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**“The Biggest
Challenge of Life
Is to be Yourself in
a World that is
Trying to make You
Like Everyone Else”**

Dedicated to :

- *My beloved parents*
- *My beloved brother and sister*
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ABSTRACT

The Study of Slangs Found in the Lyrics of Jay Z's Songs

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Teenagers develop a new language which is ungrammatical and easier to communicate. The new language is known as slang which is included in Non-standard English. Slang is usually used in social media, song lyrics, teen magazine, and many others. This study concerns with the study of slang found in song lyrics, especially the lyric of Jay-z's songs. This study proposes problems of classifications of slangs and the dominant slang and its classification found in Jay Z's songs in his album *Magna Carta Holy Grail*. This study uses qualitative research. It is to describe the meaning of slang language in Jay Z's song lyrics of slang language in them. There are 17 songs lyrics are analyzed. To analyze the data, there are some steps done in this study; (1) Reading the song lyrics; (2) Identifying the slang words used in the song lyrics; (3) Finding the meaning of slang words based on dictionary of Patridge *The Concise New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English*; (4) Classifying the slang words in the lyrics based on Patridge's classification of slangs; (5) Interpreting the data; and (6) Calculating the percentage of the dominant classification of slang based on formula of Bungin. The result of this study shows that slang words are found in every lyric of Jay Z's songs. They are categorized into 5 classifications such as *Cockney Slang*, *Society Slang*, *Public School and Universities*, *Art*, and *Slang in Church*. The dominant classification is *Society Slang* which is 63% and the least one is *Slang in Church* which is only 1%. The dominant slang words found is *Nigga* which is classified as *Society Slang*.

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