

CHAPTER IV

RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter is divided into two parts. The first part discusses the types of swear words used in *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie. The types of swear words will be the answer of the first research question as stated in the problem formulation. The types of swear words include three classifications: epithets, profanity, and vulgarity/obscenity. The second part is about the function of swear words that are found in *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie to answer the second question. There are four function of swear words: expletive, abusive, humorous, and auxiliary.

4.1. Types of Swear Words

To answer the first research question, the writer provided the data found from the movie. The writer gathered data from dialogue or monologue that uttered by characters from the movie. Then the data gathered are presented in the form of a table. From the table, it can be seen the different types of swear words occurrence.

Table 4.1

The number of the type of swear words.

Types of Swear Words	The Occurrence in Conversation
Epithets	45
Profanity	10
Vulgarity/Obscenity	51
Total	156

There are three types of swear words: epithets, profanity, and vulgarity/obscenity. All of them appear in the movie. The most dominant type that is used is vulgarity/obscenity, which appears 51 times. The second type that is used is epithets which appears 45 time. The last type that is used is profanity which appears 10 times. Being more specific, each of them will be explained and followed by examples taken from the dialogue or monologue uttered by characters of the movie.

4.1.1. Epithets

Epithets are characterized by the existence of various type of slurs, such as *bitch* or *fag*. It is usually connected to race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality. They may also refer to appearance, disabilities or other characteristic. Associating somebody like animal also can be included as epithets, such as *dog* or *bullshit*. Being racist can be included as epithets too. Therefore, someone will use emotional language by uttering the swear words which are addressed to others. Here are utterances belong with epithets.

- a. Knees Down : Yo!
 Knees Down : Watch where the fuck you're walking, stupid **bitch!**

The conversation above contains epithets as one of the types of swear words. This situation happens when Devin did not walk carefully and then hit Knees Down. Knees Down call Devin as a *bitch*. The literal meaning of *bitch* is a female dog. The original use of it is as an insult. It is based on a comparison between women to a dog in heat. If the word is directed to a female, it means female prostitute who likes to change her sex partner. However, in the conversation above the word *bitch* are not directed to a woman and it is just an expression of anger from Knees Down.

- b. Mr. Skinnflood : Mac!
 Mac : **Skinny Dick**, you wanna hit?

This conversation happens when Mr. Skinnflood found Mac and Jasmine already smoke weed in his room. The words *skinny dick* is categorized as epithets because it refers to disabilities. It means Mr. Skinnflood has small dick whether is real or not. It is very rare and it is insulting.

- c. Mr. Armstrong : There are some dumb **motherfuckers**.
 Mr. Armstrong : Look at this thing here.
 Mr. Armstrong : Your mama shoulda aborted that **motherfucker**.
 Mr. Armstrong : What the fuck is this?
 Mr. Armstrong : Another **dumbass nigga...**

The scene in the movie shows in the teacher's room when Mr. Armstrong correcting his students' test. It seems their students didn't do test well that made him swear a lot. The word *motherfucker* and *dumbass nigga* belong to epithets. The word *motherfucker* is

common uttered in this century directed to someone. The literal meaning of *motherfucker* is someone who has sex with their own mother. Most of the time motherfucker word used without meaning. The word *dumbass nigga* has a connection with race and ethnicity which can be categorized as epithets. The word *nigga* refers to call black people or African. It is a derogatory term used to describe black people. The word *nigga* often used by black people for calling their friends but sometimes it can be an offensive word. Mr. Armstrong says those words to express his disappointment from about their students. Jay (1992) say that epithets are brief but forceful bursts of emotional language and it is uttered from frustration. Epithets also a disparaging or abusive word or phrase.

- d. Nerd Student : Let me show you how we do it on the Discovery Channel.
Nerd Student : Let me show you something.
Mac : That's some **motherfuckin'** planet, look at-
Nerd Student : Did you see that? You like that?

Unlike the example before, the word *motherfucker* in here represent things, not people. Jay (1992) state that epithets are characterizing word or phrase accompanying or occurring in place of the name of a person or thing. The word *motherfucker* in this conversation just emphasizes the word planet. It can be the planet is cool or the planet is weird based on speaker thought.

- e. Mac : I feel like I'm like Captain Kirk, right?
Mac : And I feel like, like Doctor Spock.
Mac : And this **bitch** right here is like Darth Vader.

This scene happens when Mac and Devin are getting high by marijuana at a clinic. Mac calls Devin just for joking purpose. It doesn't mean that Devin is a *bitch* even though

Devin is a male. The word *bitch* often intended to female but if we swear it can be for anyone or things even place too.

f. Devin : **Fuckin' bitch.**

Mac : Is that the **bitch** paging you again?

Devin : That's the **bitch**, again, man.

Mac : This is what I want to do.

Mac : I want us to go to another planet called Pimpatarium.

Mac : And once we go there, hand me the telephone, and let me tell you how I would address the **bitch**.

Devin : Oh, shit.

The next example of epithets can be seen from the conversation between Mac and Devin. Both of them are bothered by the messenger from Devin's girlfriend. Devin calls his girlfriend as a *bitch* and Mac followed it. Generally, the term *bitch* is still considered offensive and not accepted in a formal situation. Devin calls his girlfriend as a *bitch* to express his emotion because he feels disturbed with his girlfriend behavior. *Bitch* is the swear word that is commonly addressed to a woman in this century.

g. Devin : I got a confession though.

Mac : What's up?

Devin : That was my first time.

