minutes of it's release, the video clip for this song had been played more than 674 thousand times on the official youtube. The following are the lyrics to Adele's song "*easy on me*" complete with translation.

#### **h. Review of Previous Research**

There were several researchers who had conducted the research entitled related to this research. However, there were some similarities and differences in object of the study, method and approach, including: The first research was conducted by Laila Alvina Dewi 2020 entitled Analysis Figurative Language in Maher Zain Song in academic year 2019/2020. The research aimed to find out the meaning of figurative language contained in the video clip of Maher Zain song. The Second Nana Nurdiana (2015) did a second study titled "An Analysis of Figurative Language in Katy Perry Songs." The research aimed to determine the implied meaning and The linguistic style used in Katy Perry's songs may be classified as a specific form of language.

The third study, undertaken by Rinda Sonia in 2020, analyzed the use of figurative language in the poem "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost. The objective of this study is to examine the many forms of metaphorical language. Based on the previous researchers above, all of them are relevant and suitable. Those researchers also become references for this research. The researcher found that the similarities between this research and the three previous



types of research lies in approach method that is using Figurative language Approach. Meanwhile, the differences lies in object of the study. This research using song while the previous research using Video Clip, Film and Poetry.

## **2. Research Method**

A research method refers to the specific approach or technique that a researcher uses to examine data. Conducting research is crucial, and it is essential for the researcher to use the appropriate methodology. The study employs a descriptive qualitative technique. Moleong (2011:3) States that the descriptive qualitative approach utilizes techniques of verbal communication, data collection, and data analysis. In qualitative research, the focus of analysis is on comprehending the outcomes of the collected data, rather than on calculating them. The research approach used in this study attempts to evaluate the lyrics of the song "*Easy on Me*." Written by Adele Laurie.

The data source for this research were taken from You Tobe with the name account Adele Laurie. The data source is the *Easy on Me*' song lyrics.

### **a. Data Collecting Technique**

Creswell *et.al* (2016:3) Define research techniques as systematic plans and processes including a range of phases, from overarching assumptions to specific ways of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data. The researcher used a descriptive research technique with a qualitative approach. Descriptive research is a kind of writing that provides a detailed description of the current situation based on direct research. The data acquired in this type of research is qualitative in nature, derived from sources such as manuscripts, interviews, field notes, personal papers, memo notes, and other relevant materials. The qualitative technique is an approach that emphasizes thorough observation and analysis. Hence, the use of qualitative methodologies in research might provide a more exhaustive investigation of a topic. Qualitative is a scientific paper prepared based on research conducted with the aim of understanding an existing phenomenon about what has been experienced. The examples of qualitative data are from interviews, research notes, observation data differentiated by category, customer comment data on a product, and other data presented in writing.



## **b. Data analysis Technique**

During the analysis process, the researcher employs the following processes:

### **1. Identification**

Upon collecting the data, the researcher proceeds to categorize it based on the types of figurative languages used, with a specific emphasis on distinguishing between literal and non-literal meanings. This classification process aims to facilitate the organization of the data.

### **2. Classification**

The researcher classifies which song lyrics contain meaning or elements of figurative language of *easy on me* song by Adele Laurie .

### **3. Analysis Data**

At this stage, The researcher will analyze data sources that have classified song lyrics that contain elements of figurative language. at this stage the researcher will further examine the types of metaphorical language included in the categorized music lyrics.

## **3. Result and Discussion**

This chapter describes three main topics; they are description of the results and discussion of the data investigation. The data collected in this research pertains to the many types of figurative language are most dominant in *easy on me* by Adele Laurie. To describe the figurative language, meaning and type of dominant in the lyrics of song. There are seventeen figurative languages in the lyrics of the song *easy on me*, including one personification, two metaphors, two similes, one hyperbole, three repetitions, one alliteration, one onomatopoeia, two idioms, one irony, one litotes, one metonymy and one oxymoron. After that, the dominant Figurative Language was found in the figure of speech repetition with the number. Repetition figure of speech is a language style that expresses the repetition of the same words, phrases or clauses to emphasize the meaning of a sentence or discourse, by repeating words or endings in each line in songs, the songs can leave a more lasting imprint on the reader's heart. The lyrics of this song emphasize they really can't be together anymore those lyrics also explain that he is really struggling to be together both of them tried to maintain their relationship so that in the end they had to separate for their respective happiness.

