

THE ANALYSIS OF CONVERSATIONAL IMPLICATURE IN “ONWARD” MOVIE

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Abstract

This study aim to identify the utterances that contain conversational implicature that produce between two characters in Onward movie. In this research the writer analyze the utterances produce by Ian and Barley which contain conversational implicature with the hidden meaning based Grice’s theory. The writer use qualitative method to help while collecting data and analyzing the data. The benefits of used that method in this research is the writer can easily collected the data and analyze the data. The writer use theory from Grice about conversational implicature. The data were collected and analyzed based the maxim and analyze the hidden meaning that produced by Ian and Barley during their conversation in that movie. The result shows that there are fifteen data that contain of conversational implicature found on Onward movie. There are 10 utterances that classified as maxim of quantity, 3 utterances classified as maxim of quality, 1 utterance classified as maxim of manner, and 1 utterance as maxim of relation. The writer also concludes that conversation that occurs in Onward movie contain implied meaning that means Ian, Barley, Bronco, Mom and Ian’s friends always saying the fact, they are answers the question quite informative, relevant with the question and avoid the ambiguity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

People use conversation to communicate with the others. By doing a conversation, we can get a lot of information, express feelings and share our ideas. Language is the most important thing and language takes important role in human’s life, since a communication will be difficult without language. Language is also the most effective way to show what people want from the others. In human life, language generally can be used for different purposes. People may use direct utterances but sometimes use implicature strategies in their communication. Therefore, each person will find several cases between one another and one of them use the implied meaning. Misunderstanding possibly occurs between speaker and listener if one of them failed to catch the meaning of that conversation. Thus, the study of meaning is important to be considered in conversation. Pragmatics as one of linguistic field takes a crucial part of concerning with the study of speaker meaning.

According to Yule (1996: 3) pragmatics is concerned with the study of meaning communicated by speaker or writer and interpreted by hearer or reader. Where Yule

(1996: 30) says that pragmatics is a study of the meaning spoken by their speaker that can be interpreted by the listener. This means, in pragmatics, it is explained how the speaker avoids ambiguous speech because the meaning stored in it depends on the way the speaker conveys it. From what the speaker literally says, implicature is divided into two; conventional implicature and conversational implicature.

For this reason, conversational implicature is an essential study in pragmatics because it has a function as a means to express the real meaning that have hidden meaning in them that have been formed. In this case, speakers and hearers expects each other to contribute the real meaning of the sentence that utterances. This means that the speaker speaks using the sentence that contains implicature and the listener interprets the meaning through inference. Conversational implicature is not only found in the daily live conversation, it can be occur in a lyrical music, newspaper, television show and also in a movies. So it is uncommon for many people to hide meaning when communicating use the hide meaning sentence. Thus people must also interpret the meaning of speech to avoid the ambiguity that created by used the implicature that causes misunderstanding.

Grice distinguished two kinds of implicature, there are generalized implicature and particularized implicature. According to Cruse (2000), applying conversational implicature could be derived by two strategies; by observing cooperative principle (standard implicature) and cooperative principle by flouting maxim. Therefore, the writer is interested in exposing this topic because in the movie there are some characters that use implicit word while speaking in the conversation on some scenes that can be ambiguity for the audience that causes misunderstanding.

Movie is a recording of moving images that tells a story watched by people on a screen or television. According to Hornby (2006: 950) movie means a series of moving picture recorded with sound that tells a story, shown at cinema/movie. Movies are produced by recording image from the world by using cameras or using the special effect or creating image using animation technique. Using terms drawn from linguistics, film bears an indexical relationship to its referent; there is a casual relationship between the filmic image and the referent it records. Presently, movie becomes so hype as a hobby or just to spend the leisure time. Movie also presents a lot of genres that make them interested to watch nowadays, with the many varieties of the new techniques, modern tools and good resolution that make the movie look so good in the eyes of the audiences. Therefore, the writer interests with this topic to using movie as the data of this research.

