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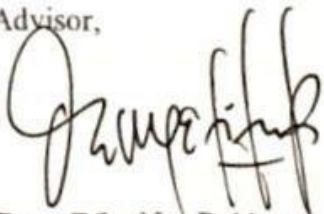
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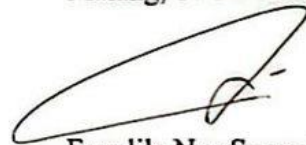
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## ABSTRACT

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This research aims to analyze how a compliment expresses something different than usual. Compliments are used with profanities; therefore, whether the praise used will look and sound negative. In addition, this research also tries to find out about the types and functions of a compliment containing profanities. It makes this research very important because we can find out how two sentences or phrases that are very different and contradictory in terms of meaning and how they are used, such as compliments and profanities, become one unit and are spoken to others. We can also see how profanities turn into something used to express things viewed positively by others. The method used to analyze this research's data is qualitative with a descriptive approach. The theory used to find out the types and functions of compliments containing profanities is Wolfson's theory (1983), with a movie research object entitled *Birds of prey*. This research shows 3 out of 4 types of compliments containing profanities, namely, possession, general ability, and specific act ability. Specific act ability is the type of compliment that is often found, as much as 65%, while possession is the type of compliment that is rarely seen, as much as 26%. Furthermore, 6 out of 8 compliment functions containing profanities were also found, and compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm to be the most common compliment function found, namely, 26%, while compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity to be the least common compliment function found, namely, 9%. From this, the most frequently used types of compliments are specific acts, ability, and possession. In contrast, the most commonly used functions are compliments, which may be used to modify the sarcasm, and compliments serve to increase and consolidate solidarity. Not only that, the researcher hopes that this research will help students, especially students majoring in English literature, in learning pragmatics, especially in the topic of compliments. Therefore, future research is expected to use several other methods and research objects to obtain complete and precise data with different results.

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تهدف هذه البحث إلى تحليل كيف يعبر الثناء عن شيء مختلف عن المعتاد. يُستخدم الثناء بالاشتراك لذلك، سواء كانت الثناء المستخدمة سبباً وتبدو سلبية. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تحاول هذه البحث أيضاً معرفة أنواع الثناء ووظائفها فيما يتعلق بالشتائم، مما يجعل هذا البحث مهماً جداً للقيام به لأننا يمكن أن نعرف كيف تصبح جملتان أو كلمتان مختلفتان جداً ومتناقضتين من حيث المعنى والطريقة التي يتم بها استخدامها، مثل الثناء والشتائم، وتصبح وحدة واحدة وتنطق للأخرين. وليس ذلك فحسب، بل يمكننا أيضاً رؤية كيف يتحول الشتائم إلى شيء يُستخدم للتعبير عن الأمور التي ينظر إليها بإيجابية من قبل الآخرين. الأسلوب المستخدم في تحليل البيانات في هذا البحث هو الأسلوب النوعي بالتوجه الوصفي، والنظرية المستخدمة لمعرفة أنواع الثناء ووظائفها هي نظرية (Wolfson 1983)، والهدف من البحث هو فيلم يسمى *Birds of prey* تظهر نتائج هذا البحث أنه تم العثور على 3 من أصل 4 أنواع من الثناء التي تحتوي على شتائم، وهي التملك، والقدرة العامة، والقدرة الفعلية الخاصة. وأصبحت القدرة الفعلية الخاصة هي نوع الثناء الأكثر شيوعاً وجدت بنسبة 65%، في حين أن التملك هو نوع الثناء الأقل شيوعاً بنسبة 26%. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تم العثور على 6 من أصل 8 وظائف للثناء التي تحتوي على شتائم، ويمكن استخدام الثناء لتعديل السخرية هي الوظيفة الأكثر شيوعاً بنسبة 26%، بينما تستخدم الثناء أيضاً لزيادة وتعزيز التضامن وهي الوظيفة الأقل شيوعاً بنسبة 9%. من هنا، يمكننا أن نستنتج أن نوع الثناء الأكثر استخداماً هو القدرة الفعلية الخاصة والتملك، بينما الوظيفة الأكثر استخداماً هي استخدام الثناء لتعديل السخرية وزيادة وتعزيز التضامن. ليس ذلك فحسب، بل يأمل الباحث أن يكون لهذا البحث دور في مساعدة الطلاب، ولا سيما طلاب قسم الأدب الإنجليزي، في دراسة الدلالة، وخاصة في موضوع الثناء. لذلك، يُأمل أن يستخدم البحوث المستقبلية أساليب وموضوعات بحثية مختلفة للحصول على بيانات شاملة وواضحة مع نتائج متنوعة.

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis bagaimana sebuah pujian mengungkapkan sesuatu yang berbeda dari biasanya. Pujian digunakan dengan kata-kata makian; Oleh karena itu, apakah pujian yang digunakan akan terlihat dan terdengar negatif. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga mencoba untuk mengetahui tentang jenis dan fungsi pujian yang mengandung kata makian. Hal ini menjadikan penelitian ini sangat penting karena kita dapat mengetahui bagaimana dua kalimat atau frasa yang sangat berbeda dan bertentangan baik maknanya maupun cara penggunaannya, seperti kata pujian dan umpatan, menjadi satu kesatuan dan diucapkan kepada orang lain. Kita juga bisa melihat bagaimana kata makian berubah menjadi sesuatu yang digunakan untuk mengungkapkan sesuatu yang dipandang positif oleh orang lain. Metode yang digunakan dalam menganalisis data pada penelitian ini adalah kualitatif dengan pendekatan deskriptif. Teori yang digunakan untuk mengetahui jenis dan fungsi pujian yang mengandung kata makian adalah teori Wolfson (1983), dengan objek kajian movie berjudul *Birds of prey*. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat 3 dari 4 jenis pujian yang mengandung kata-kata makian, yaitu penguasaan, kemampuan umum, dan kemampuan bertindak khusus. Kemampuan bertindak spesifik merupakan jenis pujian yang sering ditemukan sebanyak 65%, sedangkan penguasaan diri merupakan jenis pujian yang jarang terlihat sebanyak 26%. Selanjutnya, 6 dari 8 fungsi pujian yang mengandung kata-kata makian juga ditemukan. ditemukan, dan pujian dapat digunakan untuk memodifikasi sarkasme menjadi fungsi pujian yang paling banyak ditemukan yaitu 26%, sedangkan pujian yang diberikan untuk meningkatkan dan memantapkan solidaritas menjadi fungsi pujian yang paling jarang ditemukan yaitu 9%. Dari sini, kita dapat menyimpulkan bahwa jenis pujian yang paling sering digunakan adalah tindakan tertentu, kemampuan, dan kepemilikan. Sebaliknya, fungsi yang paling umum digunakan adalah pujian, yang dapat digunakan untuk memodifikasi sarkasme, dan pujian digunakan untuk meningkatkan dan mengkonsolidasikan solidaritas. Tidak hanya itu, peneliti berharap penelitian ini dapat membantu mahasiswa khususnya mahasiswa jurusan sastra Inggris dalam pembelajaran pragmatik khususnya pada topik pujian. Oleh karena itu, pada penelitian selanjutnya diharapkan dapat menggunakan beberapa metode dan objek kajian lain untuk memperoleh data yang lengkap dan tepat dengan hasil yang berbeda-beda.

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## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This section will discuss some closely related to this area of research, such as the background of the study, research questions, significance of the study, scope and limitations, and definition key of the term.

#### **A. Background of Study**

In communication, a compliment is usually given to others to express admiration related to positive things in others. However, in touch, compliments can also be harmful to the recipient. It could happen because the choice of words used to give compliments to others is not appropriate to be heard, primarily if we say it to someone much older than us or even in formal activities that are happening, such as to a teacher when teaching and learning activities are taking place, or even when influential people attend a meeting. Therefore, in this case, compliments that are usually used to express something positive are instead used to state or say something harmful to another person, either spontaneously or planned. The word that causes the change in the original function of the compliment is the profanities. Thus, the praise sounds negative.

Profanities are words used to insult and denounce an object of insult, also a type of dysphemism. These profanities are usually used to swear at

someone or the situation that occurred at that time. This research chose profanities because of several things, such as profanities having a close relationship with something negative. As explained above, profanities contain harmful and inappropriate words, especially to older people or in a formal conversation. Second, profanities are used when someone feels angry and annoyed about something or an object. Lastly, profanities with a terrible connotation can be combined with a sentence, such as a compliment, which is very different or contradicts the original meaning of profanities. So, profanities are chosen to see how the compliments followed by profanities are pronounced by other people and related to their meaning, whether they are still negative or change into something positive.

This research needs to be conducted because we can find out how two sentences or words that are very different and contradictory in terms of meaning and the way they are used, such as compliments and profanities, become one unit and are spoken to others. Not only that, but we can also see how profanities turn into something used to express things viewed positively by other people. About the meaning that arises from the praise, will it remain good or change into a lousy meaning connotation? From this, this research needs to be done to determine the other side of praise more clearly and in detail.

In this research, the researcher tried to make movies as objects of research conducted. The movie that was used was directed by Cathy Yan and written by Christina Hodson. The movie was released in 2020 and is a superhero movie based on comics by DC Comics. The movie titled is *Birds of Prey* and tells the story of Harley Quinn's life after ending her relationship with the Joker and starting with his meeting with a little girl named Cassandra Cain until she joined several other evil women. In this movie, Harley Quinn also tries to save Cassandra Cain from an evil ruler called Black Mask. Therefore, *the birds of prey* movie became the chosen object in this research. This movie is in line with the purpose of this research, which tries to find out about the other side of a compliment or a compliment that is expressed negatively. This movie is suitable for this research because, in this movie, there are many applications of profanities that are not only used for swearing but also used to express a compliment to others. It is a movie that shows impolite strategies. Then, in this movie, several utterances are found in the movie dialogue that shows how a compliment is delivered negatively. This action movie raises quite an interesting topic: women's emancipation. Harley and several other women are trying to prove that women are not always weak and beneath men. Women can also do things men do, such as work, socializing, etc. So, by watching this movie, viewers can be aware that women can also be as strong as men.

Several previous studies have examined compliments, such as research conducted by Hanifah (2022), Mutonga (2022), and Chairani (2022). The three studies above tried to examine compliments based on gender-based differences. The researcher found several differences between praise given by a man and a woman, ranging from the type to the function of the compliment they use. In addition, there is also research conducted by Nurasia (2021) and Jannah (2022). This research tries to find out how compliments and their responses are used within the scope of a place of learning, such as schools and campuses. This research found various types and functions teachers and students use when conducting a teaching and learning activity. In addition, there are also studies conducted by Hidayatulloh (2021), Arimbi (2020), and Widyanita & Pasaribu (2019). These three studies try to examine a compliment found in a movie. Using different movies, they try to find the type and function of a compliment that can be found in a movie. This research found several styles and functions of compliments in each movie.

In addition, there is also research conducted by Sartika (2021). This research attempts to discuss the compliments and compliment responses from pickle hosts and guests attending the Ellen DeGeneres show. The research by Kartika & Riza (2022) tried to discover forms of compliments that are expressive of a speech act. In addition, this research also tries to explain the conditions of perlocutionary speech acts found in an anime movie, Yahari Ore no Seishun Love Come to Wa Machigatteiru and ReLife. The last, there is

research written by Taqiyah (2022). This research examines the compliments and responses in soft white's YouTube comment section. The researcher found that most of the viewers commented and praised the great personalities of the speakers because they could sincerely accept their past.

The difference between this research and the previous studies mentioned above is in the research topic. Based on the previous research described above, many researchers have tried to examine compliments in various ways and use different research objects. However, from these studies, there still needs to be research that attempts to explore a compliment differently. As done in this research, the researcher tried to find out how a compliment identical to a positive represents a negative thing. Not only that, but the reason behind using compliments to express a negative thing is also stated in this research. So, from the studies above, further exploration and investigations are needed regarding the issue of compliments. This research aligns with the thoughts expressed in a linguistic relativity hypothesis, often known as the Whorfian hypothesis by Hunt & Banaji (2012). This hypothesis contains how a language can control the mind of a human being. So, language can command our minds to make a perception of speech. In addition, language is also often used as a clue to their thoughts.

The researcher used Wolfson's (1983) theory to analyze the data needed. Wolfson's theory is used to find the types and functions behind using the compliment. The researcher considers Wolfson's theory as a theory that

sufficiently explains the types and functions of compliments clearly and in detail. Moreover, the types and functions of compliments are used to express harmful praise. In addition, this theory is also expected to help the researcher find data and conduct careful and detailed research to contribute to acquiring knowledge, especially in pragmatics, especially compliment. Many previous studies used the same theory and produced satisfying research results. However, there is still no research on compliments used to represent things negatively, even though they use the same theory as this research.

From here, this research aims to analyze how a compliment expresses something different than usual. Compliments are used in conjunction with profanities. Therefore, the praise used will look negative when given to others. Furthermore, the objectives of this research are to try to find the types of compliments on profanities found in *Birds of Prey* movies. This research also tries to discover the function of compliments on profanities found in *birds of prey* movies. This research investigates the response to compliments on profanities found in *Birds of Prey* movies.

## **B. Research Question**

1. What is The Type of Compliment Used Profanities in *Birds of Prey* Movie?
2. What Are The Functions of Compliment Used Profanities in *Birds of Prey* Movie?

### **C. Significance of Study**

The significance of this research is to get some new information, especially about how a compliment, when seen from the other side, is used to express a negative thing. Of course, this is inversely proportional to praise in general, which creates harmony in society and can add to the knowledge of students who want to learn about pragmatics in more depth. In addition, this research can help readers see and know many things contained in the movie, such as how the players play the characters in the movie's dialogue well so that a good movie is created that is also attractive to the audience.

### **D. Scope and Limitation**

This research focuses on the pragmatics analysis of speech acts, especially about compliments, because we can find many things in this movie by trying to discover the types and functions of compliments on profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie. So, from this, we can see that researcher are trying to examine compliments in a different way than usual in attempting to discuss how a compliment is used to express a negative thing to others because of the use of profanities in the pronunciation of the praise which makes this research more diverse and has innovations in it.

### **E. Definition of Key Terms**

In this section, the researcher tries to explain some of the meanings contained in the key terms in this research, such as:

- a. Compliment: A compliment is an expression of praise usually given by someone to someone else. A compliment is generally used to express a person's admiration. Not only that but compliments are also used to appreciate something someone has achieved.
- b. Profanities: Profanities are words usually used to swear to other people rudely.
- c. *Birds of Prey*: *Birds of Prey* is an action genre movie. Directed by Cathy Yan, this movie tells the story of the life of Harley Quinn after parting with the Joker, who wants to save a teenager named Cassandra Cain from an evil businessman commonly known as Black Mask.



## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

This chapter contains several theories and references related to this research. The writer tries to research compliments, compliment responses, and profanities. Therefore, a pragmatic approach and sociolinguistics are needed to analyze the data found in this research. References related to pragmatics and sociolinguistics are essential to assist writers in translating the meaning of an utterance. Some theories discussed in this chapter include pragmatics, speech acts, compliments, compliment responses, sociolinguistics, profanities, Movie *birds of prey*, and previous research that closely relates to the topic discussed.

#### A. Pragmatics

Pragmatics is a branch of linguistics that tries to research the relationship between a context outside of language and the meaning of an utterance by interpreting and adapting it to the situation of each given utterance. According to Leech (1983), pragmatics is research that studies how an utterance has meaning in a particular case. That is, every utterance or word in every utterance uttered by a speaker, writer, or someone who starts a conversation has the meaning or intention he wants to give to the listener. Usually, it is adapted to particular circumstances or circumstances at that time.

Meanwhile, according to Yule (2006), pragmatics is research that studies a meaning uttered by a speaker or writer which will be interpreted directly by a listener or reader. Usually, this type of research needs to explain what the speaker means in a given context and how that context influences what the speaker says. It also involves considering how the speaker arranges what he wants to speak to others correctly, such as where, when, and under what circumstances the speech act occurs. In addition, pragmatics has several branches of research that are very varied and diverse. Here are five units of pragmatic studies: deixis, implicature, presumption, discourse structure, and speech acts. In this research, the researcher tried to examine one of the most popular branches of pragmatic studies, namely, the Speech Act.

## **B. Speech Act**

A speech act is an element of a language and a non-language that contains various actions of a complete language, also related to speakers and listeners in a conversation. In addition, the speaker's description when conveying a topic, the message, to the context of a conversation is also considered. According to Wiyatasari (2015), the speech act is included in one of the essential parts of a conversation where this speech act supports the speech situation. In contrast to Wiyatasari, Arifany (2016) defines speech act as a language behaviour used by someone, and usually, it contains utterances

uttered in a speech event. The last, according to Yule (2006), speech acts are several actions shown through a phrase.

According to Austin (1962), when someone utters a sentence, that person will also do something. Therefore, Austin began to initiate speech acts in 1962, which were later developed by Searle (1969). Austin also stated that there are three different types of speech acts, namely, locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary.

a. Locutionary

A locutionary act is a speech act usually used to express something. Using the real meaning, this locutionary is included in the introductory speech act because it uses the original speech or words from a spoken utterance.

Example:

*A: What would you like to eat for dinner?*

In the sentence or utterance above, speaker A tries to offer the listener or speech partner the choice of what food they want for dinner that day.

b. Illocutionary

An illocutionary act is a speech act that is used to do something with a meaning that the speaker usually conveys, or simply illocutionary itself is an action performed by a listener or speech partner to respond to the speaker or speaker that he understands and

understands the intended meaning—conveyed by the speaker or speakers.

Example:

*A: What would you like to eat for dinner?*

*B: I'm full, thank you.*

The listener or speech partner B tries to respond to the offer. However, in that sentence, he stated that he refused the request because the speech partner felt full and did not want to eat anything else.

c. Perlocutionary

A perlocutionary act is an action that is usually done together with saying something. Perlocutionary itself usually produces an effect or result. These results emerge from these expressions to the listeners and are adapted to the situation and the conditions for pronouncing a sentence.

Example:

*A: What would you like to eat for dinner?*

*B: I'm full, thank you.*

*A: All right, then.*

Speaker A, trying to understand, also understands the intentions of the listener or speech partner B. He feels that the reason given by speech partner B, who says he is not hungry and is complete,

is very reasonable, so he no longer provides the listener with speech partner B's offers nor forces him to eat.