### **Types of Figurative Language in Song Lyrics**

The formulation of the research is what are the types of figurative language used in English lyric of song "*Easy on Me*". Through the analysis of the collected data, there is any





several findings have emerged, specifically pertaining to the various types of figurative language utilized in the song lyrics. The categories of figurative language were derived from the analysis of supporting ideas and are provided in the tables. In chapter II, the previous study showed that each research that have been conducted by Laila Alvina Dewi (2020), Nana Nurdiana (2015), Rinda Sonia in (2020). All of the previous research showed there are any differences with this research, that is in object of the study. This research using song while the previous research using Video Clip, Film and Poetry. but the research has also similarity, such found that the similarities between this research and the three previous types of research lies in approach method that is using Figurative language Approach.

All of them claimed that there are several types of figurative language in song lyrics. The result of all previous research has endorsed the finding on what the researcher found in this research. The result of this research showed the seventeen figurative language in the lyrics of the song *easy on me* by Adele Laurie, including one personification, two metaphors, two similes, one hyperbole, three repetitions, one alliteration, one onomatopoeia, two idioms, one irony, one litotes, one metonymy and one oxymoron. This finding is in line with theory in chapter II which stated Figure of speech is a rhetorical tool used in language to give a certain appeal and effect to writing or speech.

### **Meaning of Figurative Language in Songs**

The formulation of the research is What are the meaning for this figurative language in English lyrics of song "*Easy on Me*"? Through the analysis of the collected data, so it can be concluded that in the lyrics song there are many figurative language meanings. After analyzing the song, the researcher found out seventeen data categorized the meaning of figurative language. including one personification "*I know there is hope in this waters*" The meaning in the lyrics of this song describing inanimate objects or non living objects as if they had characteristics like humans or living creatures. Meaning that hoping in a body of water will not be possible because this water is an inanimate object. Two metaphors, "*I know there is hope in this waters but I can't bring my self to swim*". "*when I am drowning in this silence*" The meaning in the lyrics of this song the author compares hope with reality that is difficult to realize and the similes used in metaphors are in the form of an expression message. Two similes, "*I changed who I was to put you both first but now I give up*". "*when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways*". The meaning in the lyrics of this song is simile a figure of speech that compares two different things. one hyperbole, "*There ain't no room for things to change*". The meaning in the lyrics of this song the sentence uses very excessive words.



Three repetitions, “Go easy on me baby”. “There ain’t no room for things to change when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways”. “You can’t deny how hard I have tried”. The meaning in the lyrics of this song in these lyrics is figurative language that uses repetition word to emphasize meaning. One alliteration, “I had no time to choose what I choose to do”. The meaning in the lyrics of this song is a consonant sound that is made repeatedly in two words in one sentence. one onomatopoeia, “Baby”. The meaning in the lyrics of this song is word “baby” is word that are completely similar to the sound they produce two idioms, “There ain’t no gold in this river”. “I ve been washin my hands in forever”.the meaning in the lyrics of this song is the figurative language which a group of words whose meaning is not understood from their literal meaning. one irony, “So go easy on me”. The meaning in the lyrics of this song the sentence uses subtle innuendo. one litotes, “I was still child did’nt get the chance to feel the world around me “.The meaning in the lyrics of this song to reduce or minimize the actual reality with the aim of humbling one self. one metonymy, “I know there is hope in this waters”. The meaning in the lyrics of this song a figure of speech that replaces a word with another word. and one oxymoron “ Drowning in this silence” The meaning in the lyrics of this song this sentence places two antonyms in a syntactic relationship.

### Types of Figurative Language are Most Dominant in the Lyrics of Song

From the table 3 in the song researcher found seventeen the kinds of figurative language, there are: one personification, two metaphors, two similes, one hyperbole, three repetitions, one alliteration, one onomatopoeia, two idioms, one irony, one litotes, one metonymy and one oxymoron. This finding is in line with theory in chapter II which stated Figure of speech is a rhetorical tool used in language to give a certain appeal and effect to writing or speech. From a pie chart above the researcher can found of figurative language in lyrics of songs is seventeen and the most dominant of figurative language is repetition with three the figurative language in lyrics of song.