The writer chooses *Onward* movie as the subject of the analysis. This movie is about Ian and Barley's story. Ian lost his father when he was a baby and he really want to meet his father. When he turned 16th birthday, his mother give a gift from his father to both of them. The gift was a magic wand, phoenix gem and a letter which contain a spell to bring his father back to life in just one day. Ian who does not know about magic made a mistake while doing a magic process to restore his father and make his father back just in a half his body. To make his father back in a full body he need another phoenix gem, Barley who loves history guiding his younger brother to get phoenix gem based on what he know about the story in the past of that city and the story begin with an adventure between Ian and Barley to get phoenix gem. The writer finds some of conversational implicature in this conversation of this movie between Barley and Ian that are very interesting to investigate the hidden meaning of the conversational implicature that occurs in their conversation.

Onward movie was released in March, 2020. This animation movie is from US which produced by Walt Disney Pixar Animation Studios. The movie director of this

movie is Dan Scanlon and the movie has 102 minutes duration. The script was made by Dan Scanlon, Keith Bunin and Jason Headley. The writer argues that in the movie in title *Onward* the characters found use many conversational implicature that can be analyzed.

Under pragmatic perspective, the writer investigated this research attempt to examine the hidden meaning of conversational implicature on the conversation between Barley and Ian that are collected by the writer from *Onward* movie. The writer hopes that the hidden meanings that occur in the dialogue on *Onward* movie can be avoid the ambiguity for the audience and also to know the implied meaning beyond the conversation.

The writer found several similar studies of conversational implicature such as the previous study of the researchers comes from Nadya Alfi Fauziah (2016) with their thesis in title “Conversational Implicature on the Chew Talk Show”, Ivony Irma Romadhona (2016) with their title “An Analysis of Conversational Implicature on the Monster University Movie”, Asrorul Nur Muvidah (2015) with their research in title “The Conversational Implicature that used by three main characters in Hotel Transylvania Movie” and Jacques Moeschler’s article in title “Conversational and Conventional Implicature”. The research from Nadya Alfi Fauziah with her thesis in title “Conversational Implicature on the Chew Talk Show” is focused to talk about the type of conversational implicature that occurs on the Chew Talk Show and analyze the function of conversational implicature. Then for the thesis from Ivony Irma Romadhona with their title “An Analysis of Conversational Implicature on the Monster University Movie” that focused to analyzed the kind of politeness that violated in the dialogue, Asrorul Nur Muvidah with their title “The Conversational Implicature that used by three main characters in Hotel Transylvania Movie” it is focused to find what the utterances about the speaking manner from conversational implicature that occurs in the main character of that film.

However, the recent research is different with those previous researches for the researcher has different subject, topic, and source data. The recent research uses the dialogue between two characters with another characters of the movie that contain conversational implicature as the topic, whereas the previous researches focused on the conversational analysis of all conversational implicature’s dialogue that occurs in the movie.

Based on the above background, the writer contains the following questions, there are;

1. What are the utterances of conversational implicature that contain the maxims found in *Onward* movie?
2. What are the implied meanings of each conversational implicature utterances found in *Onward* movie?

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Pragmatics

Pragmatics is a branch of linguistic theory. Pragmatics is the study of language usage (Leech, 1983; 6). While Searle and Kiefer and Bierwisch (1980, viii) suggest that “pragmatics is one of those words that give the impression that something quite specific and technical is being talked about when the fact that usually it has no clear meaning”. Another definition, Pragmatic is the study of language from a functional perspective that is attempts to explain every angles of linguistic structure by reference to non-linguistic pressures and causes (Leech, 1983: 7).

Yule (1996: 3) stated that pragmatics is the study of the meanings to communicate by speaker or writer and interpreted by listener or reader. Yule also explained that pragmatics is the study of the relationship between linguistic forms and the user of those forms. Therefore by studying pragmatics we can figure out what are people’s intended meanings, their purposes, and kinds of actions they are performing in communication through the context to get what they want to explain.

Pragmatics connected to knowledge of the context of a speech. With the speaker's context or listener, it is easier to determine the real meaning of a speaker’s saying (Grundy, 2000: 213). When understanding a speech means someone must understand the meaning in communication. For example, someone tells the addressee:

“This view are cool, can I borrow your camera?”