Austin also divides speech into several types. In Yule (2006), Searle also categorizes speech acts into several parts. According to him, speech acts are divided into five types adapted to the general functions of speech acts. The division of the kinds of speech acts is as follows:

a. Representatives

A representative speech act is a speech act that usually requires the speaker to believe or not believe in the truth of the utterances he is saying. Representative itself functions as something that can describe the existence of an event or situation conveyed by the speaker using words that convince others to believe. Usually, this representative is used in presidential debates where the candidates will get an idea of each other, claim something, and convey criticism of an event. Examples of the use of other representative speech acts are,

- *"She is a good girl."*

In this sentence, the speaker tries to convince the listener by showing through speech that the woman is good.

b. Commissives

A commissive is a speech act that makes the speaker do something he said in his utterance. Simply put, a commissive is a form of speech that functions as a statement of promise or offer, such as offering, promising, and vowing. As an example,

- *"I will collect the assignments tonight."*
- *"I will take you on vacation next week."*

In the example above, we can see that the sentence is imperative and gives a promise to the interlocutor. This example is by the explanation regarding the commissives' speech act explained above.

c. Declarations

A declarative speech act is a speech act that usually occurs when the speaker has the intention to create something, such as a situation, status, and some things that are still very new. At this stage, the speaker will declare an event or concern to the listener. For example, they were apologizing, deciding, or cancelling something.

d. Directives

A directive speech act is an utterance that the speaker usually uses to influence the listener to take an action the speaker said earlier. These directive speech acts include recommending,

commanding, requesting, ordering, and advising. The following is an example of the use of directives in everyday life,

- *“Close the door, please.”*
- *“Then clean my room!”*

The example above shows how a speech act directive is applied daily. These two sentences are command sentences given by someone to the other person.

e. Expressive

Expressive speech acts are speech acts that are closely related to attitudes and feelings. Usually, this speech act is used to express gratitude, apologize, praise, congratulate something, satirize, criticize other people, and express condolences to someone. The following is an example of the use of expressive speech acts:

- *“Congratulations on your graduation.”*
- *“Thanks for the cake. I like this cake.”*

The example above shows how expressive speech acts are explained. These two example sentences express a sense of gratitude and congratulations on someone's achievements.

Holmes (1988) argues that a compliment is a part of speech acts that can be seen from the explicit or implicit side, and this compliment is indeed an utterance given by someone to the interlocutor. In addition, according to

Brown & Levinson (1987), praise is a prime example of a speech act often used in everyday life, especially in expressing positive politeness strategies. When we talk to someone and try to compliment our interlocutor, indirectly, we have given happiness to that person. Therefore, we can create a harmonious society using compliments in everyday life. This can happen because of a fitting compliment on the target.

Manes (1983) reveals that a compliment is a thing that has a specific function, namely, to express various values that exist in a culture. That's because compliments are often used to assess something, expressing admiration for a work authentically owned by another person. From there, compliments can also illustrate the norms and values that exist in a culture by trying to convey an excellent compliment to others.

### **C. Compliment**

A compliment is an expression of praise usually given by someone to another to appreciate something that has been well achieved. In addition, a compliment is also used to express one's admiration for something or the atmosphere that was happening at that time. According to Al-Gamal (2017), a compliment is an action that is usually used when someone speaks. Usually, this compliment is used implicitly or explicitly to aim for a good that happened at that time, such as appearance, skills, characteristics, and many others.



Compliment itself is commonly used to make other people feel happy or good. Compliments do not necessarily mean that they can be used just like that. Compliments usually require several direct and indirect strategies for pronouncing compliments. This happened because, using the correct method, we could deliver topics compliments such as physical appearance, abilities, personality, and possession that were appropriately conveyed. According to Wolfson (1983), compliment statements usually require an adjective to indicate a positive thing by the speaker. Wolfson (1983) also argues that there are several adjectives that speakers often use. These adjectives are great, beautiful, and also beautiful. In addition, nouns also often use verbs intending to show an assessment or opinion on something positively. These nouns are love and also like. Apart from verbs and adjectives, nouns are also used several times to express a compliment. This happens because some nouns have a positive value that can build a good conversation.

Wolfson (1983) tries to divide compliments into two types, namely appearance and ability.

a. Topic of Appearance

The topic of appearance is a form of praise that is usually used by praising the arrival of the speech partner or listener. The impression issue could be in the form of a compliment on the clothes worn, makeup, the items he was wearing at that time, and looking attractive

in the eyes of the speaker. On the topic of appearance, Wolfson tries to divide the topic of appearance into two parts, namely,

#### 1) Personal Appearance

Personal appearance is a type of compliment usually used by someone based on the appearance shown by others. In this type of compliment, the speaker tries to praise what he sees from the speech partner or the other person, whether the beauty of the outside appearance of the other person at that time, the beauty inside the partner, or the person he is talking to.

Example:

- *"I love your skirt, and it looks good on you."*
- *"What lovely hair"*

In the two examples above, we can see how the speaker tries to compliment his interlocutor, and here, we can immediately see that the speaker is trying to compliment the appearance of the listener or the other person.

#### 2) Possession

In this type of compliment, the speaker usually uses the recipient's private property as the topic of the praise he is expressing. However, most of the use of this compliment possession will have a close relationship with the material

possession of the recipient. Simply put, besides being able to praise the things in a person, we can also praise anything that belongs to him, property, to the family owned by the speaker.

Example:

- *"Your daughter is a smart kid."*
- *"You have a nice mother and father."*

The example above shows how someone tries to compliment the recipient's family member. This example shows that possessions are praise given to someone and have a close relationship with him, such as family.

b. Topic of Ability

This type of compliment is slightly different from the previous type of compliment. In this type, we only focus on the abilities or skills possessed by a person. So, the speaker will need to remember the recipient's physical appearance and will not discuss the recipient's impression but instead discuss the abilities and skills possessed by the recipient.

Example:

- *"You have the best idea."*
- *"Great, you can solve these exam questions quickly and correctly."*

From the statement above, we can see that the speaker is trying to compliment their abilities, not their appearance, at that time. In this

type of compliment, Wolfson tries to divide the topic of ability into two parts, namely, general and specific action abilities.

### 1. General ability

General ability is a type of praise that covers general abilities. To a person's taste, this general ability covers several aspects, such as personal quality, skill, talent, and creativity. This general ability is also an essential topic of ability compliment. So, a person's skills can be owned by others or are general.

Example:

- *"You're so kind."*

In the sentence above, we can analyze the general ability compliment that the ability possessed by that person is a general ability or an ability many people can own.

### 2. Specific-act Ability

Specific-act ability is a unique compliment. That is, this type of compliment is usually used to express an action that only occurs in certain situations or conditions in an obvious way.

Example:

- *"You pass this test with the best score."*

From the sentence above, we can see and analyze that the delivery of a compliment to this Jenia compliment uses a particular action. So, only some have the same ability or talent as the recipient.

In addition to dividing the types of compliments into several kinds, Wolfson (1983) also divides the compliment function into several types, as follows:

- a. Compliments have the process of creating or maintaining rapport

This means an effort made to continue to create a bond between the speaker and the speech partner or the interlocutor by giving an excellent compliment to the speech partner or interlocutor. Not only making it but also trying to maintain an established bond.

Example:

- *"Good job, you work well!"*

We can see that the boss gives the above sentence to his employees. The praise can be an encouragement; besides that, the praise given can make the relationship between superiors and employees remain well established.

- b. Compliments as encouragement.

That is, a compliment can provide support or motivation for the recipient when he receives a compliment. So, when we praise someone, we can inspire that person to change or move forward in something.

Example:

- *“You’re an excellent public speaker. Keep on practicing.”*

The example of praise above shows how a speaker tries to motivate his interlocutor by giving praise that contains support and praise for the other person or recipient of the compliment. From this, we can see how a compliment motivates the recipient.

c. Compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration

This means praise given directly or spontaneously to the recipient or interlocutor. This is also an authenticity of the compliment because the speaker spontaneously and unplanned expresses admiration for something.

Example:

- *“Your dress looks stunning!”*

When we are at an event, we may spontaneously utter complimentary words like the ones above because we are amazed by the clothes worn by others at that time.

d. Compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity.

This means compliments create and foster a high sense of solidarity between the speaker and recipient. This happens because compliments are a significant element in fostering a sense of solidarity among people.

Example:

- *“You are an expert at doing math and chemistry problems.”*

When saying compliments like the above to our classmates, we will be able to create a high sense of solidarity between friends, especially when in the school environment, especially in the classroom environment.

e. The compliments" function is to express a positive evaluation.

This means a compliment has the function of positively evaluating something to the other party or the recipient because a compliment is an expression that can make someone happy and can make relations between people excellent and harmonious.

Example:

- *“It was a mesmerizing presentation. Keep it up!”*

From the example of praise above, we can see how a speaker tries to assess the presentation made by his interlocutor.

The assessment given is, of course, expressed positively by the speaker.

- f. Compliments may also be used to soften criticism.

This means that one can also use a compliment to criticize something. This happens because the speaker hopes the praise can help maintain harmony between the speaker and the other person, even though he expresses criticism. This compliment slightly dampens the emotions that arise when someone gets criticism. We can use this compliment to soften a complaint so the recipient doesn't feel hurt by the speaker's criticism.

Example:

- *"I like your suit, but it would be great with black pants rather than red pants."*

The above example shows how someone trying to criticize someone else uses praise. This is usually used so that the criticism does not cause a dispute or prevent the other person from being hurt by his words.

- g. Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm.

This means using a compliment accompanied by a comment can lead to a reprimand, or even worse, it can become an insult. This happens because the speaker usually wants to



reprimand or insult his interlocutor by using softer or sarcastic words so that the recipient does not feel hurt by what the speaker is saying.

Example:

- *"The sketch of your house was elegant and looks effective in every space, but it is too simple."*

In the example above, we can see how a speaker tries to comment on the design of the house made by his interlocutor. However, the speaker uses praise to soften his comment to the recipient so that the recipient doesn't feel hurt by his words.

h. Compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas.

As already mentioned, a compliment is a sentence that can build harmony. Therefore, compliments are also often used as a substitute or even used to strengthen further some of the speech act formulas, such as when apologizing, greeting the other person, or saying thank you so that the speech becomes more beautiful and can provide harmony between the speaker and the other person.

Example:

- *"Thanks for the burger. It's amazing."*

From what has been explained above, a compliment is an action that is often used for good or even to make the other person happy. Compliments can also foster a sense of solidarity among people and strengthen the harmony that exists in society.

#### **D. Profanities**

Profanities are words that are usually used for someone to swear at other people or at the situation that occurred at that time. The profanities is generally used to express anger or annoyance towards something or someone to insult or hurt others. Some researcher try to define profanities as an expression that is usually used to offend a person's dignity. The term profanities are also used for a need that must be clearly expressed, which makes the speaker feel confused about the truth of the meaning contained in a name.

In addition, Hughes (2006) says that profanities are rude words or obscene words that are usually used as a weapon to curse someone. Profanities themselves are widely regarded as words that are inappropriate to say in a social relationship. Hughes (2006) also noted that profanities are accompanied by various forms of words that look rough and vulgar, so it is not uncommon to use animal names to accompany them in their scope of use. The application of profanities itself is a highly complex thing to understand. This happens because sometimes there are several things or circumstances

where profanities are used to show happiness or give the recipient a positive meaning.

Profanities are often used to express anger. However, the use of profanities is becoming more and more diverse. Not only to express anger but swear can also use words to express regret, embarrassment, surprise, dissatisfaction, and closeness between friends and the environment. In fact, at this time, profanities were often used as material for jokes or friendly greetings between friends. In addition, profanities can also be used to compliment someone. Sometimes, some people add profanities to their compliments to show their deep admiration. Although the first impression created by using profanities in a compliment is terrible, its meaning is still good because a sentence of praise follows.

Giving compliments accompanied by profanities must also be considered and adjusted to the interlocutor or the conditions. You cannot give compliments like this to older people because it will seem impolite even though a compliment follows the profanities. Not only to older people, in a formal activity or event, but applying a compliment followed by profanities is also inappropriate because this will seem impolite. Compliments followed by profanities are better used in a friendship relationship because profanities are usually used for jokes between friends. In addition, giving compliments followed by profanities can make a close friendship relationship because they

typically understand better the meaning of the compliment followed by the profanities.

Here is an example of the use of profanities in a compliment:

- *"Damn, You look so stunning !!!"*
- *"Holy shit. Good work, Coco."*
- *"Oh, shit! You're so cool."*

In the sentence above, you can see the use of the profanities "damn", "Holy shit", and "shit" combined with a compliment sentence after it. Combining these contrasting things may give a wrong impression when speaking to others. However, the meaning contained in this sentence shows the opposite. The use of profanities in the sentence compliment, as above, offers a more expressive expression of praise if it is conveyed well to others.

#### **E. Birds of Prey Movie**

This movie featuring the character Harley Quinn is an adventure and action genre movie set in Gotham City or Batman City and formed around 2020. Gotham City is a city that has a very high crime rate. We can find lots of mafia and great villains. Birds of Prey continues the events after Batman disappeared and left Gotham in the movie Suicide Squad. Likewise, Harley Quinn also left Joker and joined the Birds of Prey group. Birds of Prey consists of Dinah, Renee Montoya, and Huntress to help protect it.

This movie has several important characters, such as Sionis, better known as Black Mask, Harley Queen, Dinah or Black Canary, Renee

Montoya, Huntress, and Cassandra. Black Mask is a criminal and the most significant mafia in Gotham City. Apart from that, he was also famous for his cruelty because he could bear to skin the faces of his victims without the slightest mercy. However, this movie tells the story of Harley's journey to seek emancipation and justice after being dumped by the Joker and considered trivial just because she was a woman.

In the middle of his path to awakening, he met several great women who also felt the same way as him, and Renee was one example. Renee is a police detective who has had a long career, and she is risking everything to be able to solve all the crime cases in Gotham City, from minor to significant cases involving many big mafias. However, Renee's hard work always ends in vain because her co-workers always get more appreciation until she steals Renee's promotion to commander. This all happened because Renee was considered just a woman who couldn't do anything as well as men, even though her friend's performance was far below Renee's and couldn't solve any cases.

Not only Renee but there is also Huntress, who wants to take revenge on several people who had the heart to kill all her family members 15 years ago, sadistically. Apart from that, Dinah also has to fight harder by working as a singer at Sionis' club. Dinah is famous as a singer with a very deadly voice because she can break glasses and even break other people's eardrums with the

power of her voice. Meanwhile, Cassandra is a small-time pickpocket with family problems that require her to commit crimes to survive.

Women dominate the core characters of this movie. This happens because this movie raises the theme of women's emancipation and gender equality. In the conditions presented in the movie, it is assumed that women are weak creatures and will never be as strong as men. Moreover, Harley, the main star in this movie, always lives in the shadow of her ex, namely the Joker, and Harley also gets protection from the Joker. Therefore, many people think Harley is nothing without the Joker beside her.

This movie also shows a very accessible and impolite life, where all crimes can be committed freely without fearing anything. Even the police are overwhelmed in handling all the crimes in Gotham City. Therefore, the language used by the players in this movie is informal or even impolite. There are lots of uses of profanities in this movie, ranging from profanities used to curse to profanities used together with sentences of praise. This sentence of praise should use excellent and pleasant words for the listener. Friendship also influences the language used because speaking to close friends does not need to use standard and formal language.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **RESEARCH METHOD**

This research uses essential steps when conducting a survey adapted to the existing methodology. First, we should determine the research design used in our research. Furthermore, we should know the instruments of this research area, and thirdly, we must be able to explain the data and data sources in this research. Fourthly, we must define the data collection in this research clearly. In the last stage, the researcher analyzes all the data obtained to answer all the existing research questions.

#### **A. Research Design**

This research used a qualitative method with a descriptive approach to finding data. Creswell (2014) argued that qualitative methods try to show the meaning of a phenomenon from the participants' perspective in research. That is, we can see and examine directly how a social community generally extends a pattern of behavior over time. Through this qualitative method, the researcher tried to express and understand every detail of the meaning in several individuals or can also be found in a group of people with the same social problem. This research also used qualitative methods to make it easier for researcher to take and process existing data. This research tried to analyze pragmatics to investigate information about the types and functions of

compliments on profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie. This research attempted to find the kind of Compliments on profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie, and the researcher also tried to find out about the function of Compliments on profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie. Not only that but the reason behind the use of compliments on profanities found in *birds of prey* movies is also analyzed and outlined by the researcher in this research.

## **B. Research Instrument**

In this research, the researcher tries to be the only main instrument in collecting data. Furthermore, it also assisted data collection with several supporting items, such as movie scripts and notes, which could help the researcher obtain data. So, in this research, the researcher is the only person who will search, collect, and process to get the data needed in this research.

## **C. Data and Data Source**

The data needed in this research is the phrases and utterances from all the characters in *birds of prey* movies. The researcher also tried to discover how the types and functions of compliments on profanities are located in the *birds of prey* movies. Furthermore, the data source in this research is a movie script of *birds of prey* Movie, which can be accessed at <https://thescriptlab.com/property/birds-of-prey/>. In addition, there is also



conversation or dialogue that contains the types and functions of compliments on profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie.

#### **D. Data Collection**

In collecting data, the researcher tried to do several stages. First, the researcher immediately watched the movie *birds of prey* on the Netflix application. Second, the researcher tried to get *birds of prey* movie script on the internet: <https://thescriptlab.com/property/birds-of-prey/>. Third, the researcher attempted to match the movie script obtained with the conversations in the movie. Fourth, the researcher observed every conversation containing the types and functions of compliments in profanities and the types and functions of profanities found in *birds of prey* movie.

#### **E. Data Analysis**

Furthermore, the data was sorted and selected for research using Wolfson (1983). After getting all the data needed, the writer organized each dialogue and scene based on the conversation, which contained the types and functions of compliments in the profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie. Next, the researcher analyzed the utterances found in the dialogue based on which types and functions of compliments in profanities, and also the types and functions of profanities were found in the *birds of prey* movie. Lastly, the researcher wrote a conclusion based

on Wolfson's (1983) theory to see the types and functions of compliments in profanities found in the *birds of prey* movie.

## CHAPTER IV

### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the findings and discussions adjusted to the literature review regarding the theoretical basis described in the previous chapter clearly and in detail. After that, the findings were developed to answer research questions that have been adjusted to the results of data analysis. In this research, the researcher tried to find out about a compliment containing profanities from the data in the dialog uttered by the players in the *Birds of prey*. Not only the findings, there is also a discussion section which will discuss the analysis of the data findings.

