CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Idioms are words, phrases, and expressions that cannot be translated literally. In other words, when we use them in everyday language, they have different meanings than the basic ones you would find in a dictionary. Idiom is part of figure of speech. Actually there are many figures of speech such as metaphor, hyperbole, proverb, idiom, etc. And many people do not realize that they often meet idioms in song lyrics.

A song is one of the best entertainments to be enjoyed by all the people in the world; it contains a variety of techniques of presenti vocal, melodious music, beat of the drum so that through the song we can change our perspective about the world. When we analyze and learn a song indirectly we can get four skills of language (in this case English) such as speaking, listening, writing, and reading. Through comprehension of idioms we can explore the deepest meaning in the song. There are a plenty of variations of language that can be found in the song, such as the variations types of figurative language, including idioms.

Goffin and McMordie, 1976:6 state that idiomatic expressions are to be found even in daily speech of English rather than in elaborate, polished compositions. Likewise, on radio, in novels, newspapers and magazine articles, and books of travel, idiomatic turns of expression abound. In general, idioms can be categorized into phrasal verbs, prepositional phrases and partial idioms.
Mostly the types of idioms are formed by verb phrases, and in this paper will be discussed the types of idioms that are formed by such phrases.

Being interested in the study of idioms, especially the idioms that can be found in the song lyrics, the study will analyze idioms used particularly in the song lyrics sung by The Living End, which is composed by Chris Cheney, the lead vocalist and also the front man of the band. The songs are taken from their second album Roll on and their fourth album State Of Emergency. The Living End is an Australian punk rock band which formed in 1994. The members of the band are Chris Cheney (vocals, guitar), Scott Owen (double bass, vocals), and Andy Strachan (drums). They have also gained chart success in the United States and the United Kingdom. The band has released six studio albums. They also have won five awards: Highest Selling Single for “Second Solution / Prisoner Of Society (1998), Breaktrough Artist – Album and Best Group for The Living End (1999), Best rock Album for White Noise (2008), and the same category for The Ending is Just The Begining Repeating (2011).

The themes of the songs written by Chris Cheney mostly are about politics, social condition, personal life or experiences and resistence, while the ‘love themes’ are seldom found in their songs. In writing a song, Chris Cheney uses plenty figurative language including idioms to express his feeling about the social condition around him, criticize the nation’s programs, and some of the song tell us about his personal life.
Based on the themes of the songs and many figures of speech contain in the songs, it is interesting to analyze the special figures of speech of idioms.

1.2 Problems of the Study

In analyzing the song lyrics composed and song by The Living End band, there are some problems that can be formulated in connection to the use of idioms in the song lyrics of The Living End, which are as follows:

1. What types of idioms can be identified in the song lyrics sung by The Living End in the Roll On and State Of Emergency albums?

2. What are the intended meanings of the idiomatic expressions found in the song lyrics contained in the Roll On and State Of Emergency albums?

1.3 Aims of the Study

The aims of this Study are specifically as follows:

1. To identify the types of idioms in the song lyrics in the Roll on and State Of Emergency albums by The Living End band.

2. To describe the intended meanings of the idiomatic expressions found in the song lyrics in the Roll on and State of Emergency albums.
1.4 Scope of Discussion

The discussion of idioms will be formulated based on the problems formulated above. The discussion and analysis are focused on:

1. The types of idioms in the song lyrics of in the *Roll on* and *State of Emergency* albums.
2. The intended meanings of the idiomatic expressions in the song lyrics in the *Roll on* and *State of Emergency* albums.

1.5 Research Methods

Research method is the way of understanding the objects that become the target of the analysis. Methodology is a system that is used in a research in accordance with the approach. It is the way or procedure of how the researcher approaches the problems to find the answer through finding, collecting, and analyzing the data (Dini, 2009:4). The method in this research is devided into 3 points, namely the determination of data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

1.5.1 Data Source

Data sources are the sources of data from which are taken from the necessary data. This study used primary data directly taken from the song lyrics composed and sung by The Living End Band. There are several song lyrics taken from their second album and their fourth album: *Roll On* and *State of Emergency*. There are some reason for choosing the song lyrics composed by The Living End.
The song lyrics by The Living End are chosen for this paper since The Living End is one of the most famous bands in Australia, particularly, with the albums *Roll on* and *State Of Emergency*. (The Living End Discography - Wikipedia, 2014) These albums are chosen since these are the best albums they have ever made.


*State Of Emergency* was released in Australia on 4 February 2006, in New Zealand on 6 February and in Japan in May 2006. The album was released in the United States and Canada on 11 July 2006. It debuted in the number one position on the ARIA charts. This album contains four song lyrics including *Black Cat, Order Of The Day, Wake Up*, and *What’s On Your Radio*.

These song lyrics are taken as the primary data source in order to collect and analyze as the object of the study. The reason for choosing these song lyrics is that they are nice song lyrics and contain many idioms to be analyzed.
1.5.2 Method and Technique Collecting Data

The method in collecting the data is the documentation method. And the type of data needed in this research is qualitative data. Qualitative research is oriented toward understanding the meaning of the idioms. The steps to collect the data are as follows:

1. First, downloading the lyrics from the sites in internet in order to get the required lyrics of the songs. We can find several sites in the internet which provide the song lyrics such as http://www.kapanlagi.com/lirik/artis/the_living_end, http://www.A-Zlyrics.com/lirik/artis/the_living_end.

2. Then, ten lyrics were read carefully, repeatedly and intensively in order to understand the messages and to reveal the major themes of the songs.

3. The next step was taking note of the words/phrases which were considered as idioms, which were recorded in the separate papers to be analyzed later.

1.5.3 Method and Technique Analyzing Data

The data was analyzed qualitatively based on the theory and the data was checked on several sources such as books and websites. The steps in analyzing the data are as follows:

1. The collected data was checked to the source which provides the information and list of English idioms. The source is the book entitled
2. The idioms were categorized according to their types. The types of idioms were determined based on the theory of Idioms proposed by Palmer (1976: 98)

3. The intended meanings were also resolved based on the theory proposed by Ogden and Richards in Palmer (1976: 26). And the analysis of English idioms that were found also includes the analysis of the meanings and supported by their contexts.