Semantically, the sentence above contains a sentence that praise about something and there is a question in the last sentence that means asking about the stuff. But pragmatically, the statement above can be interpreted as a request, which means "I want to take a picture in here but I do not have a camera." This depends on the addressee, depends on the context of their conversation and also depends on the relationship they belong to, when, and where the conversation takes place.

Pragmatics examines how people to use their language, how they use speech acts in the event and what strategies that they will choose (Gunawan, 2007: 2). It can be concluded that pragmatism focuses on speech acts, the principle of cooperation and politeness.

2.2. Implicature

In a conversation, the speaker usually uses the sentences that consist of a hide meaning sentence to do not express their meaning explicitly. The meaning is left implied and the hearer must interpreted the meaning in that sentences. This study uses the theory put forwarded by Grice that is the implicature theory. Grice (1975) shows the ability to imply propositions or statements that are not part of the utterances that do not follow of speech. Grice calls it implicature, which is an implied statement. Implicature is one branch of pragmatics. The meaning of an utterance cannot be understood only by using the theory of semantics, because an utterance may contain literal meaning and implied meaning. Therefore we need to study about implicature. For example below:

Mia : Do you love Jeniffer?

Dany : But she is Mike’s girlfriend.

Based on the example above, it can be interpreted that Dany loves Jeniffer but Jeniffer already had a boyfriend. So according to Grice’s explanation, it can be said that Dany’s statement contained implicature, which meant that Jeniffer is Mike’s girlfriend

but Dany loves her.

Basically, Grice distinguished two different types of implicature, they are conventional implicature and conversational implicature. Potts (2004:26) defines the distinction between conventional and conversational implicature. He explains that conversational implicature can exist in the case of the maxims and the cooperative principle, whereas conventional implicature are properties of the grammar.

2.3. Conversational Implicature

In a conversation, someone usually saying the meaning implicitly to giving a speech that has a hidden meaning in the utterances. As Saragi (2011) explained that utterances contain hidden meanings or utterances that have some meaning that what is spoken by the speaker is called implicature. The conversational implicature is something that mostly implied in the conversation and something that left implicit in the actual use of language for example “*Where is your switch lamp?*” In this sentence contains the hidden meanings that the speakers indirectly tell to the hearers that it is very dark here, the speakers need to turn on the lamp. As for some other examples, such as:

Tom : Can I take you out for a dinner?

Carmila : I have some things to do in my office tonight.

In an example, there is a hidden meaning that occurs in those sentences. The conversation above shows the real meaning from Carmila’s statement that she cannot go out for dinner with Tom because she had some work in her office. Based on the example, conversational implicature is a kind of implicature that occur in conversation. This kind of implicature is regarded as one of the most important ideas in pragmatics (Levison, 1983; 97). Implicature is one of linguistics phenomena that found and applied frequently in a conversation.

The conversational implicature always occurs because of the context or general features of a discourse that occur because of things done by what the speakers said (Grice, 1975). Then, Grice is divided into two kinds of Implicatures:

2.3.1. Generalized Conversational Implicature

According to Levinson (1983; 126) conversational implicature is an implicature that occurs in a communication that does not required certain features of the conversation. Another definition of Generalized Conversational Implicature is a kind of conversational implicature that do not required special knowledge in the context to calculate the additional conveyed meaning (Yule, 1996; 41). Yule said that in the Generalized Conversational Implicature there is no special knowledge in the context to calculate the additional to convey the meaning. Based on those statements, the addressee can directly understand the hidden meaning of a speaker’s speech without thinking further. Grice (1975; 32) states that the listener does not need any specific knowledge to understand the meaning of the conversation because the context uses is so general, so the listener can directly understand the hidden meaning that spoken by the speaker.

2.3.2. Particularized Conversational Implicature

Different with the Generalized Conversational Implicature, particularized conversational implicature is indirectly needs more explanation to understand the meaning of the conversation because the context used is specific (Grice, 1989; 37). Another definition of Particularized Conversational Implicature is a kind of conversational implicature that depends on a special or local knowledge in very specific context in conversation. According to Levinson (1983:126), particularized conversational implicature is the type of conversational implicature which needs such a specific context, for example, here is a Ling response that is easy enough to understand if he just answer it only with the word “yes” or “no”.