#### A. Findings

This section describes the data found in the conversations between characters. The data to be presented will take the form of a snippet of dialogue between characters, and the required data will be italicized and underlined. First, the data found will be grouped into types of compliments containing profanities. Furthermore, the types of compliments containing profanities are also grouped into compliment functions containing profanities. The grouping was done based on Wolfson's (1983) theory found in utterances.

#### 1. Types of Compliments

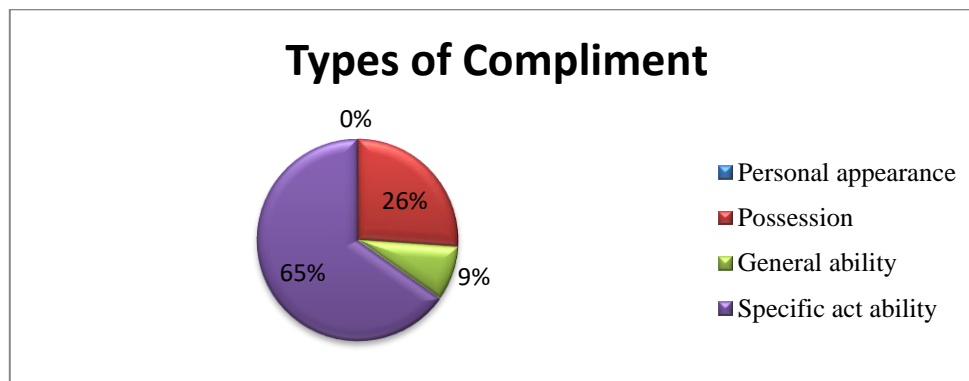
Twenty-three data compliments containing profanities were found (can be seen in Appendix I). From the 23 data found, six belong to the Topic of Appearance type, and 17 belong to the Topic of Ability type. Below, there is a table used to classify the data that have been found and adjusted to the theory used in this research. This table makes it easier to understand the data on the types of compliments containing profanities.

Table 4. 1 Types of Compliment

	Types of Compliment			
	Topic of Appearance		Topic of Ability	
	Personal appearance	Possession	General ability	Specific act ability
Total	0	6	2	15
	6		17	

Based on the table above, it can be seen that, there are several types of compliments in *Birds of prey*, they are, personal appearance 0, possession 6, general ability 2, and, finally, specific ability 15.

Chart 4. 1 Types of Compliment



Furthermore, in the diagram above, we can see that in the *Birds of prey*, there are several types of compliments, such as personal appearance (0%), possession (26%), general ability (9%), and finally specific act ability (65%). In this research, several types of compliments were found to be containing profanities. The types found in this research are possessions, general ability, and specific act ability; however, personal appearance was not found in the movie. This happens because this research only focuses on a compliment sentence that contains profanities. In contrast, the compliment sentences included in the personal appearance in this movie do not have profanities. Not only that, in *Birds of prey*, there is a lot of compliment that focuses on the greatness, unique and exciting life paths, and abilities possessed by essential actors such as Harley, Cassandra, Dinah, Huntress, and Renee. Therefore, many types of compliments containing profanities are found in the kind of specific act ability, around 14 or 58%.

#### a. Possessions

##### **Datum 4:**

Harley: “What she didn't know is that driving Mr. Face-peely-pants was going to put her right in the crosshairs of my favorite little piggy bitch.”

This dialogue is uttered by Harley when she tells about Dinah's character. At the beginning of the movie, Harley introduces one by one the important characters who will play in the movie in detail, including Dinah. Dinah, who has a beautiful and deadly voice, works as a singer in a nightclub owned by Sionis; however, one day, she is appointed as Sionis' driver because Harley broke the leg

of Sionis' previous personal driver. Because of this, Renee, a female police detective in Gotham City, tries to approach Dinah and find out crucial information about Sionis from her. Renee did this because she was trying to investigate the crimes committed by Sionis so far. The person Harley refers to in the underlined expression of compliment above is Renee.

The above compliment is a type of possession compliment because, in this type, the praise is given based on the person's possessions ranging from material to family, and the underlined sentence above shows how Renee, who Harley refers to as a little piggy bitch belongs to Harley's favorite. Harley considers Renee to be her favorite cop. This happened because of Renee's kindness and powers in handling every case. Renee could also solve even tricky crimes, which other police officers could not have done. However, in the end, the award she should have received because of her hard work was taken away and given to her co-workers who did not contribute anything. In the sentence above, we can see how profanities "*piggy bitch*" are used after a sentence of compliment. The compliment containing the profanities is said to Renee with the intention and purpose of showing how close Harley feels to Renee Montoya. Not only that, the profanities also show how impressed she is with the high dedication she has during her time as a police officer.

**Datum 6:**

Cassandra: "*Oh, shit. Is that a hyena in a bathtub? It's incredible.*"

Harley: "I named him Bruce after that hunky Wayne guy."

The dialogue was uttered by Cassandra when she had just arrived at Harley's house. Previously, Sionis ordered Victor and Dinah to take his precious diamond somewhere. However, Cassandra managed to steal the diamond from Victor when she was careless. Knowing this, Sionis, who was furious, immediately announced that anyone who could bring Cassandra before him would receive a reward of half a million dollars. Before being taken by other criminals, Harley came to save Cassandra, who was detained at the Gotham City police station because she was caught stealing from a restaurant. Next, Harley took Cassandra home to hide from being chased by many people. Cas, who had just arrived at Harley's house, was shocked by what she saw in the bathtub. A hyena was relaxing, and it turned out that the hyena was Harley's pet.

The compliment sentence above belongs to the possession compliment type because Cassandra tries to compliment the pet owned by Harley. This happened because Cassandra spontaneously felt it was unique and extraordinary, as hardly anyone would have the crazy idea of keeping a hyena as a pet. The profanities “*shit*” in the dialog above show how amazed Cassandra was at Harley's pet. Most people would keep a cat or a dog, but Harley chose to keep a hyena in her house. Cassandra, who saw this, felt that it was something different, and also excellent.

**Datum 7:**

Harley: “My bad. I should've introduced you. I'll make it quick. Meet the daughter of the fucking richest, most powerful Mafia don in Gotham City. Helena Bertinelli. Yep, that Bertinelli.”

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she told about Huntress and how she came to be. Huntress was born into the Bertinelli family, the most wealthy and influential family in Gotham City. Everyone knows about the Huntress family. However, something terrible happened to the Bertinelli family. When Huntress was just a little girl, her family was sadistically murdered by Galante, their enemy. Galante wanted to control all the wealth owned by the Bertinelli family, so he killed the entire Bertinelli family, leaving only herself. From the underline of the compliment above, we can see that Huntress is not anyone. She comes from a wealthy and powerful mafia family, so she is not someone who can be underestimated.

In the compliment above, we can tell that the compliment belongs to the possession type because the sentence tries to compliment the powers and wealth of the Huntress family. A mafia family that was the greatest and unrivaled in Gotham City at the time but sadistically died at the hands of their enemies. Furthermore, using profanities addressed to Huntress' family has its meaning. The pronunciation of these profanities " *fucking* " emphasizes the past and also the origin of the Huntress herself, specifically, about how wealthy the Huntress family was, too, before the truly horrible things happened. Helena Bertinelli, who comes from the Bertinelli family, is not to be underestimated.

**Datum 13 :**

Dinah : "*And I love that fucking name, Huntress.*"

Huntress : "Really?"

Dinah : "Yeah"



Dinah spoke the dialogue above at a taco restaurant. The morning after they managed to defeat Sionis and all his members, they tried to rest in a taco restaurant. They talked about the heroic actions they carried out last night. There, Dinah also tries to compliment Huntress' name. Before she introduced herself, she was known as the Crossbow killer. This happened because Huntress killed all her prey using a crossbow as a weapon. The Huntress has the real name Helena Bertinelli, but she changed her name to Huntress when she returned from hiding in Sicily for 15 years and started avenging her family. She uses that name to disguise herself and make it easier for others to recognize who she is and what she does.

The compliment is a possession compliment because the name someone owns is also included in a possession. After all, the term is usually a possession that shows a person's identity. The compliment above is given based on the possession of the name of someone she admires, namely, Huntress. The profanities “*fucking*” in the complimentary sentence above actually refer to how deep the sense of admiration and love that Dinah has for the name owned by the Huntress—a great woman with an excellent heart. Therefore, Dinah considered the word in keeping with Huntress' powers in killing and fighting all her enemies. Not only because of her abilities, Dinah also thinks the name is very calm and suitable to describe Helena Bertinelli or Huntress.

**Datum 21 :**

Cassandra : “This place *is so fucking dope.*”

Harley : “Well, it ain't much, but it's better than a prison cell.”

This dialogue was uttered by Cassandra when she was at Harley's house to hide from the pursuit of Sionis and his members. When she arrived at Harley's house, Cassandra tried to compliment Harley's residence because she felt the place was comfortable and relaxed, different from hers. It happened because Cassandra thought she was uncomfortable in her own home. Cassandra, an adopted child, was often abused and listened to her adoptive parents arguing about many things, including herself.

The compliment falls into the possession compliment type because, in the praise, Cassandra tries to express admiration for the house owned by Harley. However, the compliment does not only refer to Harley's home visually but also refers to the ambiance she finds inside. According to Cassandra, Harley is a different person. Although Harley is known as someone evil, she is still kind to Cassandra. She is saving Cassandra from the pursuit of Sionis and other criminals. The words of compliment are, of course, accompanied by profanities; the profanities " *fucking* " themselves show how Cassandra feels happy and amazed at Harley's residence, which she considers very cool. So, the compliment containing the profanities meant a lot to Cassandra, and she showed this by using profanities in the compliment sentence above. Who she thought was someone different from the many bad people out there.

**Datum 22 :**

Harley: "Number two... *Six bucks for tap water with a cucumber stick in it? Shit, that's lovely.*"

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she went to the supermarket with Cassandra. After rescuing Cassandra at the police station, she and Cassandra went to a supermarket to steal some of her and Cassandra's necessities. Their original purpose of going to the supermarket was to find a way for Cassandra to get out the Diamond she had deliberately swallowed and hidden in her stomach. While they were choosing their needs, Harley accidentally found a water that had cucumber in it. Harley was surprised at the price given by the supermarket for a bottle of water with cucumber in it. According to her, it was a very great and also crazy thing.

The compliment falls into the possession compliment type because Harley praises an item owned and sold by a supermarket in Gotham City. Therefore, the compliment slips into the possession compliment type. The use of profanities “*Shit*” in the sentence shows how deeply shocked she was by it. Harley thought it was both crazy and a good deal. So, from this, we can see that the use of profanities in this sentence is actually to emphasize the cucumber and to let everyone know about the shock she felt about the price of a bottle of water with a cucumber in it.

#### **b. General Ability**

##### **Datum 15:**

Harley: “We all know the saying, “*Behind every successful man there's a badass motherfucking broad.*” Well, that was me too. I was the brains behind some of Mr. J's greatest stunts. Not that he let anyone know it.”

This dialog is uttered by Harley when she tells about her romantic relationship and love journey with Joker. All their love journey starting from how they first met in a mental hospital, until finally they fell in love with each other and Harley decided to jump into chemicals at Ace Chemicals to show and prove the amount of love she had for Joker which, it made her body extremely pale white. The underlined compliment sentence above indicates her influence on the Joker's life and her efforts in helping the crimes committed by the Joker. Even though all her hard work so far has never been appreciated by the Joker. But in the end, her relationship with the Joker had to end in vain. The Joker dumped and left Harley without the slightest compassion for her.

The complimentary sentence above belongs to the general ability compliment type because every person in love will do anything for her partner so that her partner can be successful and happy, and so is done by Harley. Not only that, it also tries to compliment all the hard work of women who play an essential role in a man's success, even though they are only behind the scenes. Harley also tries to compliment all women, especially herself, because she thinks that more of the Joker's greatness is the result of her hard work, too. Without Harley's support and help, the Joker would not be this great. Next, The use of profanities "*motherfucking*" in the compliment aims to show and emphasize how great and challenging a woman is in accompanying and also helping her partners, namely, men so that they can be successful both in terms of work and personal life

**Datum 17:**

Harley: “*Damn, it’s feel really great, I fell fucking hard.* Like out of a plane without a parachute, right in your dumb face kinda hard. I lost all sense of who I was. I only had eyes for Puddin’.”

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she told how she first met Joker and fell in love with him. In this dialogue, she describes how happy she felt at that time. Everyone in this world could probably handle the feeling of falling in love. Through this dialog, Harley explains to everyone what it feels like when someone falls in love, according to her version. Harley feels that Joker is not only a boyfriend to Harley but also a love interest to her. The Joker is Harley's protector and home away from home. In essence, the Joker is Harley's world.

In the sentence above, the compliment sentence is included in the general ability compliment type. It happens because Harley tries to compliment the ability that everyone has when they feel the feeling of falling in love, ranging from passionate happiness to emotions that make no sense and can be felt by people who are feeling in love. Harley tries to compliment the joy in her when she falls in love with Joker. According to her, everyone who is in love can feel like that. Then, the use of profanities “*fucking*” in the sentence emphasizes how deep the sense of happiness is when someone falls in love. It feels like flying and falling hard but with the purpose of joy that surrounds it. Perhaps such things sound a little irrational, but this is what happens when one starts to feel in love.

**c. Specific Act Ability**

**Datum 1 :**

Police officer : “Detective. Found this necklace.”

Harley : “*Holy shit. Good work, Officer.*”

At that time, Renee, identifying a murder case in a restaurant, had to stop because of the sound of an explosion in Gotham City. After trying to find out where the blast came from, Renee immediately rushed to Ace Chemicals and briefly left her investigation. Once there, she saw how big the explosion was, and she immediately mobilized all the police there to discover the cause of the ace chemicals explosion. This dialogue was said by Renee Montoya when another policeman managed to find evidence of the blast of ace chemicals quickly and deftly.

The sentence of compliment is also included in the type of specific act ability compliment because the praise was given by Renee when all the police were confused about looking for evidence and the cause of the explosion. Still, there was a policeman who very deftly managed to find a necklace around the scene of the blast, which could eventually provide a bright spot to find the perpetrator of the ace chemicals explosion. After being searched, the chain turned out to belong to Harley Quinn. The sentence of compliment above is intended for other police who managed to find evidence of who blasted ace chemicals. In addition, Renee admires the police's thinking that this has something to do with Harley Quinn and her ex-boyfriend, the Joker. The use of profanities “*Holy Shit*” in the complimentary sentence serves to show the feeling of surprise and

admiration that Renee has for her police colleagues for being able to quickly and deftly find evidence.

**Datum 2 :**

Harley: “I made a carefully calculated, highly strategic move. *Fine. It was dumb luck. But still. That felt pretty great.*”

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she managed to escape and save herself from being chased by the people she had once reviled. Previously, Harley was free to do anything because she had the protection of the Joker. Joker is one of the greatest and most respected villains in Gotham City. Therefore, there will never be anyone who dares to fight or even deal with the Joker. After breaking up with Joker, Harley is underestimated by many people, including those who have been victims of Harley's crimes. They all flocked to get their revenge on Harley as soon as they knew that Harley and Joker had broken up.

The utterance of a compliment belongs to the specific act ability type of compliment because she managed to escape and survive the pursuit of many criminals in Gotham City. Of course, it was not an easy thing, and not everyone can get this kind of luck. Therefore, Harley considers this all good luck and does not come twice. In the compliment sentence above, we can see that Harley tries to compliment the luck she has. The use of profanities “*dumb*” in the sentence above shows that Harley is pleased and grateful for the fortune she got at that time.

**Datum 3 :**

Renee: "He had four people killed alone last night."

Police officer: "*Sionis is such a fucking mastermind* but how'd he get fired from his own fucking company?"

Renee: The Janus Corporation is his father's company, thank you.

This dialog is uttered when Renee tries to investigate several murder cases that have been busy lately in Gotham City. The perpetrator kills all her victims in the same way and with the same weapon: a crossbow. Renee believed that Sionis was the mastermind behind the murders, and she wanted to solve the problem and catch the real culprit. Renee's fellow police officer uttered this dialogue. She thinks that all the crimes in Gotham City are caused by Sionis or black masks, one of the most remarkable criminals in Gotham City. They believed that no one would ever be able to fight and catch Sionis, and only Sionis could commit all the extensive and heinous crimes and murders like this in Gotham City.

The compliment is also included in the specific act ability type of compliment because, although there are many criminals or mafia in Gotham City, only Sionis can commit all these crimes and extensive and heinous murders in Gotham City, and they think that no one will be able to fight and catch Sionis. The sentence above shows that Sionis is a master criminal who no one can conquer. Adding profanities "*fucking*" to the complimentary sentence above emphasizes the speaker's intention as he tries to explain how extraordinary and unparalleled a Sionis is. So, from the sentence above, we can see and understand that Sionis is a cunning criminal and the brain of many crimes in Gotham City.



**Datum 5 :**

Dinah : “What the hell are you doing here?”

Cassandra : “*You're the only one dumb who makes money off of rich, white people.*”

Dinah : “Well, you know what? One day you're gonna pick the wrong pocket, sis.”

Cassandra : “Okay. Whatever.”

Sionis ordered Dinah to run an errand with Victor, where she met Cassandra, who was trying to pickpocket people on the street. Dinah asked her what she was doing and advised her to stop pickpocketing. However, Cassandra has her reasons why she does such a dirty thing. The dialogue was uttered by Cassandra when she was mentioning the reason why she pickpocketed. After listening to Cassandra's reasoning, she only warned Cassandra to be more careful in her actions.

The above compliment sentence is included in the specific act ability compliment type because, in the compliment, Cassandra feels that only Dinah can find money easily from rich white people after she knows Dinah's story. Cassandra expressed the above sentence of praise because she felt Dinah was a lucky person who made easy money from the rich white people in Gotham City, such as Sionis. Cassandra uses the word "White people" because she is an Asian child, while Dinah is a race of black people. Dinah, who initially lived aimlessly on the side of the road, was rescued by Sionis and eventually worked for Sionis as a singer in Sionis' nightclub. Not only that, she also worked as Sionis' driver after Sionis' leg was deliberately broken by Harley so that Sionis' driver could no

longer work. The profanities “*dumb*” contained in the sentence above actually mean how great and lucky Dinah is because she can earn a lot of money quickly by working at rich white people in Gotham City, especially Sionis, which has been helping and employing Dinah all this time.