#### a. Table and Picture

**Table 1 Types of Figurative Language**

N o	Lyrics	Kinds of figurative language											Kinds of instru ment	Data source
		P E R	M E T	S I M	H Y P	R E P	A L L	O N L	I N D	I R I	L I E	M E X	O X Y	





		S	H	I	O	O	O
1	I know there is hope in this waters	✓					
2	I know there is hope in this waters but I can't bring my self to swim		✓				
3	when I am drowning in this silence		✓				
4	Go easy on me baby			✓			
5	I was still child did'nt get the chance to feel the world around me					✓	
6	There ain't no room for things to change when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways			✓			
7	You can't deny how hard I have tried			✓			
8	I changed who I was to put you both first but now I give up		✓				
9	There ain't no gold in this river				✓		
10	I ve been washin my hands in forever				✓		
11	I had no time to choose what I choose to do			✓			
12	Baby				✓		
13	So go easy on me					✓	
14	There ain't no room for things to change			✓			
15	when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways		✓				
16	I know there is hope in this waters					✓	
17	Drowning in this silence						✓

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### Meanings of Figurative Language in the Song “*easy on me*” by Adele Laurie

**Table 2 Meaning of Figurative Language**

No	Lyrics	Kinds of Figurative Language	Meaning of Figurative Language
1	I know there is hope in this waters	Personification	Called personification because describing inanimate objects or non living objects as if they had characteristics like humans or living creatures



2	I know there is hope in this waters but I can't bring my self to swim	Methapora	Called metaphore because the author compares hope with reality that is difficult to realize
3	when I am drowning in this silence	Methapora	The similes used in metaphors are in the form of an expression message
4	Go easy on me baby	Repetition	Called repetition because in these lyrics is figurative language that uses repetition word to emphasize meaning
5	I was still child did'nt get the chance to feel the world around me	Litotes	Called litotes because to reduce or minimize the actual reality with the aim of humbling one self
6	There ain't no room for things to change when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways	Repetition	Called repetition because in these lyrics is figurative language that uses repetition word to emphasize meaning
7	You can't deny how hard I have tried	Repetition	Called repetition because in these lyrics is figurative language that uses repetition word to emphasize meaning
8	I changed who I was to put you both first but now I give up	Simile	Called simile because simile a figure of speech that compares two different thngs
9	There ain't no gold in this river	Idiom	Called idiom because those figurative language which a group of words whose meaning is not understood from their literal meaning
10	I ve been washin my hands in forever	Idiom	Called idiom because those figurative language which a group of words whose meaning is not understood from their literal meaning
11	I had no time to choose what I choose to do	Alliteration	Called alliteration because a consonant sound that is made repeatedly in two words in one sentence
12	Baby	Onomatopoeia	Called onomatopoeia because word "baby" is word that are completely similar to the sound they produce
13	So go easy on me	Irony	Because the sentence uses subtle innuendo
14	There ain't no room for things to change	Hyperbole	Because the sentence uses very excessive words
15	when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways	Simile	Called simile because simile a figure of speech that compares two different thngs
16	I know there is hope in this waters	Metonymy	Called metonymy because a figure of speech that replaces a word with another word
17	Drowning in this silence	Oxymoron	Because this sentence places two antonyms in a syntactic relationship

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### Types of Figurative Language are Most Dominant in the song Lyrics

From the data above, the researcher can concluded there are many figurative language uses in english of song lyrics that the researcher analyze choses song are:



**Table 3 Types of Figurative Language are Most Dominant**

No	Lyrics	Kinds of figurative language												Kinds of instrument	Data source
		P	M	S	H	R	A	O	I	I	L	M	O		
		E	E	I	Y	E	L	N	D	R	I	E	X		
		R	T	M	P	P	L	O	I	O	T	T	Y		
		S	H				I		O		O	O			
1	I know there is hope in this waters	✓													
2	I know there is hope in this waters but I can't bring my self to swim		✓												
3	when I am drowning in this silence		✓												
4	Go easy on me baby					✓									
5	I was still child did'nt get the chance to feel the world around me										✓				
6	There ain't no room for things to change when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways					✓									
7	You can't deny how hard I have tried					✓									
8	I changed who I was to put you both first but now I give up		✓												
9	There ain't no gold in this river								✓					Analysis Sheet	YouTobe Adele Laurie
10	I ve been washin my hands in forever								✓						
11	I had no time to choose what I choose to do					✓									
12	Baby							✓							
13	So go easy on me									✓					
14	There ain't no room for things to change				✓										
15	when we are both so deeply stuck in our ways		✓												
16	I know there is hope in this waters										✓				
17	Drowning in this silence											✓			
	Total	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		<b>17</b>



**Picture 1**



**Picture 2**

#### **4. Conclusion**

The researcher found seventeen kinds of figurative language. including one personification, two metaphors, two similes, one hyperbole, three repetitions, one alliteration, one onomatopoeia, two idioms, one irony, one litotes, one metonymy and one oxymoron. From a pie chart above, it can be conclude the most dominant figurative language which is used in the song lyrics is repetition found three figurative language and more than the others.

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