2.4. Cooperative Principle

The cooperative principle is a principle of conversation stating that the participants expect that each will make a conversation which is not possible to understand speakers without knowing what they said using the implicit meaning as well as what they have said. Grice divided cooperative principle into four basic maxims which are support these principles are as follows: Quantity, quality, relevant and manner.

1. The maxim of Quantity

Maxim of quantity is the one of the cooperative principle that is primarily focused to giving information as it is required and that is not giving the contribution more informative than it required. Example:

X: Where is Nia?

Y: She is standing next to Julian.

It can be seen that Y information is informative and giving a contribution to X question about the Nia.

2. The maxim of Quality

The maxim of quality purposes for the speaker that important to should tell the truth in a conversation in order to communicate cooperatively. Example:

X: Where is *Bali's island* located?

Y: In Indonesia.

As it seems, Y give the correct answer and the truth information about the location of *Bali's island* to X.

3. The maxim of Relation

Maxim of relation means that the utterance must be relevant with the topic being discussed. Example:

X: How about your exam?

Y: All is well.

Here, Y's utterance fulfilled the maxim of relevance because the answer is relevant with the topic that mention in the question.

4. The maxim of Manner

Maxim of manner makes the speaker's utterance to be unambiguous that means it is not be ambiguous. Example:

X: What do you think about the test yesterday?

Y: I really did not know about the answer, they are very difficult to answer. The answer of Y is categorized as maxim of manner because Y can answer the question from X clearly.

3. METHODS

This study employed a qualitative descriptive method that compatible with this research in this study. According to Littoselliti (2010: 52) said that qualitative research is concerned with structure, pattern, and how something is. Thus, by using the approach of descriptive qualitative, the writer analyzed the data of conversational implicature utterances that produced by the two characters in the movie in title *Onward* based on the theory from Grice (1975) to answer the research problems. The results were showed by giving the description about utterances, the implied meaning, and also the function of the Conversational Implicature.

3.1. Source of the Data

The source of the data of this study was the movie from Walt Disney Pixar Animation Studios in title *Onward* with the duration about 102 minutes. The data of this study was the utterances of Conversational Implicature that produced by the two characters in that movie. The writer choose *Onward* movie as the source of the data because this film contained the conversation that use the implied meaning that used by

Ian and Barley that is interesting to be analyzed.

3.2. Procedure of Data Collection

In this section, the writer presents the steps to the writer while collecting the data use the procedure of data collection. Procedure is the stages to guide researchers to try to clearly formulate the problem to be solved (Mahsun, 2005: 31) meanwhile the data is research material which contains various kinds of utterances in the form of objects and research contexts (Mahsun, 2005: 18). The writer collected the data by using these following steps:

1. The writer bought Disney + Hotstar.
2. The writer watched *Onward* movie in the following website <https://www.hotstar.com/id/movies/onward/1260024457/watch> and paid attention to the conversation in that movie.
3. The writer searched the English transcript of *Onward* movie from <https://transcripts.fandom.com/wiki/Onward>.

Those steps are used during in procedure to collecting data.

3.3. Procedure of Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, the writer used theory from Grice's theory to find the utterances of conversational implicature. After the data were collected, the writer analyzed the data by the following steps:

1. Identification
The writer indented the data of conversational implicature utterances that occurs in the movie by using transcript and the writer classified the data based on Grice's theory.
2. Explaining Indentified Data
The writer classified the data of conversational implicature along with a brief explanation and interpreted of the hidden meaning of the utterances based on Grice's theory.
3. Draw Conclusion
Finally, after all the data had been analyzed, the writer drew conclusion based on the results of the analysis.
Those steps are used during in procedure to analyzing the data.

4. RESULTS

To answer the research questions, this sub illustrates the findings is derived from the research problems in which the first question concerns on the forming of conversational implicature based on Grice's theory of implicature (1983) that had been collected by the writer, the second question is to analyze the hidden meaning of the data that were collected. The utterances had been collected by the writer which were containing implicature that signing with the bold text which completed with the context description and the analysis after listing of the conversation. The writer found 5 datum that will be analyze, the research of data will be presented as follows:

Table 4.1 5 datum of fragments contain conversation and meaning.