**Datum 8:**

Harley: “So, she starts training. When she was ready, and by “ready” *I mean a badass motherfucking killing machine, she moves back to Gotham.* Starts working on that kill list. She has the murder stuff down, but the rest?”

This dialog is uttered by Harley when she talks about the Huntress' past. When a sadistic murder occurs in the Bertinelli family, Helena is the only survivor. That's because she was saved by one of the Galante members, who wanted to seize power from the Bertinelli family. After the incident, she was taken to a place called Sicily. There, Helena was raised by Galante members and her father. For 15 years, Helena hid and practiced daily to avenge her family and make Huntress one of the greatest killers in Gotham City—the above dialog, uttered by Harley when she told about Huntress' past.

The utterance of a compliment is included in the specific act ability type of compliment because others do not maintain the abilities possessed by Huntress. She has the incredible ability to kill her enemies using a Crossbow and her powers in fighting against all her enemies. Huntress' 15 years of hard work has paid off handsomely. In addition to successfully killing Galante and all his members, she was hunted by many mafias, including Sionis. This happened

because they wanted to hire Huntress as a hitman. In the sentence above, Harley tries to compliment the greatness of Huntress in avenging her revenge with cool and mysterious action. The use of profanities in it also reinforces this. The addition of profanities “*motherfucking*” to the sentence of compliment shows that Helena is truly an expert in killing prey, so Harley gives Huntress the nickname a badass motherfucking killing machine.

**Datum 9 :**

Huntress : “They call me Huntress.”

Harley : “*She calls herself Huntress. Fucking fabulous, if you ask me.*”

This dialogue is also a continuation of the dialogue uttered by Harley when she explained Huntress' greatness. At that time, Huntress came to Doc's shop suddenly. Huntress comes to Doc with a purpose and asks for his help in finding out about the whereabouts of a particular person because Doc knows a lot of people in Gotham City, and Huntress first introduces herself as Huntress to Doc. Doc is a Taiwanese grandfather who owns a typical Chinese food stall. Huntress is Helena's pseudonym when she returns to Gotham City to avenge her. Before introducing herself as Huntress, the whole town knows her as the Crossbow killer because she kills all her prey using a crossbow.

The compliment sentence is underlined and italicized above. It belongs to the specific act ability compliment because, with her characteristic mysterious and agile personality, she could kill all her enemies and avenge every grudge her family had, and Harley likes Huntress' style. Harley uttered the above sentence of

compliment because she was amazed by Huntress' powers in killing each of her enemies. The profanities "*Fucking*" used in the sentence show the deep admiration Harley has for Huntress because she is the greatest assassin who has a cold and mysterious personality in Gotham City.

**Datum 10 :**

Dinah : "I'm not letting you sell the kid to him."

Harley : "I wasn't going to sell the kid. I was going to trade the kid."

Dinah : "Yeah. To save your own stupid skin. Huh?"

Harley : "*I'm proud of what I fucking did, but I had half the city after me.*"

The following dialogue is uttered by Harley when she is arguing with Dinah. Dinah was angry when she found out what Harley wanted to do to Cassandra, and Harley tried to give reasons why she was doing this. Harley had other intentions when she saved Cassandra in prison and helped her hide. Harley wanted to hand Cassandra over to Sionis, not because Harley wanted the bounty that Sionis was offering but because she wanted to give Cassandra to Sionis. Harley tried to get protection from Sionis because she realized she had fallen prey to everyone who wanted to avenge her. Therefore, she needs Sionis' safety so that she can continue to commit crimes in Gotham City and not be underestimated just because she is a woman. Moreover, she no longer has Joker's protection since they decided to end their relationship.

The compliment sentence is also included in the specific act ability compliment type because Harley tries to compliment the abilities that are only owned by her in particular, in terms of when committing every crime in Gotham

City. The above sentence of compliment is given by Harley to herself because she feels that she is proud of all the crimes she has committed so far, and no one can dare to commit crimes as Harley did. The use of profanities "*fucking*" in the sentence shows a deep pride in herself. Not only that, the profanities also show how Harley feels that she is someone great even though she is a woman.

**Datum 11 :**

Huntress : "What?"

Harley : "*You are so freaking cool.*"

Harley uttered the dialog above to Huntress. Harley, Huntress, Cassandra, Renee, and Dinah are trapped together in a playground that is no longer operated because they want the diamond that Cassandra swallowed back into Sionis' hands. There, they had to fight all the villains to save Cassandra and themselves despite their limited equipment. Huntress was amazed when she saw Huntress's great action against a villain on a slide because not everyone can do that.

The utterance is also included in the specific act ability compliment because Harley feels the fall has a reasonably narrow space and creates a small space for movement. Hence, it feels impossible to beat an opponent in it. Whereas Huntress could do it with great skill and ease, not everyone could do it, including Harley. In the compliment sentence above, Harley tried to compliment Huntress's powers and agility when fighting a Sionis member on a child's slide. The use of profanities "*freaking*" serves to emphasize the compliment Harley

gave and show the amount of admiration she has for the powers and agility possessed by Huntress.

**Datum 12 :**

Harley: “Here's the thing, Romy baby. Your protection is based on the fact that people are scared of you. Just like they're scared of Mr. J. But I'm the one they should be scared of. Not you, and not Mr. J. 'Cause I'm Harley fucking Quinn.”

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she tried to save Cassandra from Sionis. After Harley and her friends defeat all of Sionis' subordinates, Sionis manages to leave with Cassandra. Harley, who knew about it, immediately chased them and tried to save Cassandra from Sionis' clutches. There, Sionis continued to ridicule and belittle all the abilities possessed by Harley Quinn. Sionis said that Harley needed protection from him. He also said that without him and Joker, Harley was nothing. Harley, who heard that, did not accept it and tried to prove to Sionis who she was.

Therefore, the utterance of a compliment is included in the type of compliment-specific act ability because she has capabilities that most other people don't have. As a woman, Harley does not need protection from a man because she already has extraordinary powers only owned by her, such as defeating Sionis, a criminal who is almost invincible to anyone, including the police. The sentence of compliment above was given by Harley to herself when Sionis belittled Harley. Through this complimentary sentence, Harley tries to prove that the one who should be feared is himself, not Sionis or Joker. The use

of profanities “ *fucking* ” in the sentence emphasizes who Harley Quinn is. She is a woman who has outstanding abilities, and she also has a very, very smart brain. Not only that but in this sentence, she also wants to show that even though she is only a woman who is often considered weaker than men, she can also be someone who is feared and unmatched.

**Datum 14 :**

Renee : “*I mean, we were fucking amazing there.*”

Dinah : “Yeah! Hell yeah!”

Huntress : “I agree completely. So I'll do that, as well.”

The above dialog was uttered by Renee when they were resting after a very tiring night for them. They decided to relax and eat tacos at a restaurant. There, they try to remember the great action they did last night. They apologize to each other and compliment each other's skills. They also finally managed to pull out the diamond that Cassandra had deliberately swallowed, and they thought about making a plan for what they would do next because, according to them, even though Sionis was dead, there would still be other bad guys present and following in Sionis' footsteps.

The compliment sentence falls into the specific act ability type of compliment because it includes abilities that only they have, namely, their ability to defeat the Sionis. This can be proven by seeing what has happened so far. In reality, no one has ever been able to beat Sionis, not even the police. Only they can win Sionis. In the sentence above, Renee tries to compliment their greatness

because, according to her, their heroic actions last night were marvelous indeed; not everyone can fight to defeat one of the strongest, most significant, and almost invincible villains in Gotham City what's more they are all women. The use of profanities " *fucking* " in the compliment sentence above shows their action that night was fantastic. They also really liked it, so Renee, Dinah, and Huntress decided to create a crime-fighting group.

**Datum 16 :**

Harley: "What a way to start my new life. With the perfect egg sandwich. "Damn! You're a lifesaver, Sal. And I'm good for the 75 cents, okay? I promise. That's all the money I got in the world, and it's so worth it." I don't know if it's the stray Armenian arm hair or the fact that his cheese slices are always six months out of date, but no one makes an egg sandwich like Sal."

The dialogue above was uttered by Harley when she bought her favorite sandwich. The morning after Harley decided to blow up Ace Chemicals, she started her day with something she liked, namely, her favorite Sal's homemade sandwiches. She did this as a form of reward for herself, who was tired of facing the hardships of life after she broke up with the Joker. According to Harley, Sal is the best sandwich seller in Gotham City, and no one can make a sandwich as good as Sal's. Harley complimented Sal because Sal always managed to make a delicious sandwich and save herself from hunger.

The sentence of compliment belongs to the specific act ability type of compliment because Sal's ability to make the best sandwich in Gotham City is only owned by him. Not only that, Harley also felt that Sal's sandwiches were



different from most sandwiches sold in Gotham City. According to Harley, there will never be anything that can beat Sal's sandwiches, ever. The use of profanities “*Damn!*” in the sentence emphasizes the deep feelings of gratitude and happiness that Harley has for Sal because he manages to make the best sandwich in town, and no one can match him. Not only that, after feeling deeply heartbroken, wandering across the city, and drunk from last night's party, Harley needed something that could cure it all, even if only temporarily, and Sal's sandwich was the right choice.

**Datum 18:**

Audience : “*She means fucking business!*”

Harley : Oh, here we go!

The dialogue above occurred when Harley took part in a roller competition. More precisely, this dialog is uttered by one of the spectators who cheer and also encourages Harley from the stands. When Harley tries to get up and forget all about herself and Joker, she tries to take part in various activities, one of which is a roller competition. At that time, Harley tried her best so that she could win even if she had to cheat, such as hitting other participants to fall in the race.

The compliment is a specific act of ability compliment because of the ability possessed by Harley in trying to win the race, as we know that not everyone can try strongly and earnestly to win a race. Some of them think what Harley is doing is incredible, and not everyone can do it. In the sentence above,

someone tries to compliment Harley's seriousness and powers to win the car racing race. She was willing to do everything possible to win, like great athletes who are experienced in their fields, and thanks to her persistence, she managed to win the roller race competition she participated in. The profanities " *fucking* " in the sentence show how severe and persistent Harley is in winning the match. Not only that, the profanities also show that Harley is very serious about participating in the roller competition.

**Datum 19:**

Harley : "What?"

Sionis' driver : "I said... Sit your skinny ass down, you dumb slut."

Harley : "Okay."

Sionis's driver : "You broke my fucking legs!"

Harley : "*Call me dumb. I have a motherfucking PhD.*"

This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she was humiliated by Sionis' driver at a nightclub because she felt unacceptable. Harley was having fun at a nightclub owned by Sionis, and she wanted to forget everything about her and Joker there. While she was busy spending her time partying and dancing with many people there, she got a bad word thrown by the Sionis driver. An angry Harley tried to approach him and took her anger out on the Sionis driver by breaking his leg.

The compliment sentence above belongs to the specific act ability type of compliment because, even though Harley has committed many crimes, unexpectedly, she has an excellent educational background and can have a Ph.D.

She uttered the above praise when she was angry to compliment herself. Harley tried to fight back and praise herself for having a relatively high academic degree. According to her, even though she is a criminal, she has an educational background that anyone cannot underestimate. The use of profanities “*motherfucking*” in the sentence above emphasizes her degree, and she wants to prove that what the Sionis driver said was completely wrong. Harley is not only brilliant, but she also got a Ph.D. at a very young age.

**Datum 20 :**

Renee: “Back in the day, she used to help the GCPD. *She was a damn good woman.*”

Dinah: “Yeah, *She was a damn good woman.* The kind of woman who put everyone else's lives before her own. And when she was found dead in the street, where the fuck were you and your boys in blue then? Now you want to come and knock on my door and ask me to help you out and make the same mistake she did? Yeah. Good luck with that.”

This dialogue is spoken when Renee visits Dinah at her house. Initially, Renee came to Dinah to ask for her help finding information about Sionis's diamond because Dinah worked for Sionis. However, Dinah refused to help Renee get the information she wanted about Sionis. Not only because she was afraid of Sionis but also because she felt a grudge against the police in Gotham City. Renee didn't take it lying down, and she kept trying to persuade Dinah to help her. Finally, she discusses the kindness done by her mother long ago. This dialog occurs when Dinah tries to recall the good that her mother did for the Gotham City police in helping to eradicate crime in Gotham City.

The sentence of compliment is also included in the type of specific act ability compliment because the kindness done by Dinah's mother is a form of empathy that not everyone can do. She liked to help the police in eradicating crime. Not only that, Dinah's mother also wanted to help many people in trouble so much that she was willing to sacrifice her happiness to help others. Ultimately, Dinah's mother's hard work was not appreciated until her mother died in vain. The profanities “*damn*” in the compliment sentence are trying to show how kind Dinah's mother was during her lifetime. She truly dedicated her life to helping others and prioritized them above herself. So, from the sentence, we can see that Dinah's mother was a woman who always did well during her lifetime.

**Datum 23 :**

Harley: “We got the secret bank codes off the diamond. And Huntress got her family money back. She's using it to fund a little crime-fighting outfit. They call themselves the *Birds of prey*. *I call them dorky little do-gooders.*”

At the end of the movie, Harley says this dialogue. Harley tells about how they are doing after the extraordinary incident that night. Harley decided to leave with Cassandra by stealing Dinah's car and pawning the diamonds they got. While Dinah, Renee, and Huntress chose to create a group of female heroes who eradicated crimes in Gotham City, they called themselves *Birds of prey*. She used this dialogue to compliment Huntress, Dinah, and Renee, who decided to create a group of female heroes who would eradicate all the crimes in Gotham City.

The compliment sentence above is included in the specific act ability type of compliment because of the powers and abilities that only Dinah, Renee, and Huntres have. The ability they are referring to is the ability to fight against all the villains, including Sionis and his troops. From there, they create a group of crime-fighting female heroes to remove all the evil in Gotham City. The sentence above is a compliment given by Harley to her friends. She feels that what her friends are doing is a good and wondrous thing. Not only that, but Harley also strongly supports the actions that her friends take in trying to make Gotham City clean from outside and inside crimes. The use of profanities “*dorky*” in the sentence above means that what they do is almost the same as hero movies around the 80s—forming a group of heroes that contains great women and eradicating all the crimes in a city. According to Harley, it's a great thing but a bit old-fashioned and tacky.

## 2. Functions of Compliment

In addition, not only the types of compliments found in this research but also the functions of compliments containing profanities found in the *Birds of prey*. The following table explains the grouping of the function of compliments containing profanities based on the theory used in this research.

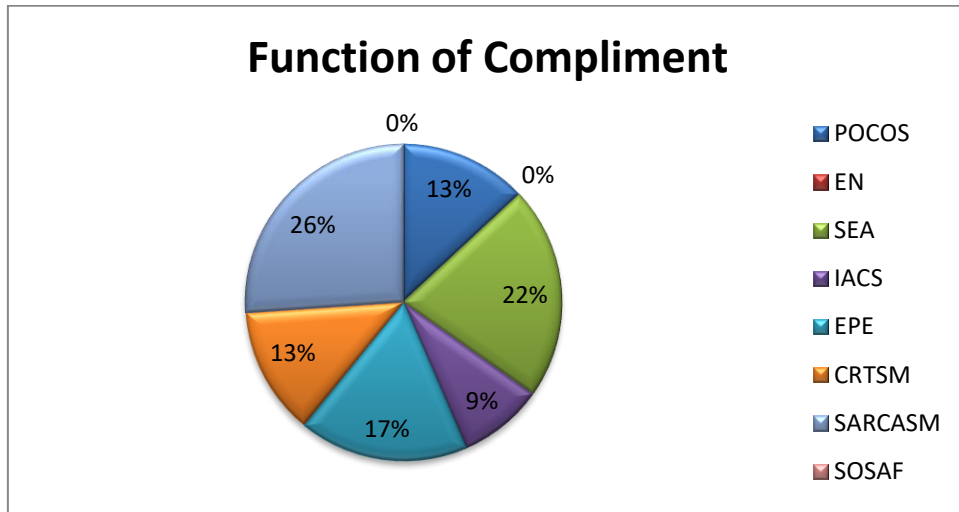
Table 4. 2 Function of Compliment

No	Function of Compliment	Total
1	Compliments have the process of create or strengthen	3

2	Compliments as encouragement.	0
3	Compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration	5
4	Compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity	2
5	Compliments to express a positive evaluation	4
6	Compliments may also be used to soften criticism	3
7	Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm	6
8	Compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas	0
Total		23

In the table above, we can find out that in the movie *Birds of prey*, there are several functions of compliment containing profanities. This research found Compliments have the process of create or strengthen 3 data, Compliments as encouragement 0 data, Compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration 5 data, Compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity 3 data, Compliments to express a positive evaluation 4 data, Compliments may also be used to soften criticism 3 data, Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm 6 data, and finally, Compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas 0 data for function compliment containing profanities.

Chart 4. 2 Function of Compliment



Note:

POCOS: Compliments have the process of create or strengthen

EN: Compliments as encouragement.

SEA: Compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration

IACS: Compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity

EPE: Compliments to express a positive evaluation

CRTSM: Compliments may also be used to soften criticism

SARCSM: Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm

SOSAF: Compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas

In the diagram above, we can see that in the movie *Birds of prey*, several compliment functions contain profanities. This research found Compliments have the process of creating or strengthening 12% of data, Compliments as encouragement in 0% of data, Compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration in 21% data, Compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity in 12% data, Compliments to express a positive evaluation 17% data, Compliments may also be used to soften criticism 13% data, Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm 25% data, and finally Compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas 0% data for function compliment containing profanities.

In this research, several functions of compliment were found to be containing profanities. The functions found in this research are compliments have the process of create or strengthen, compliments are a spontaneous expression of admiration, Compliments serve to increase and consolidate solidarity, compliments to express a positive evaluation, compliments may also be used to soften criticism, compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm however, in compliments as encouragement, and compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas are not found in *Birds of prey*. This is because this research only focuses on a compliment sentence containing profanities, whereas the compliment sentences included in compliments as encouragement, and compliments often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas in this movie are all not containing profanities. Whereas in *Birds of prey*, many compliment functions containing profanities are found in the function of compliments and may be used to modify the sarcasm, which is around 7 or 29%. This happens because the term compliment contains many profanities given to others, creating an impression of irony in the compliments received.

#### **A. Compliments Have The Process Of Create Or Strengthen**

##### **Datum 4 :**

Harley: “What she didn't know is that driving Mr. Face-peely-pants was going to put her right in the crosshairs of *my favorite little piggy bitch*.”

The dialogue uttered by Harley above is given to Renee and contains a profanities. The sentence occurs when Harley tells about how Renee tried to find



information about the evil actions carried out by Sionis. Renee did this because Dinah worked as Sionis' driver. There, Harley tries to compliment Renee. According to her, Renee's kindness and powers in handling every case, Renee was also able to solve even tricky crimes, which other police officers could not have done.

The compliment is part of the function of compliments have the process of creating or strengthening because the underlined sentence also refers to the bond that Harley builds with Renee. This can be seen from how she says that Renee is her favorite little piggy bitch. Therefore, the compliment is said by Harley to Renee to build and reinforce the inner bond between the two. Not only that, the profanities "*piggy bitch*" also show how impressed and close Harley is with Renee, her favorite cop. Furthermore, the profanities also show how impressed she is with the high dedication she has during her time as a police officer.

**Datum 16 :**

Harley: "What a way to start my new life. With the perfect egg sandwich. "Damn! You're a lifesaver, Sal. And I'm good for the 75 cents, okay? I promise. That's all the money I got in the world, and it's so worth it." I don't know if it's the stray Armenian arm hair or the fact that his cheese slices are always six months out of date, but no one makes an egg sandwich like Sal."

Harley utters the above dialog to Sal. Harley chose to buy her favorite sandwich after she made it through the tiring days after breaking up with Joker. Sal is the best sandwich maker in Gotham City. According to Harley, no one can

make a sandwich as good as Sal's. In the dialog, Harley tries to compliment Sal for always making a delicious sandwich and saving herself from hunger. The sandwich is enough to pay for all the hard work and pain she's been through.

The compliment in the dialog contains the function of compliments in creating or strengthening because the praise is given to Sal to enhance the inner bond between Harley and Sal. Harley is a regular customer at Sal's shop. They are very close, and their bond has also been very close. This is evidenced by the sentence after the compliments sentence, where Harley said she could only partially pay for Sal's sandwich, and Sal was okay with that. Sometimes, Sal even gave his sandwich to Harley for free. The profanities "*Damn!*" in the sentence emphasize the deep feelings of gratitude and happiness that Harley has for Sal because she managed to make the best sandwich in town, and no one can match it.

**Datum 20 :**

Renee: "Back in the day, she used to help the GCPD. *She was a damn good woman.*"

Dinah: "Yeah, *She was a damn good woman.* The kind of woman who put everyone else's lives before her own. And when she was found dead in the street, where the fuck were you and your boys in blue then? Now you want to come and knock on my door and ask me to help you out and make the same mistake she did? Yeah. Good luck with that."

Dinah uttered the dialogue above to Renee. Renee, who was trying to reveal all the crimes committed by Sionis, came to Dinah to ask her to help provide information related to Sionis. However, Dinah refused because she

remembered how evil the Gotham City police were towards her mother. Dinah's mother was very kind and liked to help the police eradicate crime, even though, in the end, Dinah's mother's hard work was not appreciated until she died in vain. Dinah's inner bond with her mother is very close. Therefore, Dinah said the compliment sentence with pride and sadness. She was proud because her mother did a lot of good during her life, but she also felt sad because when her mother needed help, no one wanted to help her, including the Gotham City police.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments have the process of creating or strengthening because when Dinah tries to remember and tell the kindnesses that her mother did during her lifetime, it shows how close the inner bond they have with each other, especially since they are mother and daughter who certainly have a robust internal bond. The profanities “*damn*” in the compliment sentence are trying to show how kind Dinah's mother was during her lifetime. She truly dedicated her life to helping others and prioritized them above herself. So, from the sentence, we can see that Dinah's mother was a woman who always did well during her lifetime.

## **B. Compliments As A Spontaneous Expressions Of Admiration**

### **Datum 2 :**

Harley: “I made a carefully calculated, highly strategic move. *Fine. It was dumb luck. But still. That felt pretty great.*”

The dialog above was spoken by Harley when she managed to survive the pursuit of everyone who had a grudge against her. The morning after Harley

decided to announce to the whole city that her relationship with the Joker had run aground, she had to accept that there would be no more protection that she used to get from the Joker because being the Joker's girlfriend made her free to do anything. All the people who had been victims of Harley's crimes immediately flocked to her and took their revenge on her. The clever Harley was finally able to escape and survive the pursuit of all of them. The words of compliment above were uttered spontaneously by Harley because she felt lucky to succeed in the plan of those who wanted to kill her cruelly.

The compliments above are included in the function as spontaneous expressions of admiration because the compliment sentence uttered by Harley came out spontaneously and was not planned. This happened because, at that time, Harley managed to escape and survive the pursuit of many people who wanted to kill him, and she said the compliment as a form of gratitude for what had happened. The use of profanities “*dumb*” in the sentence above shows the intense feeling of happiness and appreciation for the luck she got at that time.

**Datum 6 :**

Cassandra: "*Oh, shit. Is that a hyena in a bathtub? It's incredible.*"

Harley: "I named him Bruce after that hunky Wayne guy."

Cassandra spoke the dialogue above at Harley's house. Sionis and many other criminals wanted Cassandra because she stole Sionis' diamonds. Sionis gave a prize of fantastic value to anyone who brought Cassandra to him. Harley managed to save Cassandra and took her to hide from the pursuit of many people

in her house. Arriving at Harley's house, Cassandra looked at Harley's home. Cassandra was surprised because she saw a Hyena sitting in Harley's bathroom bathtub and spontaneously said the compliment to Harley. Cassandra felt that it was something different, excellent, and also great because not everyone makes Hyenas as pets.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments as spontaneous expressions of admiration because the sentence was uttered by Cassandra spontaneously and without prior planning when she was surprised at what she saw. A hyena sits relaxing in the bathtub and is cared for like cats and dogs. The profanities "*shit*" in the dialog above show how amazed Cassandra was at Harley's pet. Most people would keep a cat or a dog, but Harley chose to keep a hyena in her house. Cassandra, who saw this, felt that it was something different, calm, and also excellent. The compliment containing the profanities is direct, spontaneous, and unplanned.

**Datum 11 :**

Huntress : "What?"

Harley : "*You are so freaking cool.*"

Harley spoke the dialog above to Huntress. Sionis and his army surround Harley, Huntress, Dinah, Renee, and Cassandra in a long-abandoned playground. There, they have no other choice but to unite and fight the villains so that they can survive. Furthermore, in the middle of their battle, Harley saw the heroic action of Huntress, who managed to defeat her opponent in a slide. The

surprised Harley spontaneously uttered the compliment sentence above to Huntress because she was amazed at what Huntress had done.

The compliments above are included in compliments as spontaneous expressions of admiration because, without Harley planning beforehand, she tries to compliment the great action performed by Huntress. The utterance was purely spontaneous because Harley was surprised by Huntress' powers. Harley saw how Huntress could defeat her enemy on a slide that was not so big and had minimal space for movement. The use of profanities "*freaking*" serves to emphasize the compliment Harley gave and show the amount of admiration she has for the powers and agility possessed by Huntress.

**Datum 21 :**

Cassandra : "This place *is so fucking dope.*"

Harley : "Well, it ain't much, but it's better than a prison cell."

Cassandra spoke the dialog above. Cassandra, who had just arrived at Harley's house, immediately went around to see how Harley's living conditions were. After seeing the state of Harley's home, Cassandra immediately said the compliment sentence spontaneously because besides being surprised by Harley's pet, she also felt that Harley's residence was very calm, and most importantly, she found a sense of comfort that was presented in the house, different from the home owned by Cassandra before. Previously, she lived in a flat with her adoptive parents. There, Cassandra often received harsh treatment and saw her

adoptive parents fighting in front of her. So, Cassandra felt uncomfortable in her home and wanted to escape, but she had nowhere else to go but her house.

The compliments above are included in compliments as spontaneous expressions of admiration because the compliment sentence uttered by Cassandra to Harley was unexpected or unplanned. It happened because she felt that the house owned by Harley was very relaxed and comfortable, much different from the residence owned by Cassandra before. Not only that, Cassandra also found some unique and exciting things in the house, such as Harley's pets and some decorations in her home. The profanities " *fucking* " show how Cassandra feels happy and amazed at Harley's residence, which she considers very cool. So, the compliment containing the profanities meant a lot to Cassandra, and she showed this by using profanities in the compliment sentence above. Who she thought was someone different from the many bad people out there.

**Datum 22 :**

Harley: "Number two... *Six bucks for tap water with a cucumber stick in it? Shit, that's lovely.*"

Harley spoke the dialogue in a supermarket. Before they hid at Harley's house, they first went to a supermarket to complete some of their needs, while at Harley's home later, they did not intend to buy all the items; instead, they planned to steal there. When they were busy choosing what things to take, Harley found something interesting, namely, a bottle of water with cucumber pieces in

it, or we often call it infused water. Harley, surprised to see this, immediately said the compliment sentence spontaneously and without prior planning.

The compliments above are included in compliments as spontaneous expressions of admiration because Harley was surprised by the infused water. Hence, she uttered the compliment sentence spontaneously, or she did not plan it. It happened because she felt it was an exciting thing and also had a good offer. The use of profanities “*Shit*” in the sentence shows how deeply shocked she was by it. Harley thought it was both crazy and a good deal. So, from this, we can see that the use of profanities in this sentence is actually to emphasize the cucumber and to let everyone know about the shock she felt about the price of a bottle of water with a cucumber in it.

### **C. Compliments Served To Increase And Consolidate Solidarity**

#### **Datum 1:**

Police officer : “Detective. Found this necklace.”

Harley : “*Holy shit. Good work, Officer.*”

Renee spoke the dialogue to her subordinates. The night that Renee was investigating a murder that had just occurred, she and other police officers were startled by the sound of an explosion nearby. Renee immediately found out about what was going on and discovered that the sound came from Ace Chemicals. Ace Chemicals is a chemical factory that can easily catch fire or explode if ignited. Renee immediately approached Ace Chemicals and ordered other police to investigate the cause of the explosion. One of the police officers there managed



to find a necklace known to belong to Harley, and from this, they were sure that Harley wanted to announce her breakup with Joker. To express a sense of admiration for the hard work done by the police, Renee tries to compliment the police. The words of compliment Renee also gave him so that the solidarity they had could continue to run well.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity because the compliment sentence given by Renee to the police officer is a form of maintaining the solidarity that exists between superiors and subordinates in the work environment and also appreciation given for his hard work. The use of profanities "*Holy Shit*" in the complimentary sentence serves to show the feeling of surprise and admiration that Renee has for her police colleagues for being able to quickly and deftly find evidence.

**Datum 13 :**

Dinah : "*And I love that fucking name, Huntress.*"

Huntress : "Really?"

Dinah : "Yeah"

Dinah spoke the dialog to Huntress. After a grueling night of defeating Sionis and his army, Harley, Huntress, Dinah, Renee, and Cassandra take a break at a taco restaurant. There, they try to recall the heroic actions they did last night. Not only that, they also compliment each other's greatness as a form of solidarity that they must always maintain. One of them is Dinah, who uttered the

conversation above, the sentence of a compliment towards Huntress. Dinah admires the name Huntress because besides the name being excellent, the name Huntress is also suitable to describe who she is.

The compliments above are included in compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity because the sentence Dinah said is a form of solidarity that they build and maintain. Although they had just met that night by accident, they decided to continue to be together and formed a group of heroines called "*Birds of prey*," which consisted of Dinah, Huntress, and Renee. The profanities " *fucking* " in the complimentary sentence above actually refer to how deep the sense of admiration and love that Dinah has for the name owned by the Huntress—a great woman with an excellent heart. Therefore, Dinah considered the word in keeping with Huntress' powers in killing and fighting all her enemies. Not only because of her abilities, Dinah also thinks the name is very calm and suitable to describe Helena Bertinelli or Huntress.

#### **D. Compliments To Express A positive Evaluation**

##### **Datum 8:**

Harley: "So, she starts training. When she was ready, and by "ready" *I mean a badass motherfucking killing machine, she moves back to Gotham. Starts working on that kill list. She has the murder stuff down, but the rest?*"

The dialogue above is also spoken by Harley when she introduces the character of Huntress to the audience. Huntress is the only person who manages to survive when Galante sadistically kills all her family members. She was

rescued by one of Galante's members and taken to a place quite far away. There, Huntress learned martial arts and prepared herself for about 15 years to avenge her family's killers. Now, Huntress returns and begins to avenge her family one by one. Not only that, she also managed to reclaim all the assets that Galante took.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments to express a positive evaluation because the compliment sentence above contains a positive evaluation. This happens because the sentence of praise given by Harley to Huntress above shows about how the assessment that Harley has of the extraordinary actions carried out by Huntress so far. The use of profanities in it also reinforces this. The addition of profanities “*motherfucking*” to the sentence of compliment shows that Helena is truly an expert in killing prey, so Harley gives Huntress the nickname a badass motherfucking killing machine.

**Datum 9 :**

Huntress : “They call me Huntress.”

Harley : “*She calls herself Huntress. Fucking fabulous, if you ask me.*”

The dialogue was spoken by Harley when she introduced the Huntress character in detail in the movie. Huntress has the real name Helena Bertinelli. However, she decided to use the name Huntress as a pseudonym. She did this because she wanted to avenge her family, who were sadistically and simultaneously killed by Galante, a mobster who tried to control the Bertinelli family's wealth. In the sentence above, where Huntress introduces herself, Harley

tries to react to Huntress' name through a complimentary sentence containing a positive evaluation.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments to express a positive evaluation because Harley uses the compliment sentence above as a form of positive assessment of Helena's pseudonym, Huntress. Harley did this because, according to her, the pseudonym used by Helena amazed Harley. Not only that, the name matched her abilities in crippling her enemies so far precisely and sadistically. The profanities "*Fucking*" used in the sentence show the deep admiration Harley has for Huntress because she is the greatest assassin who has a cold and mysterious personality in Gotham City.

**Datum 14:**

Renee : "*I mean, we were fucking amazing there.*"

Dinah : "Yeah! Hell yeah!"

Huntress : "I agree completely. So I'll do that, as well."

Renee spoke the dialog. Harley, Huntress, Renee, Dinah, and Cassandra are still relaxing at a taco restaurant after defeating Sionis and his army last night. Suddenly, Renee has the idea to create a group of female heroes to eradicate all the evil in Gotham City. At first, Dinah and Huntress refused the request. Still, Renee gave a positive evaluation of their actions last night, saying that the great stunt they performed last night was very calm, and she also felt that there would be Sionis who would continue their evil actions. Harley and Cassandra chose not to join them and decided to do other things alone.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments to express a positive evaluation because the sentence of praise that Renee said was a positive evaluation of the heroic action of defeating Sionis and his troops carried out by the five of them (Harley, Huntress, Dinah, Renee, Cassandra) last night. She felt that what they did last night was so great that she thought of continuing to do it and eliminating the evil in Gotham City. The use of profanities “*fucking*” in the compliment sentence above shows their marvelous action that night. They also really liked it, so Renee, Dinah, and Huntress decided to create a crime-fighting group.

**Datum 18:**

Audience : “*She means fucking business!*”

Harley : Oh, here we go!

The dialogue above is spoken by one of the spectators at the roller race event. Harley, who is trying to get up and forget all about her sadness after breaking up with Joker, participates in many activities to fill her time and have fun. One of the activities she engages in is roller racing. Harley, who has outstanding roller skills and a solid determination to join this competition, tried her best to win. This can also be seen from how the audience gave a positive evaluation of Harley's powers and persistence at that time, and sure enough, Harley was able to win the roller competition.

Actually, if you look at the sentence above, it might not look like a Compliment sentence, however, if we look at the context and the scene that

occurred at that time, this will show a compliment sentence. The compliments above are included in the function of compliments to express a positive evaluation because the sentence of praise given by the spectator to Harley shows a positive assessment of her hard work in winning the roller race. The profanities “*fucking*” also show how severe and persistent Harley is about participating in the roller competition until she finally succeeds. Not only that, the profanities are also used to express the admiration that the audience has for Harley.

### **E. Compliments May Also Be Used To Soften Criticism**

#### **Datum 3:**

Renee: “He had four people killed alone last night.”

Police officer: “*Sionis is such a fucking mastermind* but how'd he get fired from his own fucking company?”

Renee's fellow police officers spoke the dialogue. At that time, they were discussing the murder case that had just occurred last night. They thought that the mastermind of all the murders was Sionis. Sionis, often known as Black Mask, is a great mobster who has a significant influence at this time in Gotham City. There are tons of crimes masterminded by him, ranging from murders to the many illegal transactions that he oversees. Sionis is indeed a mastermind of many major crimes that occur in Gotham City. However, Renee's coworkers questioned why he was fired from his company.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments may also be used to soften criticism because compliments also usually function to

soften criticism by adding a compliment sentence to the complaint, just like the sentence of praise above, which is in the sentence after the compliment, the police officer tries to criticize or question Sionis' greatness. According to him, Sionis may be a great puppeteer, but he may not be as great as imagined because the proof is that Sionis himself was fired from the company that was his own. Adding profanities " *fucking* " to the complimentary sentence above emphasizes the speaker's intention as he tries to explain how outstanding and unparalleled a Sionis is.

**Datum 10:**

Dinah : "I'm not letting you sell the kid to him."

Harley : "I wasn't going to sell the kid. I was going to trade the kid."

Dinah : "Yeah. To save your own stupid skin. Huh?"

Harley : "*I'm proud of what I fucking did, but I had half the city after me.*"

Harley spoke the dialogue to Dinah. At that time, Harley and Dinah argued about Harley's decision to sell Cassandra to Sionis. Harley intends to exchange Cassandra for all the protection she needs from Sionis because, as we know, Harley became a fugitive from many people after she separated from Joker. Therefore, she needed Sionis to protect her, but Dinah opposed what Harley wanted to do because she wanted to save Cassandra from the pursuit of Sionis and his troops.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may also be used to soften criticism because, even though she committed many crimes that made her feared and respected, she was still weak without a protector.

So, she felt that she had been proud enough to commit all these crimes but forgot that she had been protected by her boyfriend, Joker. Now that their relationship has fallen apart, there is no one to protect her, so she wants to swap Cassandra to get protection from Sionis. The use of profanities “*fucking*” in the sentence shows a deep pride in herself. Not only that, but the profanities also show how Harley feels that she is someone great even though she is a woman.