Fragments	Conversational Implicature	Meaning
1	Mom: You're wearing your dad's sweatshirt. Ian: Oh, you know, finally fits.	Ian utterances mean that he said "yes" to her mom that he Is wore his dad's sweatshirt.
2	Mom: Aw, my little chubby cheeks is all grown up! <i>[She tries to reach over to him, and ian jumps]</i> Ian: Okay, okay mom! I gotta eat something before school.	On that statement show that Ian felt disturbed when his mom tried to reach over him.
3	<i>[Ian opens the fridge and reaches out to a tray with pigs in a blanket all topped with red, blue, and green plastic swords]</i> Mom: Ah hands off mister! Those are for your party tonight! Ian: It's not a party mom, it's just us!	Ian answer mean that he did not have any planning to do a party with his friends because he did not had any courage to invited his friends.
4	Mom: You could invite those kids from you science class. You said they seem "pretty rock"! Ian: I'm, uh pretty sure I didn't say it like that, and besides I don't even know them.	Based on that statement, Ian did not want to invited them because Ian never had courage to talk with them.
5	Mom: I know you're a little scared to drive, sweetie pie but... Ian: I'm not scared mom, I'm gonna move Barley's game. <i>[He walks to the table, where a tabletop game is set up]</i> Mom: Okay, but you know how he gets when someone touches that board. <i>[Ian trips over something]</i> Ian: Well, he's gotta learn how to clean up his toys. <i>[He picks up a mace, but barley quickly grabs him]</i> Barley: Halt! Doth my	Barley's utterance means that he did not let Ian to clean up his toys that scattered in the table.

All the fragments above contain the implied meaning of each conversation and from those conversations contain conversational implicature of maxim. The datum will be analyze based on 4 maxims, there are maxim of quantity, maxim of quality, maxim of manner, and maxim of relation. The datum also will be analyze of the implied meaning itself in each fragment.

5. DISCUSSION

Here are 5 datum that will be analyzed based on conversational maxim:

Fragment 1

Mom : You're wearing your dad's sweatshirt.

Ian : **Oh, you know, finally fits.**

While going to school, Ian wore his dad's sweatshirt when he was in college. His mom surprised when she saw that sweatshirt fit in Ian body because Ian's dad was dead while he was a baby and his mom also surprised to see that Ian has grown up. Ian's utterance "*Oh, you know, finally fits*" means, mom looks so happy to see that sweatshirt finally fit with Ian's body. Ian's utterance means "*Yes I wear this sweatshirt, because I had been grew up and it's finally fit with my body*" that utterance is a maxim of relation, because Ian's utterance is quiet relevance to answer mom's question. The meaning of that utterance is Ian's dad was a young boy when he wore that sweatshirt. After his dead, Ian was still a baby. Mom looks so surprised when she saw Ian wore that sweatshirt and realized that Ian now turning into a young boy not a child anymore.

Fragment 2

Mom : Aw, my little chubby cheeks is all grown up!

[She tries to reach over to him, and Ian jumps]

Ian : **Okay, okay mom! I gotta eat something before school.**

Mom felt so happy when she realized the growth of her son that turning into a young boy, by saying “*Aw, my little chubby cheeks is all grown up!*” it means that mom still remember when Ian’s was a cute baby, but now he is not a baby anymore. Mom tried to hug Ian then Ian’s said “*Okay, okay mom! I gotta eat something before school*” that is means, Ian accept the fact that he is now not a baby anymore, he turns into a teenager, but he did not want a hug by saying that statement. His statements show that Ian used maxim of quantity to answer mom statement. The hidden meaning of Ian’s utterance is he knows that he is not a baby or a kid anymore because today he is turning into a teenager, so it feels like unnecessary while his mom trying to hug him by saying that statement.

Fragment 3

[Ian opens the fridge and reaches out to a tray with pigs in a blanket all topped with red, blue, and green plastic swords]

Mom : Ah hands off mister! Those are for your party tonight!