**Datum 19:**

Harley : “What?”

Sionis’ driver : “I said... Sit your skinny ass down, you dumb slut.”

Harley : “Okay.”

Sionis’s driver : “You broke my fucking legs!”

Harley : “*Call me dumb. I have a motherfucking PhD.*”

Harley spoke the dialogue above to Sionis' driver. At that time, Harley, who was sad because of her breakup with Joker, went to one of Sionis' nightclubs. There, she had fun so that she could forget about Joker for a moment, but while having fun partying, Harley was humiliated by Sionis' driver. Harley, who did not accept this, immediately took revenge by breaking the driver's leg and saying the dialogue. Harley wanted to prove to the driver that he was wrong to look down on her and consider Harley stupid by criticizing the driver's previous remarks.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may also be used to soften criticism because Harley intends the compliment sentence above to criticize and counter Sionis' driver who demeaned him. Harley



feels that the driver's words against her are wildly inaccurate because although Harley is famous as a criminal, she has a high educational background. Hence, she managed to get a Ph.D. The use of profanities “*motherfucking*” in the sentence above is used to emphasize the degree she has. She wants to prove that what the Sionis driver said was completely wrong. Harley is not only brilliant, but she also got a Ph.D. at a very young age.

#### **F. Compliments may be used to modify sarcasm**

##### **Datum 5 :**

Dinah : “What the hell are you doing here?”

Cassandra : “*You're the only one dumb who makes money off of rich, white people.*”

Dinah : “Well, you know what? One day you're gonna pick the wrong pocket, sis.”

Cassandra : “Okay. Whatever.”

Cassandra spoke the dialog above to Dinah. At that time, Dinah met Cassandra somewhere when she was assigned to send a diamond by Sionis. There, she saw Cassandra pickpocketing some people relaxing in a park. Dinah, who saw this, immediately reprimanded Cassandra and advised her to stop doing this evil thing, but Cassandra gave Dinah an excuse about why she was doing this.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may be used to modify sarcasm because the compliment sentence used by Cassandra above contains a bit of irony. Indirectly, in the sentence, Cassandra

reveals that working for Sionis, like Dinah, is not that good because Sionis is a mafia or a cruel criminal. So, some of the jobs given to Dinah by Sionis are also related to murder or theft. The profanities “*dumb*” contained in the sentence above actually mean how great and lucky Dinah is because she can earn a lot of money quickly by working at rich white people in Gotham City, especially Sionis, which has been helping and employing Dinah all this time.

**Datum 7:**

Harley: “My bad. I should've introduced you. I'll make it quick. *Meet the daughter of the fucking richest, most powerful Mafia don in Gotham City. Helena Bertinelli. Yep, that Bertinelli.*”

The dialogue above is spoken by Harley when she introduces the Huntress character to the audience. Huntress, whose real name is Helena Bertinelli, comes from a powerful and wealthy mafia family in Gotham City. Long before the horrific events that happened to the Bertinelli family and killed their extended family, they were known as the most powerful mafia family in Gotham City with fantastic wealth. And now, it's all just a painful memory for the Huntress or Helena Bartinelli.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments. They may be used to modify sarcasm because the sentence of praise Harley gave about the Huntress family has the impression of dropping the self-esteem of the Huntress. This happened because Huntress was deeply traumatized after her extended family was sadistically murdered, and everyone knew her family better than herself. The pronunciation of these profanities “*fucking*” emphasizes the

past and also the origin of the Huntress herself, specifically, about how wealthy the Huntress family was, too, before the truly horrible things happened. Helena Martinelli, who comes from the Martinelli family, is not to be underestimated.

**Datum 12:**

Harley: “Here's the thing, Romy baby. Your protection is based on the fact that people are scared of you. Just like they're scared of Mr. J. But I'm the one they should be scared of. Not you, and not Mr. J. *'Cause I'm Harley fucking Quinn.*”

This conversation was spoken by Harley while trying to rescue Cassandra from Sionis. After Harley and her friends defeat all of Sionis's subordinates, Sionis manages to leave with Cassandra. When Harley discovered this, he immediately chased her and tried to rescue Cassandra from Sionis. There, Sionis continued to mock and belittle Harley Quinn for all her abilities. Sionis says that Harley needs his protection, adding that without him and the Joker, Harley is nothing. Harley didn't accept this after hearing this and tried to prove who he was to Sionis.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may be used to modify sarcasm because the compliment sentence also contains sarcasm and mocks Sionis because by saying the compliment sentence, Harley wants to show her greatness and who she is. Previously, Sionis had indeed belittled Harley, but Harley did not accept and continued to defend herself by giving the compliment. The use of profanities “*fucking*” in the sentence emphasizes who Harley Quinn is. She is a woman who has outstanding abilities, and she also has a very, very smart brain. Not only that but in this sentence, she

also wants to show that even though she is only a woman who is often considered weaker than men, she can also be someone who is feared and unmatched.

**Datum 15:**

Harley: “We all know the saying, "Behind every successful man there's a badass motherfucking broad." Well, that was me too. I was the brains behind some of Mr. J's greatest stunts. Not that he let anyone know it.”

Harley spoke out the dialogue while recounting her romantic relationship and journey with the Joker. Their entire love journey starts from their first meeting in a mental hospital until they finally fall in love. Harley decides to join the chemical industry of Ace Chemical Company to show and prove her love for the Joker, and she ends up. What Keyes achieved was that her body was a very light white. The underlined lines of praise above show her impact on the Joker's life and her efforts to support the Joker's crimes. Despite all her previous efforts, she was not appreciated by the Joker. But in the end, her relationship with the Joker ended in futility. The Joker left Harley after the breakup and showed no mercy to her.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may be used to modify sarcasm because, actually, the compliment sentence also contains ridicule. This is because the compliment also shows that when a woman is in love, she is willing to do anything for her man's success—from supporting to participating. This also makes many women feel wasted and underestimated by their partners, so these women seem stupid. The use of profanities

“*motherfucking*” in the compliment aims to show and emphasize how great and challenging a woman is in accompanying and also helping her partners, namely, men so that they can be successful both in terms of work and personal life.

**Datum 17:**

Harley: “*Damn, it’s feel really great, I fell fucking hard.* Like out of a plane without a parachute, right in your dumb face kinda hard. I lost all sense of who I was. I only had eyes for Puddin’.”

Harley speaks this dialogue as she recounts the first time she met the Joker and fell in love with him. In this conversation, she describes how happy she felt at the time. Anyone in this world can probably handle the feeling of falling in love. According to her, through this conversation, Halle explained how it feels when someone falls in love. Harley thinks that the Joker is not only Harley's friend but also her lover. The Joker is Harley's protector and her second home. At its core, Joker is Harley's world.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments and may be used to modify sarcasm because, actually, the compliment sentence also contains ridicule. It happens because the compliment sentence said by Harley above shows the happy to unreasonable feelings that some people who fall in love will experience. They will lose their minds when they fall in love and use their emotions rather than their minds. Then, the use of profanities “*fucking*” in the sentence emphasizes how deep the sense of happiness is when someone falls in love. It feels like flying and falling hard but with the purpose of joy that

surrounds it. Perhaps such things sound a little irrational, but this is what happens when one starts to feel in love.

**Datum 23:**

Harley: “We got the secret bank codes off the diamond. And Huntress got her family money back. She's using it to fund a little crime-fighting outfit. They call themselves the *Birds of prey*. *I call them dorky little do-gooders.*”

At the end of the movie, Harley speaks this conversation. Harley explained how they felt after the extraordinary events that night. Harley decides to go with Cassandra, steals Dinah's car, and pawns the diamond they got. Dinah, Renee, and Huntress form a group of female heroes to eradicate crime in Gotham City, calling themselves the *Birds of prey*. She uses this dialogue to praise Huntress, Dinah, and Renee, who decided to create a group of female heroes to eradicate all crime from Gotham City.

The compliments above are included in the function of compliments. They may be used to modify sarcasm because Harley utters the compliment sentence to mock her friends who decided to create a heroine group. According to Harley, their decision to create a hero group is both excellent and old-fashioned or tacky. The use of profanities “*dorky*” in the sentence above means that what they do is almost the same as hero movies around the 80s—forming a group of heroes that contains great women and eradicating all the crimes in a city. According to Harley, it's a great thing but a bit old-fashioned and tacky.

## B. Discussion

In this section, the findings that have been described previously will be interpreted deeper to answer the two questions in this research. First, to answer the types of compliments containing profanities in *Birds of prey* movie, and second, to answer the function of compliments containing profanities in *Birds of prey* movie. The following is an explanation of the types of compliments contained in profanities in *Birds of prey* movie that have been found in this research.

In this research, specific act ability is the most common type of compliment. This type is usually said to the recipient of the praise when an ability only occurs at certain times and in certain situations. There are a lot of compliments of this type, one of which can be seen in datum 11, "*You are so freaking cool!*" Actually, in this research, 15 data of the same type were found, or if presented it would be 65% of the data. In datum 11, it can be seen that Harley, or the person giving the compliment, wants to express his admiration for Huntress' action in defeating her enemy in a closed children's slide in an obvious way. From this, it can be seen that, in this movie, the praise givers try to express special abilities that only the recipient of the praise has, as well as heroic actions that only clearly happened at that time. This is also found in many aspects of life, especially when people want to express their feelings more clearly towards others. In everyday life, we will also manage to give praise only in

certain situations or if a specific action has just occurred. Therefore, the compliment in datum 11 falls into the specific act ability compliment type.

This type of specific act ability compliment is most often found because this compliment is closely related to a unique ability only owned by a few people, following this superhero-themed movie. In contrast to Jannah (2022) research, this type of compliment is rarely found because this type of praise is used to praise knowledge that is not owned by all students when they answer questions given by the teacher, not focusing on a particular action performed by the student. This research is also set in school by paying attention to teaching and learning activities between students and teachers. From this, it can be seen that the habit of expressing apparent praise for specific actions carried out in the movie *Birds of prey* is very different from the habits of Indonesians, especially those who attend Islamic boarding schools. This happens because they are not used to clearly expressing praise for actions in certain situations. Although it seems different between these two studies, this type of praise can be adjusted according to the researcher's understanding, and most importantly, it does not depart from the original definition. Although there are differences in the amount of data and knowledge, this type of compliment can still be used according to its function. Also, the praise will make the person feel they have not wasted their efforts to hone their abilities and are grateful for their unique skills.



Furthermore, the general ability compliment is the type that is rarely found in this research. This type of compliment is usually expressed based on the personal qualities, skills, talents, and creativity possessed by other people in general. Complete with this type, only 2 data were found, or only 9% were presented. This type of compliment can be seen in datum 15 "We all know the saying, *"Behind every successful man, there's a badass motherfucking broad."* Well, that was me too. I was the brains behind some of Mr. J's greatest stunts. Not that he let anyone know it." It can be seen in the praise sentence that Harley is trying to express feelings of admiration for the personal qualities possessed by women, especially herself. Several scenes in this movie show that the praise givers are trying to express abilities generally seen or owned by many people, such as personal qualities, skills, talents, and creativity. We can also see things like this in several aspects of life that occur around us, especially when we want to express a feeling of admiration for the skills possessed by someone, even though many of these skills are practiced or owned by other people. We also often find things like this in schools or campuses because teachers usually praise the students' skills, talents, or creativity. Therefore, the compliment sentence falls into the general ability type.

This type of general ability compliment is only found twice because this type of compliment is closely related to an ability that is widely owned by others or is not specific. In contrast, the abilities or actions shown in this movie are

more specific to individuals and certain situations. Furthermore, this research is in contrast to the research conducted by Arimbi (2020), where in her research, this type of compliment became the most common type of compliment. This happened because, in this research, this type of compliment was widely used to praise someone's work and ability possessed by others when they managed to complete something very well. Moreover, the object movie Arimbi chose also tells the story of the life of teenagers in high school. From this, it can be seen that expressions of praise for personal qualities, skills, talents, and creativity often occur in the school environment, whether in real life or a movie, such as a research object chosen by Arimbi. In these two studies, there are differences in the amount of data and how to understand it. However, this type of praise can be used according to the researchers' understanding. Also, someone who gets praise like this will usually try to continue to hone their abilities so that their quality of self continues to grow.

From the explanation above, it can be concluded that in this research, the type of compliment-specific act ability is found more than the type of compliment general ability because the topic in the movie used in this research is a hero's movie. That is, a movie with an action genre and a case about superheroes usually focuses on special abilities owned by certain people and heroic actions that only clearly happened at that time. In the movie, there are a lot of scenes that show when the praise givers are trying to clearly express feelings

of admiration for the actions that only occurred at certain times. This is, of course, in line with the definition and purpose of specific act ability, which is to clearly express feelings or praise a unique ability and action that only occurs in certain situations or conditions. This compliment is significant if said to someone because it can make the recipient feel grateful for their abilities and continue striving to hone them. Therefore, this type of specific act ability compliment is found more in this research than general ability.

Furthermore, general ability is a type of compliment that is rarely found. This happened because this type of compliment is closely related to an ability that is widely owned by others or is not specific—while the object of this research is to use a movie that tells a story about superheroes so that it will show more about the abilities or actions in this movie, with more specific to individuals and certain situations. Therefore, this type of praise is more likely to be found in movies that tell stories about friendship or life at school rather than movies with action or superhero topics. However, general ability praise has a good impact on the recipient because by using this type of praise, someone will feel more appreciated and develop the personal qualities possessed by others. Not only that, this research also focuses on compliments containing profanities, and in this type of general ability, it is rare to find a compliment containing profanities.

From all the explanations that have been described, it is known that in this research, the type of specific act ability is found the most, but not all types of compliments can be found because personal appearance is not found at all in this research. Of course, This is different from Jannah (2022) research, and she found all types of compliments and specific act abilities became rare types of compliments because she used these types of compliments to praise a student who had knowledge that was not possessed by all students there when they answered the questions given by the teacher. This research is also set in school by paying attention to teaching and learning activities between students and teachers. In this research, the object used is a hero movie, so it can be seen that there are differences between the habits carried out in the movie *Birds of prey* and the habits of Indonesians, especially those who attend Islamic boarding schools. This happens because they are not used to expressing praise for actions in certain situations. Not only that, but this research also uses an ordinary compliment sentence and a compliment sentence containing profanities, and it turns out that in this type of compliment, there are a lot of compliments containing profanities.

Furthermore, it answers the second question in this research, namely, the function of compliments contained profanities in *Birds of prey* movie. This research uses a sentence of compliment containing profanities so that from here, it can be seen that a profanities that is identical to something negative can also be

used as a good expression if it is juxtaposed with a compliment sentence. The following explains the function of compliments containing profanities in the *Birds of prey* movie.

The compliment function may be used to modify the sarcasm into a compliment function primarily found in this research. Compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm itself, which is a compliment function that is usually used to soften sarcasm. The point here is that the speaker usually wants to reprimand or insult the interlocutor by using softer or sarcastic words so that the interlocutor does not feel hurt by what the speaker says. The compliment function may be used to modify the sarcasm itself, found as many as 6 data, or if presented, it would be as much as 26%, and one of them can be seen in Datum 17 "*Damn, it feels really great, I fell fucking hard. Like out of a plane without a parachute, right in your dumb face, kinda hard. I lost all sense of who I was. I only had eyes for Puddin'.*" In this dialog, Harley tries to compliment the happy feelings she had and felt when she fell in love with Joker - the absurd emotions felt by people who are in love. However, the compliment sentence intends to provide sarcasm against her, who is discerning in love. It happens because these feelings of love can make Harley forget who she is, and she will only continue to think about the Joker so that Harley looks more like a stupid person. Therefore, in this movie, the compliment givers try to soften an insult to another person by using the phrase compliment. This is done so that the recipient of the praise does not feel offended

or hurt by what the compliment giver wants to say. In several aspects of life, things like this are, of course, also found, especially when people tend to feel something that is bothering them or they don't like something that has happened. Not only that, but we can also find sayings like this in the circle of friendship because, usually, they tend to use compliments with functions like this to maintain the friendship they have established.

The function of compliment may be used to modify the sarcasm is often found in this research because this function is used to soften sarcasm, so when someone wants to insult others, they will usually use compliment sentences to make it look smoother and not hurt the recipient. Not only that, the use of compliments that contain profanities is also one of the reasons why there are so many compliment functions found. This happens because, on some occasions, compliments that have profanities to others will give the impression of softening sarcasm or sarcastic in a good way. In contrast to Arimbi (2022), in her research, this compliment function is rarely found because the use of compliments with this function is only expressed to the friend of the compliment giver and occurs when he feels betrayed by his friend. Still, the compliment giver does not want to hurt his friend too much, so he uses compliments to soften sarcasm. Compliment with this function can also be used to express disappointment and hurt felt by someone to another person, but on the other hand, the person also does not want to hurt others. From this, it can be seen that the habit of expressing praise with

this function can be defined broadly and not only limited to the scope of friendship because using praise with this function can help to maintain harmony in society. Even if there are differences in these two studies related to the quantity of data found, the compliment equally softens sarcasm, whether in a compliment sentence in general or a compliment containing profanities. From here, it can be seen that this function of praise has an essential role in maintaining one's feelings and creating harmony in social life.

Furthermore, the function of compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity is a compliment function that is rarely found in this research. Compliments served to expand and consolidate solidarity are compliments that create and foster a high sense of solidarity between the speaker and recipient. This happens because compliments are a significant element in fostering a sense of solidarity among people. Compliment sentences with this function were only found in 2 cases, and only 9% were presented. One of them, It can be seen in datum 1 "*Holy shit. Good work, Officer.*" In the dialog, Renee praised the work of her subordinates. Renee complimented the police officer for building a high sense of solidarity between a superior and his subordinates in solving a crime. From this, it can be seen that, in the movie, the praise givers try to build a sense of solidarity between themselves and the people closest to them, such as office friends or in a relationship. We can, of course, find things like this in several aspects of life, especially in the scope of work because, by giving

praise with this function, we can build solidarity to realize what was a common goal from the start.

The function of compliments served to increase and consolidate solidarity is rarely found in this research because this function is closely related to the solidarity created or even grown between the compliment giver and the recipient. Not only that, compliments that have this function are usually only spoken to the closest people, so they are not public. In contrast to Widyanita & Pasaribu (2019) in their research, many compliments with this function were found. This happens because, in his research, compliments with this function are not only given to close people but also to people who have just met and are also used to improve relationships with old friends. So, from here, we can know that this compliment function is not only used to build solidarity with the closest people but also with other people, especially if they have the same interests, such as coworkers who have just met or maintain relationships that exist between one person and his old friends. Even if there are differences in these two studies related to the quantity of data found and their understanding, compliments can still be used by their knowledge, namely, as a form of maintaining and increasing solidarity with their surroundings.

Finally, after all that has been explained above, it can be seen that the function of compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm of this research rather than the function of compliments served to increase and consolidate



solidarity. This happened because, in this research, this function is often used to soften sarcasm so that it does not hurt the recipient of the compliment. Not only that, the use of compliments that contain profanities is also one of the reasons why there are so many compliment functions found in this research. Of course, This is different from Arimbi (2022). In her research, this compliment function is rarely seen because this compliment function is expressed to a friend who has betrayed her. The point here is that she only uses this compliment function to describe the disappointment and hurt that someone has. The compliment giver uses compliments with this function so that her friend does not feel hurt by what he said even though she knows that her friend has betrayed and broken her. From this, it can be seen that the habit of expressing praise with this function can be defined broadly and not only limited to the scope of friendship because using praise with this function can help to maintain harmony in society.

Not only that, there are also differences in the number of functions found in these two studies. In this research, only 6 out of 8 functions were discovered. Namely, compliments have the process of creating or strengthening (13%), compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration (22%), compliments serve to increase and consolidate solidarity (9%), compliments to express a positive evaluation (17%), compliments may also be used to soften criticism (13%), and compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm (26%). Whereas in the function of compliments as encouragement, and compliments

often serve to strengthen other speech act formulas, no compliments with this function were found at all. However, in the research conducted by Arimbi (2022), only 5 of the eight existing compliment functions were discovered, namely, compliments as a spontaneous expression of admiration, compliments may be used to modify the sarcasm, compliments to maintain rapport, compliments as encouragement, and compliments to express a positive evaluation. This difference occurs because the research conducted by Arimbi (2022) is related to friendship relationships, so the compliments given all aim to improve and maintain the relationship between friends. In addition, the research also used compliment sentences in general without any additions. Whereas this research uses a movie that has an action genre and raises stories about superheroes, this research focuses on a compliment that contains profanities instead of praise sentences that we often encounter and say.

Furthermore, from what has been found, it can be seen that, in the specific type of act ability, it turns out that there are many indications of the function of compliment to express a positive evaluation. This happens because when people try to express an action that occurred in a specific situation with a particular person, the aim is to give a positive evaluation to the recipient of the compliment. So, when an action occurs in a specific situation that makes the recipient of the praise feel amazed, the recipient will give the praise directly and clearly because he wants to provide a positive evaluation of the action he has

taken. This is different from Hidayatulloh (2021) because, in his research, the data found on the type of compliment-specific act ability was primarily found on the compliment as encouragement function. This happens because, in his findings, people who try to express an action that occurs in a specific situation tend to use compliments to motivate the recipient of the praise. They do this to inspire so that the person becomes a better person or continues to move forward in trying something. Even though there are differences between the two studies, we can see that the same type of compliment can have different functions if adjusted to the existing situation. Not only that, the functions of this type of specific act ability have the same good intentions when spoken, namely, so that other people can continue to try to be better.

Besides, compliments containing profanities have a good response and do not cause harmful effects. All the data presented in this research shows no adverse or offensive responses or effects demonstrated by the recipients of the praise they received. Even though there are two functions of compliments, which are used to soften criticism and sarcasm, the response or effect shown by the recipient of the compliment does not indicate feelings of offense at all. So, it is clear that compliments always create positive things for other people and those around them, even though the compliments contain profanities. One example of the response or effect given by the recipient of praise when receiving a compliment is in datum 13: "*Really?*". Huntress uttered this sentence as a

response to the praise given to her by Dinah. Dinah praised the name Huntress that Helena used to disguise her true identity. Dinah said, “*And I love that fucking name, Huntress*”. Initially, Huntress felt she needed to be more confident about the pseudonym she created. However, after hearing Dinah's praise for her regarding this pseudonym, Huntress thought the name was fitting for her. From here, compliments containing profanities can be conveyed well to the recipient. Even though you use profanities, this does not change the meaning of the compliment itself into something harmful or offensive to the recipient. On the other hand, compliments containing profanities show the depth of respect and admiration that the person has so that, when said to other people, it will show the impression of being more expressive.

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter explains the conclusions of the research results discussed previously in the findings and discussion. These findings align with the research questions in this research, namely, the type of compliment in profanities in *Birds of prey* movie and the functions of compliment containing profanities found in *Birds of prey* movie. Not only that, this chapter also includes a suggestion for those who read and will research topics that align with this research.

#### A. Conclusion

If we conclude what has been discussed above, it is found that compliments containing profanities can also be used properly and do not deviate from the existing definition. As is known so far, compliments and profanities are two things that are very opposite when viewed in function. However, these two things can turn out to be something harmonious and can create harmony in social life. It means that the use of compliments containing profanities can create a pleasant atmosphere in social relations because the presence of these profanities makes the praise sentences sound even better and happier. Profanities themselves have also changed, from being used to curse someone so that it creates a negative impression to emphasize a compliment if it is paired with a compliment. The point here is when a compliment contains profanities in it, and then the compliment will show a profound sense of admiration for something and give a very positive impression. Therefore, it can be seen that compliment sentences are generally used to express

admiration related to positive things in others. In contrast, compliments containing profanities will show the depth of respect that the person has.

## **B. Suggestion**

Based on the results of the research conducted, there are several suggestions as follows,

### a. For Readers

For the readers, it is hoped that they can use this research to expand their knowledge about pragmatics, especially on compliments. This is undoubtedly important to learn so that readers can realize the importance of pragmatics for everyday life, especially when communicating in a social environment, because they can use the correct diction. Not only that, with this research, readers can also find out that profanities can also have a positive side if they are used properly. We can use it to express a compliment.

### b. For Future Research

This research can undoubtedly be developed into a better and more diverse research because future research can add an analysis of the recipient's response to the compliment containing profanities and the reason for using profanities in a compliment. Therefore, future research is expected to use several other research methods and objects to obtain complete and precise data with different results. From this, future studies can create a more comprehensive research with varying results from this research.

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## APPENDIX I

### **Synopsis *Birds of Prey* Movie**

*Birds of prey* is a movie from the DC Extended Universe directed by Cathy Yan and started airing in Indonesia on February 5, 2020. In this movie, Harley Quinn has officially parted ways with Joker. So, *birds of prey* movie will tell about Harley Quinn's life after parting with the Joker. All stories start with the Joker leaving Harley Quinn and throwing her into the streets of Gotham City. Harley then rented a small, comfortable residence right above an Asian cuisine restaurant owned by an older man named Doc. While slowly recovering from grief, Harley tries to do many things, such as cutting her hair and adopting a hyena. As usual, she keeps doing crazy things like breaking a driver's leg from Roman Sionis because he dared to insult Harley when she was in a nightclub. There, she met and was rescued by Dinah Lance, Dinah Lance was a singer who worked at Roman's lounge, and because of her talent, she was eventually appointed Roman's driver.

When deciding to forget about the Joker forever, Harley tries to announce to everyone in Gotham City that she has broken up with the Joker by blowing up the Ace Chemicals factory. Ace Chemicals is a very historical place for the two of them because there, the Joker ordered Harley to jump into an acid solution so that her skin looks as white as porcelain as it is today. Meanwhile, Reene Montoya, who becomes a police detective in the city,

arrives at Ace Chemicals. Here, she feels confident that she will catch Harley Quinn more easily because, according to her, Harley Quinn is no longer protected by the Joker.

At the same time, Cassandra Cain, who is an orphan, starts working as a thief under Roman's orders. He tries to steal a diamond that contains essential information that Roman needs. Cassandra, who managed to steal the diamond, had another evil intention. She wanted to run away and sell the diamond at a much higher price to get more money. However, she was finally caught, and she swallowed the diamond because she didn't know what to run where else. In his attempt to get the stolen diamond, Roman sends the supporters he trusts, namely Victor Zsasz and Dinah.

When Harley was walking in Gotham City, she was approached by Renee. Harley, who panicked, kept trying to escape because Renee and some of Roman's troops came to catch and kill Harley. Harley beat some of Roman's troops until some of them died. At the same time, Dinah and Victor reported Cassandra's status to Roman. In addition but they also told their boss that they also caught Harley. Harley, who was in front of Roman, tried to hear what Roman and his subordinates were talking about Cassandra. Finally, Harley tried to catch Cassandra and brought her before Roman with the agreement offered by Harley, and Roman also agreed to share the proceeds from the diamond.

Roman announces that whoever can bring Cassandra's severed head will be rewarded. All the criminal gangs in Gotham are trying to find Cassandra and not waste this golden opportunity. Harley, trying to find Cassandra, started going to the police station and disguised herself to break in and take Cassandra away with him. Harley takes Cassandra to an antique shop to help Cassandra remove the diamond; however, they are attacked by other thugs who want to bring Cassandra to Roman and get the prize offered by him. Harley doesn't give up. She beats the criminals repeatedly and runs away with Cassandra.

Apart from these criminals, the prize offered by Roman attracted the attention of Helena Bertinelli, a criminal known as the crossbow killer. Helena intends to kill the mafia in the city of Gotham to avenge the death of all her family members. Not only interested in the gifts offered by Roman, but Helena also has other intentions. She wants to use Cassandra as a tool to attract Roman's attention and finish her off when she starts to let her guard down. On the other hand, Dinah began to realize her incredible ability. That is, she could scream at supersonic levels to break a glass. Dinah tries to betray Roman by telling Montoya about Cassandra. Victor, who knew about it, immediately reported it to Roman. Roman was angry and mad because his subordinates dared to betray him. Finally, Roman tried to deter his associates by clawing and destroying Dinah's beautiful face.

Harley and Cassandra try to hide in Harley's apartment. Their attempt to hide there was discovered by the criminals targeting Cassandra. They bombed the condo, and it turned out that Doc informed them about Harley and Cassandra's whereabouts. Finally, Harley made a deal with Roman over the phone. If Harley agreed to hand over Cassandra to him, he would get a reward and protection; however, Roman didn't believe this because Harley had reneged on the agreement with him initially. Roman sends Dinah and Victor to retrieve Cassandra quickly at an abandoned amusement park. Dinah was still trying to free Cassandra. Victor, who knows about Dinah's betrayal, tries to sedate Harley. Harley feels aggrieved because it's different from the deal they made. After drugging Harley, Victor tries to attack Dinah because she has betrayed Roman. However, Helena defeats and kills Victor, who suddenly arrives at the amusement park. Montoya was also there because Dinah informed him via text message. Finally, they were all detained by Montoya and Harley, who started to realize they were trying to get the girls (Harley, Dinah, Montoya, Cassandra, and Helena) to fight together against Roman. At first, they were reluctant to deal with the Romans. However, they agreed because they did have grudges against the Romans.

Armed with Harley's old and makeshift weapons that were there, they tried to fight off the hordes of Roman troops who had come to take Cassandra and finish them off. The Romans brought so many troops. Finally, the five of them lost, and the Romans successfully took Cassandra away. Harley didn't

give up quickly and tried to chase Roman and Cassandra to the pier not far from the abandoned amusement park earlier. Once there, the brilliant Cassandra tries to fight Roman by inserting a bomb into Roman's suit, and in the end, Roman dies and loses. After successfully destroying Roman's empire, and with money from the diamond account Montoya, Dinah, and Helena try to start their adventure. Meanwhile, Harley and Cassandra pawn the diamond and build their own company together.

## APPENDIX II

### A. Type of Compliment

No	Utterance	Context	The types of compliments			
			Topic of appearance		Topic of ability	
			PA	P	GA	SAA
1.	Police officer : “Detective. Found this necklace.” Harley : “ <u>Holy shit. Good work, Officer.</u> ”	This dialogue was said by Renee Montoya when another policeman managed to find evidence of the explosion of ace chemicals quickly and deftly. Apart from that, Renee also admired the thoughts of the police who said that this had everything to do with Harley Quinn and her ex-boyfriend Joker. The use of				✓

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		profanities in the complimentary sentence serves to show the feeling of surprise and admiration that Renee has for her police colleagues for being able to quickly and deftly find evidence.				
2.	I made a carefully calculated, highly strategic move. <u><i>Fine. It was dumb luck. But still. That felt pretty great.</i></u>	This dialogue was spoken by Harley when she managed to escape and save herself from being chased by the people she had once eviled. Harley tries to praise the luck she has. Managing to escape and survive the pursuit of many criminals in Gotham city is				✓

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		certainly not an easy thing, and according to her not everyone can get lucky like this. The use of profanities in the sentence above shows that Harley is very happy and also grateful for the luck she got at that time.				
3.	Renee : “He had four people killed alone last night.” Police officer : “ <i>Sionis is such a fucking mastermind</i> but how'd he get fired from his own fucking company?”	This dialogue was spoken by Renee's fellow police officer. She thinks that all the crimes in Gotham City are caused by Sionis or black mask. One of the greatest criminals in Gotham city. The addition of				✓

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		profanities to the complimentary sentence above emphasizes the speaker's intention as he tries to explain how great and unparalleled a Sionis is.				
4.	What she didn't know is that driving Mr. Face-peely-pants was going to put her right in the crosshairs of <u>my favorite little piggy bitch</u> .	This dialogue is spoken by Harley. Harley considers that Renee is her favorite cop. This happened because of Renee's kindness and powers in handling every case, Renee was also able to solve even difficult crimes, which other police officers could not have done. Not only that, the profanities		✓		

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		also show how impressed she is with the high dedication she has during her time as a police officer.				
5.	<p>Dinah : “What the hell are you doing here?”</p> <p>Cassandra : “<u>You're the only one dumb who makes money off of rich, white people.</u>”</p> <p>Dinah : “Well, you know what? One day you're gonna pick the wrong pocket, sis.”</p> <p>Cassandra : “Okay. Whatever.”</p>	<p>The dialogue was spoken by Cassandra when she was mentioning the reason why she pickpocketed. The sentence of praise above was expressed by Cassandra because she felt that Dinah was a lucky person in making easy money from the very rich white people in Gotham city like Sionis. The profanities in the sentence are</p>				✓

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		more about how rich the white people in Gotham city, especially the Sionis, have been helping and employing Dinah all this time.				
6.	Cassandra: " <u>Oh, shit. Is that a hyena in a bathtub? It's incredible.</u> " Harley: "I named him Bruce after that hunky Wayne guy."	The dialogue spoken by Cassandra because she was surprised by Harley's pet. Cassandra, who saw this, felt that it was something different, cool and also great. The profanities spoken in the dialog above show how surprised and amazed Cassandra was at Harley's pets.		✓		
7.	My bad. I should've introduced you. I'll make it quick.	This dialogue was				

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	<i>Meet the daughter of the fucking richest, most powerful Mafia don in Gotham City.</i> Helena Bertinelli. Yep, that Bertinelli.	uttered by Harley when she told about Huntress and how she came to be. The profanities emphasize the Huntress' past and origins. In particular, how wealthy, and how great the Huntress' family was, before the truly horrible things happened. Helena Bertinelli who comes from the Bertinelli family is not to be underestimated at all.		✓		
8.	So, she starts training. When she was ready, and by "ready" <i>I mean a badass motherfucking killing machine, she moves back to Gotham.</i> Starts working on that kill list. She has the murder stuff down, but the rest?	The dialogue spoken by Harley when she told about Huntress. After Bertinelli's				✓

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		<p>extended family is violently murdered, she returns to Gotham City to take revenge on those who killed her entire family, establishing the Huntress as one of Gotham City's greatest assassins. Harley praised all the greatness of Huntress in avenging her revenge with cool and mysterious action. The profanities in the complimentary sentence show that Helena is truly an expert in killing prey, so Harley gives the Huntress the nickname a</p>				

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		badass motherfucking killing machine.				
9.	Huntress : “They call me Huntress.” Harley : “ <u><i>She calls herself Huntress. Fucking fabulous, if you ask me.</i></u> ”	This dialogue is also a continuation of the dialogue spoken by Harley when she explained Huntress' greatness. Harley was truly amazed by the Huntress' powers in killing every enemy. With her characteristic mysterious and agile personality, Harley likes Huntress' style. The profanities used in the sentence show the deep admiration Harley has for Huntress because she is the greatest				✓

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		assassin who has a cold and mysterious personality in Gotham city.				
10.	<p>Dinah : “I’m not letting you sell the kid to him.”</p> <p>Harley : “I wasn't going to sell the kid. I was going to trade the kid.”</p> <p>Dinah : “Yeah. To save your own stupid skin. Huh?”</p> <p>Harley : “<i>I’m proud of what I fucking did, but I had half the city after me.</i>”</p>	<p>The following dialogue is the dialogue spoken by Harley when she was arguing with Dinah. Dinah was angry with Harley's decision to sell Cassandra to Sionis. The above praise is given by Harley to herself because she feels that she is proud of all the crimes she has committed so far, and no one can also dare to commit crimes like Harley did. profanities in the sentence show</p>				✓

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		a deep feeling of pride in herself.				
11.	Huntress : “What?” Harley : “ <i>You are so freaking cool.</i> ”	The dialog above was spoken by Harley to Huntress. Harley tried to praise Huntress's powers and agility when fighting a Sionis member on a child's slide at that time. The use of profanities in it serves to emphasize the praise given by Harley, moreover, to show the amount of admiration she has for the powers and agility possessed by Huntress.				✓
12.	Here's the thing, Romy baby. Your protection is based on the fact that people are scared of you.	This dialogue was spoken by Harley				

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	Just like they're scared of Mr. J. But I'm the one they should be scared of. Not you, and not Mr. J. <i>'Cause I'm Harley fucking Quinn.</i>	when she tried to save Cassandra from Sionis. Through this line of praise, Harley is trying to prove that it is her who should be feared, not Sionis or the Joker. The use of profanities in the sentence emphasizes who Harley Quinn really is. A woman of great skill, and she also has an extremely smart brain.				✓
13.	Dinah : <i>"And I love that fucking name, Huntress."</i> Huntress : "Really?" Dinah : "Yeah"	This dialog is spoken by Dinah to Huntress at a tacos restaurant. There, Dinah tries to praise Huntress' name, she		✓		