Ian : **It’s not a party mom, it’s just us!**

Ian open the fridge and want to pick a cupcake that his mom made for celebrate his party tonight, but his mom did not allow him to pick that cupcake because mom made that for party with his friends tonight. Ian’s answer shown that he did not have any plan to celebrate a party with his friends because in fact Ian never have any courage to talk with his friends all this time. Ian’s statement is maxim of quantity. By saying “*It’s not a party mom, it’s just us!*” shows that Ian deny his mom statement that there will be a party with his friends, it will be never happen since Ian do not brave to talk with his friends. How can he ask his friends to coming in his party while he never having any courage to talk with them, because of that Ian chooses to celebrate the party just with his family.

Fragment 4

Mom : You could invite those kids from your science class.

You said they seem “pretty rock”!

Ian : **I’m, uh pretty sure I didn’t say it like that, and besides I don’t even know them.**

Mom suggests to Ian for invited his friends from science class to coming in his party. Ian rejects mom’s statement by saying “*I’m, uh pretty sure I didn’t say it like that, and besides I don’t even know them*” he tries to say the truth to his mom that he will not invited them because he did not know them. Ian is maxim quality by saying the truth to his mom that he really did not know his friends from that science class. Ian answers mom statement “*you could invite those kids from your science class. You said they seem “pretty rock”!*” by saying that mom implied that she knows that deep inside, Ian really want to be friends with them but he do not have any courage to invite them. Ian’s answers show that he is too shy to admit it but he tells the truth that he really did not know them even though he really want to invited them.

Fragment 5

Mom : I know you’re a little scared to drive, sweetie pie but...

Ian : I’m not scared mom, I’m gonna move Barley’s game.
[He walks to the table, where a tabletop game is set up]

Mom : Okay, but you know how he gets when someone touches that board.

[Ian trips over something]

Ian : Well, he’s gotta learn how to clean up his toys.

[He picks up a mace, but barley quickly grabs him]

Barley : **Halt! Doth my brother dare disrupt an active campaign?**

While Ian talking with his mom, Ian tries to clean up Barley game that set up in the table. Mom utterance shows that she reminds to Ian that Barley will not like it, but Ian still trying to clean up Barley's game by saying "*Well, he's gotta learn how to clean up his toys*" then Barley is coming out and said "*Halt! Doth my brother dare disrupt an active campaign?*" which means Barley did not agree with Ian's idea to clean up his set up game in that table. Barley's statement is maxim of quantity since his statement not giving enough information to contribute Ian's statement. By saying that utterance, Barley means that how dare my brother clean up my game that I already arrange it perfectly in the table.

6. CONCLUSION

Based on the formulated research questions, the goal of this research are to find the utterances that contain of conversational implicature and to analyzed the implied meaning of each conversational implicature utterances found in *Onward* movie that mostly used by Ian and Barley.

The writer used the theory of conversational implicature. In this part the writer used some previous studies that have correlated to conversational implicature the topic of their research. This writer used four previous studies to support the problem in this research. Those previous studies supported this research in other to make comparison between the writer's research to the others. Those researches have correlation but they have not the same topic. Those previous studies as the reason the writer used those previous studies.

This research used qualitative method to analyzing the data. There are 5 data that containing conversational implicature that found by the writer to answer the research findings. The implicature often occurs because the characteristics of each character such as Ian and Barley that are tried to say something by represent the implied meaning of what they really said by used maxim.

Finally, the writer concludes that in the *Onward* movie the writer found 5 utterances contain implicature of which 3 utterances classified as a maxim of quantity, 1 utterances as a maxim of quality, and 1 utterance as a maxim of relation that produced between Ian and Barley. The writer also concludes that conversation that occurs in *Onward* movie contain implied meaning that means Ian, Barley, Bronco, Mom and Ian's friends always saying the fact, they are answers the question quite informative, relevant with the question and avoid the ambiguity.

This study intended to raise the implicature phenomenon. The writer suggests that there are many objects to analyze except the movie, to find the deeper meaning to understanding about conversational implicature with different data sources such as, newspaper, talk show, song lyrics, advertisement and so on to expand the reach of the research. In addition, the writer hopes that this study will give benefits to the readers in adding their knowledge about conversational implicature.

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