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		considered the name to be in keeping with Huntress' powers in killing and fighting all her enemies. The pronunciation of profanities in the complimentary sentence above actually refers to how much admiration and love Dinah has for the name Huntress.				
14.	Renee : <i>“I mean, we were fucking amazing there.”</i> Dinah : “Yeah! Hell yeah!” Huntress : “I agree completely. So I’ll do that, as well.”	The above dialog was spoken by Renee when they were resting after a very tiring night for them. Renee tries to praise their own powers because she thinks their heroic actions last night				✓

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		were great and cool indeed, not everyone can fight, also defeat one of the strongest, greatest, and almost unbeatable criminals in Gotham city what's more, they are all women. Profanities in the sentence of praise above shows that the action they did that night was very great and cool.				
15.	We all know the saying, " <u>Behind every successful man there's a badass motherfucking broad.</u> " Well, that was me too. I was the brains behind some of Mr. J's greatest stunts. Not that he let anyone know it.	This dialog is spoken by Harley when she tells about her love affair and journey with Joker. Harley tries to praise all women, especially herself, because according to her,			✓	

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		more or less the Joker's greatness is the result of her hard work too. Without Harley's support and help, Joker would not have become this great. The use of profanities in the compliment aims to show and emphasize how great and tough a woman is in accompanying and helping her partner.				
16.	What a way to start my new life. With the perfect egg sandwich. " <i>Damn! You're a lifesaver, Sal.</i> And I'm good for the 75 cents, okay? I promise. That's all the money I got in the world, and it's so worth it." I don't know if it's the stray Armenian arm hair or the fact that his cheese slices are always six months out of date, but no one makes an egg sandwich like Sal.	The dialogue above was spoken by Harley when she bought her favorite sandwich. She complimented Sal for always making a delicious				✓

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		sandwich and saving herself from hunger. The profanities in the sentence emphasize the deep feelings of gratitude and happiness that Harley has for Sal because she managed to make the best sandwich in town and no one can match it.				
17.	<i>Damn, it's feel really great, I fell fucking hard.</i> Like out of a plane without a parachute, right in your dumb face kinda hard. I lost all sense of who I was. I only had eyes for Puddin'.	This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she told how she first met the joker and fell in love with him. Harley tries to praise the feeling of happiness that was in her when she fell in love with Joker. According to			✓	

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		her, everyone who is in love can feel something like that. The use of profanities in the sentence aims to emphasize how deep the feeling of happiness is when someone feels in love.				
18.	Audience : <u>“She means fucking business!”</u> Harley : Oh, here we go!	This dialog is spoken when Harley tries to get up and forget all about herself and Joker, she tries to take part in various activities, one of which is a roller competition. Someone said this dialogue to praise Harley's seriousness and			✓	

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		<p>greatness to win the roller race. Until she is willing to do everything in order to win, just like great athletes who are experienced in their field. The profanities also show that Harley is very serious about participating in the roller competition.</p>				
19.	<p>Harley : “What?”                      Sionis’ driver : “I said... Sit your skinny ass down, you dumb slut.”                      Harley : “Okay.”                      Sionis’s driver : “You broke my fucking legs!”                      Harley : “<u>Call me dumb. I have a motherfucking PhD.</u>”</p>	<p>This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she was humiliated by Sionis' driver at a nightclub because she felt unacceptable. Harley tried to fight back and praise herself for having a fairly high</p>				✓

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		<p>academic degree. According to her, even though she is a criminal, she has an educational background that no one can underestimate. Profanities in the sentence above are used to emphasize the title she has, she wants to prove that what the Sionis driver said was completely wrong.</p>				
20.	<p><i>She was a damn good woman.</i> The kind of woman who put everyone else's lives before her own. And when she was found dead in the street, where the fuck were you and your boys in blue then? Now you want to come and knock on my door and ask me to help you out and make the same mistake she did? Yeah. Good luck with that.</p>	<p>This dialogue was spoken by Dinah when she tried to praise her late mother, who was very kind and liked to help the police in eradicating crime, even though in the</p>			✓	

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		end, Dinah's mother's hard work was not appreciated until her mother died in vain. The profanities in the praise sentence are trying to show how kind Dinah's mother was during her lifetime. She truly dedicated her life to helping others and prioritized them above herself.				
21.	Cassandra : “This place <i>is so fucking dope.</i> ” Harley : “Well, it ain't much, but it's better than a prison cell.”	This dialogue was spoken by Cassandra when she was at Harley's house to hide from the pursuit of Sionis and his members. Cassandra tried to compliment		✓		

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		Harley's residence, she felt that the house was really comfortable and cool, different from her own house. The profanities themselves show Cassandra's excitement and admiration for Harley's place, which she considers very cool.				
22.	Number two... <u><i>Six bucks for tap water with a cucumber stick in it? Shit, that's lovely.</i></u>	This dialogue was spoken by Harley when she stole from the supermarket with Cassandra. Harley was surprised by the price given by the supermarket for a bottle of water		✓		

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		with a cucumber in it. According to her, it was a very great and also crazy thing. The use of profanities in the sentence actually shows how deeply shocked she was by it, as Harley felt it was both crazy and a good deal.				
23.	We got the secret bank codes off the diamond. And Huntress got her family money back. She's using it to fund a little crime-fighting outfit. They call themselves the <i>Birds of prey</i> . <u>I call them dorky little do-gooders.</u>	She said this dialogue to praise Huntress, Dinah, and also Renee who decided to create a group of female heroes who would eradicate all the crimes in Gotham City. The profanities in the sentence actually mean that what				✓

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		they are doing is similar to hero movies from the 80s. According to Harley, it's a great thing but a bit old-fashioned and tacky.				

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### APPENDIX III

#### B. Function of Compliment

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			POCOS	EN	SEA	IACS	EPE	CRTSM	SARCSM	SOSAF
1.	Police officer : “Detective. Found this necklace.” Harley : “ <u>Holy shit. Good work, Officer.</u> ”	This dialogue was said by Renee Montoya when another policeman managed to find evidence of the explosion of ace chemicals quickly and deftly. Apart from To express a sense of admiration for the hard				✓				

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		work done by the police, Renee tries to compliment the police. The words of compliment Renee also gave him so that the solidarity they had could continue to run well. The use of profanities in the complimentary sentence serves to show the feeling of surprise and admiration that Renee has for her police								

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		colleagues for being able to quickly and deftly find evidence.								
2.	I made a carefully calculated, highly strategic move. <i>Fine. It was dumb luck. But still. That felt pretty great.</i>	This dialogue was spoken by Harley when she managed to escape and save herself from being chased by the people she had once eviled. Harley tries to praise the luck she has. The words of compliment above were uttered spontaneously by Harley because she			✓					

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		felt lucky to succeed in the plan of those who wanted to kill her cruelly. The use of profanities in the sentence above shows that Harley is very happy and also grateful for the luck she got at that time.								
3.	Renee : “He had four people killed alone last night.” Police officer : “ <i>Sionis is such a fucking mastermind</i> but how'd he get fired from his own fucking company?”	This dialogue was spoken by Renee's fellow police officer. She thinks that all the crimes in Gotham City are caused by Sionis or								

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		black mask. Sionis is indeed a mastermind of many major crimes that occur in Gotham City. However, Renee's coworkers questioned why he was fired from his company. The addition of profanities to the complimentary sentence above emphasizes the speaker's intention as he tries to explain how great and						✓		

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		unparalleled a Sionis is.								
4.	What she didn't know is that driving Mr. Face-peely-pants was going to put her right in the crosshairs of <u>my favorite little piggy bitch</u> .	This dialogue is spoken by Harley. Harley considers that Renee is her favorite cop. This happened because of Harley feels like she has a pretty strong bond with Renee and she wants that bond to become stronger. Not only that, the profanities also show how impressed she is with the	✓							

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		high dedication she has during her time as a police officer.									
5.	<p>Dinah : “What the hell are you doing here?”</p> <p>Cassandra : “<u>You're the only one dumb who makes money off of rich, white people.</u>”</p> <p>Dinah : “Well, you know what? One day you're gonna pick the wrong pocket, sis.”</p> <p>Cassandra : “Okay. Whatever.”</p>	<p>The dialogue was spoken by Cassandra when she was mentioning the reason why she pickpocketed. The compliment sentence used by Cassandra above contains a bit of irony. Indirectly, in the sentence, Cassandra reveals that working for Sionis, like Dinah, is not</p>							✓		

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		that good because Sionis is a mafia or a cruel criminal. The profanities in the sentence are more about how rich the white people in Gotham city, especially the Sionis, have been helping and employing Dinah all this time.								
6.	Cassandra: " <i>Oh, shit. Is that a hyena in a bathtub? It's incredible.</i> " Harley: "I named him Bruce after that hunky Wayne guy."	The dialogue spoken by Cassandra because she was surprised by Harley's pet. Spontaneously,			✓					

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		Cassandra, who saw this, felt that it was something different, cool and also great. The profanities spoken in the dialog above show how surprised and amazed Cassandra was at Harley's pets.									
7.	My bad. I should've introduced you. I'll make it quick. <i>Meet the daughter of the fucking richest, most powerful Mafia don in Gotham City.</i> Helena Bertinelli. Yep, that Bertinelli.	This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she told about Huntress and how she came to be. The sentence of praise Harley gave about the								✓	

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		Huntress family has the impression of dropping the self-esteem of the Huntress. The profanities emphasize the Huntress' past and origins. In particular, how wealthy, and how great the Huntress' family was, before the truly horrible things happened. Helena Bartinelli who comes from the Bartinelli family is not to								

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		be underestimated at all.								
8.	So, she starts training. When she was ready, and by "ready" <u><i>I mean a badass motherfucking killing machine, she moves back to Gotham.</i></u> Starts working on that kill list. She has the murder stuff down, but the rest?	The dialogue spoken by Harley when she told about Huntress. After Bertinelli's extended family is violently murdered, she returns to Gotham City to take revenge on those who killed her entire family, establishing the Huntress as one of Gotham City's greatest assassins. Harley praised							✓	

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		all the greatness of Huntress in avenging her revenge with cool and mysterious action. The profanities in the complimentary sentence show that Helena is truly an expert in killing prey, so Harley gives the Huntress the nickname a badass motherfucking killing machine.								
9.	Huntress : “They call me Huntress.”	This dialogue								

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	Harley : <u>“She calls herself Huntress. Fucking fabulous, if you ask me.”</u>	is also a continuation of the dialogue spoken by Harley when she explained Huntress' greatness. Harley was truly amazed by the Huntress' powers in killing every enemy. With her characteristic mysterious and agile personality, Harley likes Huntress' style. The profanities used in the sentence show					✓			

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		the deep admiration Harley has for Huntress because she is the greatest assassin who has a cold and mysterious personality in Gotham city.									
10.	Dinah : “I'm not letting you sell the kid to him.” Harley : “I wasn't going to sell the kid. I was going to trade the kid.” Dinah : “Yeah. To save your own stupid skin. Huh?” Harley : “ <u>I'm proud of what I fucking did, but I had half the city after me.</u> ”	The following dialogue is the dialogue spoken by Harley when she was arguing with Dinah. Dinah was angry with Harley's decision to sell Cassandra to Sionis. Even						✓			

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		though she committed many crimes that made her feared and respected, she was still weak without a protector. Profanities in the sentence show a deep feeling of pride in herself.								
11.	Huntress : “What?” Harley : “ <i>You are so freaking cool.</i> ”	The dialog above was spoken by Harley to Huntress. Spontaneously, Harley tried to praise Huntress's powers and agility when			✓					

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		fighting a Sionis member on a child's slide at that time. The use of profanities in it serves to emphasize the praise given by Harley, moreover, to show the amount of admiration she has for the powers and agility possessed by Huntress.								
12.	Here's the thing, Romy baby. Your protection is based on the fact that people are scared of you. Just like they're scared of Mr. J. But I'm the one they should be scared of. Not	This dialogue was spoken by Harley when she tried to save Cassandra							✓	

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	you, and not Mr. J. <u>'Cause I'm Harley fucking Quinn.</u>	from Sionis. Through this line of praise, Harley is trying to prove that it is her who should be feared, not Sionis or the Joker. The use of profanities in the sentence emphasizes who Harley Quinn really is. A woman of great skill, and she also has an extremely smart brain.								
13.	Dinah : <u>"And I love that fucking name, Huntress."</u> Huntress : "Really?" Dinah : "Yeah"	This dialog is spoken by Dinah to Huntress at a tacos				✓				

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		restaurant. There, Dinah tries to praise Huntress' name, she considered the name to be in keeping with Huntress' powers in killing and fighting all her enemies. The profanities in the complimentary sentence above actually refers to how much admiration and love Dinah has for the name Huntress.								
14.	Renee : <i>"I mean, we were fucking</i>	The above								

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	<p><i>amazing there.</i>”                      Dinah : “Yeah! Hell yeah!”                      Huntress : “I agree completely. So I'll do that, as well.”</p>	<p>dialog was spoken by Renee when they were resting after a very tiring night for them. Renee tries to praise their own powers because she thinks their heroic actions last night were great and cool indeed, not everyone can fight, also defeat one of the strongest, greatest, and almost unbeatable criminals in Gotham city</p>					✓			

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		what's more, they are all women. Profanities in the sentence of praise above shows that the action they did that night was very great and cool.									
15.	We all know the saying, " <u>Behind every successful man there's a badass motherfucking broad.</u> " Well, that was me too. I was the brains behind some of Mr. J's greatest stunts. Not that he let anyone know it.	This dialog is spoken by Harley when she tells about her love affair and journey with Joker. Harley tries to praise all women, especially herself, because								✓	

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		according to her, more or less the Joker's greatness is the result of her hard work too, but the compliment sentence also contains ridicule. The use of profanities in the compliment aims to show and emphasize how great and tough a woman is in accompanying and helping her partner.								
16.	What a way to start my new life. With the perfect egg sandwich. " <u>Damn!</u> "	The dialogue above was								

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	<i>You're a lifesaver, Sal.</i> And I'm good for the 75 cents, okay? I promise. That's all the money I got in the world, and it's so worth it." I don't know if it's the stray Armenian arm hair or the fact that his cheese slices are always six months out of date, but no one makes an egg sandwich like Sal.	spoken by Harley when she bought her favorite sandwich. She complimented Sal for always making a delicious sandwich and saving herself from hunger. Harley is a regular customer at Sal's shop. They are very close, and their bond has also been very close. The profanities in the sentence emphasize the	✓								

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		deep feelings of gratitude and happiness that Harley has for Sal because she managed to make the best sandwich in town and no one can match it.									
17.	<i>Damn, it's feel really great, I fell fucking hard. Like out of a plane without a parachute, right in your dumb face kinda hard. I lost all sense of who I was. I only had eyes for Puddin'.</i>	This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she told how she first met the joker and fell in love with him. Harley tries to praise the feeling of happiness that was in her when she fell								✓	

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		in love with Joker, but actually the compliment sentence also contains ridicule. The use of profanities in the sentence aims to emphasize how deep the feeling of happiness is when someone feels in love.									
18.	Audience : <u>“She means fucking business!”</u> Harley : Oh, here we go!	This dialog is spoken when Harley tries to get up and forget all about herself and Joker, she tries					✓				

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		to take part in various activities, one of which is a roller competition. Someone said this dialogue to give positive evaluation to Harley in winning the roller race. The profanities also show that Harley is very serious about participating in the roller competition.								
19.	Harley : “What?” Sionis’ driver : “I said... Sit your skinny ass down, you dumb slut.” Harley : “Okay.” Sionis’s driver : “You broke my	This dialogue was uttered by Harley when she was humiliated by						✓		

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	fucking legs!” Harley : <u>“Call me dumb. I have a motherfucking PhD.”</u>	Sionis' driver at a nightclub because she felt unacceptable. Harley wanted to prove to the driver that he was wrong to look down on her and consider Harley stupid by criticizing the driver's previous remarks. According to her, even though she is a criminal, she has an educational background								

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		that no one can underestimate. Profanities in the sentence above are used to emphasize the title she has, she wants to prove that what the Sionis driver said was completely wrong.								
20.	<i>She was a damn good woman.</i> The kind of woman who put everyone else's lives before her own. And when she was found dead in the street, where the fuck were you and your boys in blue then? Now you want to come and knock on my door and ask me to help you out and make the same mistake she did? Yeah. Good luck with that.	This dialogue was spoken by Dinah when she tried to praise her late mother, who was very kind and liked to help the police in eradicating crime, even though in the	✓							

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		end, Dinah's mother's hard work was not appreciated until her mother died in vain. This compliment also shows how close the inner bond they have with each other, especially since they are mother and daughter who certainly have a robust internal bond. The profanities in the praise sentence are trying to show								

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		how kind Dinah's mother was during her lifetime. She truly dedicated her life to helping others and prioritized them above herself.									
21.	Cassandra : “This place <i>is so fucking dope.</i> ” Harley : “Well, it ain't much, but it's better than a prison cell.”	This dialogue was spoken by Cassandra when she was at Harley's house to hide from the pursuit of Sionis and his members. Spontaneously, Cassandra tried to compliment Harley's			✓						

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		residence, she felt that the house was really comfortable and cool, different from her own house. The profanities themselves show Cassandra's excitement and admiration for Harley's place, which she considers very cool.									
22.	Number two... <u>Six bucks for tap water with a cucumber stick in it? Shit, that's lovely.</u>	This dialogue was spoken by Harley when she stole from the supermarket			✓						

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		with Cassandra. Harley was surprised by the price given by the supermarket for a bottle of water with a cucumber in it. According to her, it was a very great and also crazy thing. The use of profanities in the sentence actually shows how deeply shocked she was by it, as Harley felt it was both crazy and a good deal.								

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23.	We got the secret bank codes off the diamond. And Huntress got her family money back. She's using it to fund a little crime-fighting outfit. They call themselves the <i>Birds of prey</i> . <u><i>I call them dorky little do-gooders</i></u> .	She said this dialogue to praise Huntress, Dinah, and also Renee who decided to create a group of female heroes who would eradicate all the crimes in Gotham City. Harley utters the compliment sentence to mock her friends who decided to create a heroine group. According to							✓	

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		Harley, their decision to create a hero group is both excellent and old-fashioned or tacky. The profanities in the sentence actually mean that what they are doing is similar to hero movies from the 80s. According to Harley, it's a great thing but a bit old-fashioned and tacky.								

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