Mac : With masseuse?

Devin : Nah, with a vagina.

Devin : Ashley's like saving herself for marriage, so I only get to fuck her in the ass.

Mac : **Nigga**, what?
Devin : Yeah.
Mac : Fuck that.
Mac : Let's celebrate.
Devin : Yeah.

This conversation happens after Devin having fun at a massage parlor while Mac waiting outside. Devin tells Mac about her experience that it was his first time getting *fuck* through the front hole while he just *fucks* with his girlfriend through the bottom hole. The word *nigga* that is uttered by Mac represents his feeling of surprised about Devin's story. The word *nigga* is related to race and ethnicity that can be categorized as epithets. Not only for expressing anger or insulting someone, but the word *nigga* can also represent things or situation.

h. Devin : Well I-I've been trying to develop an alternative fuel from a mix of all natural substances, but the mix was highly volatile and we couldn't find a catalyst to help stabilize the compound and supercharge the fuel.
Mahatma : Uh, I'm sorry.
Mahatma : What was this magical catalyst?
Mac : Delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol.
Mahatma : Isn't that the main chemical in...
Mac : Marijuana, **motherfucker**.
Mac : Also known as THC.

Mac : Now what I did was I cross-pollinated genetically superior weed to create a master weed with properties never before enjoyed by mankind.

Mac : Now check this out.

Mahatma : **Motherfucker.**

Mac : And you do know that.

Devin : That was good.

The setting is in a laboratory class. Devin explains his experiment isn't done yet and Mahatma underestimate him. And then Mac appears and bring main ingredients that make Mahatma doubt it because the main ingredients are THC and also knows as marijuana and it rarely used in chemistry. Unexpectedly the experiment was successful and makes Mahatma astonished. There are two *motherfucker* words on dialogue above. First, the word *motherfucker* is uttered by Mac against Mahatma because he did not like the way Mahatma underestimate the experiment that he and Devin did. The word *motherfucker* is strong enough to insult someone we don't like. Second, the word *motherfucker* is uttered by Mahatma to express his astonishment because the experiment was ridiculous like magic and successful.

4.1.2. Profanity

Profanity is religious cursing. This term is usually used by people to swear with the name of God. The intention of the speaker is actually to express an emotional reaction to a certain condition. Profanity occurs when someone using religious terminology in a profane,

secular, or uncaring manner, such as *Jesus Christ, hell, damn, Goddamn* and it involves the coarse use of what is taken to be sacred. If it is uttered outside the religious context, it is more likely showing our disrespect to God. From *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie, the writer found some conversations containing profanity. The examples of profanity can be seen as follows.

a. Jasmine : I can't wait to taste it.

Mac : Be patient, baby.

Mac : All I need you to do, I need you to climb up there, come on.

Mac : **Dang**, girl. Get it together.

Mac : Come close to the wall.

Mac and Jasmine want to go to Mr. Skinnflood room. Because it is locked they go inside through the window. Mac asks Jasmine to climb up through the window to unlock Mr. Skinnflood room from inside. When Mac helps Jasmine to go through in he swears *dang* because it feels a bit difficult. *Dang* is an American slang that has the same meaning with *the damn* word. It means the *dang* word belongs to profanity.

b. Mac : That fool, Skinnflood, jacked me for that master Kush, it's got to be in here somewhere.

Mac : **Damn**.

Mac : Sit back.

Mac : Let me find it.

Mac : Where did this fucker put my thing at?

The setting is in Mr. Skinnflood room when Mac tries to find his confiscated goods. He swears *damn* to express his frustration because he did not see his goods around there. *Damn* is inappropriate to be said because saying God's name as an expression of surprise or annoyance is considered by many people to be blasphemy, mostly because it is forbidden to use God's name in vain.

c. Devin : You gonna be there all day, man?

Devin : **Damn.**

Knees Down : Yeah, probably.

This dialogue happens in the rest room when Devin ask a question to Knees Down about he was there all day. Then he uttered *damn* because he did not believe that Knees Down has been there all day. The word *damn* here belongs to profanity and expressing disbelief about something.

d. Mac : Light that ends right there.

Mac : Inhale. Now take the top off.

Mac : Oh, **Damn**, boy.

Mac : **Damn**, boy.

This situation happens when Mac getting high by marijuana and swear *damn* to express his gratitude for pleasure. The word *damn* belongs to profanity and it's forbidden to use. The word *damn* often uses to express anger or annoyance but sometimes it can be express about something great and cool.

e. Devin : So, let me ask you something.

Devin : You mind when people call you Knees Down?

Knees Down : **Hell** no, man.

Knees Down : You know how I got that name?

Devin : Mm-mm.

Knees Down : Jenny Billings.

This conversation happens at restroom when Devin ask the question to Knees Down about how come people call him as Knees Down. The word *hell* uttered by Knees Down belongs to profanity because *hell* is actually a word that is used in a religious context like in the church. This word is not supposed to be uttered outside the religious context. The word *hell* here is to emphasize the word no. It will give a strong effect to Knees Down statement.

f. Mac : They let you smoke on the job?

Massage Parlor Guard : No.

Mac : That's a **damn** shame.

Massage Parlor Guard : You know?

This dialogue happens in front of massage parlor when Mac asks a question to Massage Parlor Guard about smoking allowance on his work. And then the Massage Parlor Guard answered that there is no smoking allowance on his work. The word *damn* here is to intensify and emphasize the word shame. It will give a strong effect to the word shame.

4.1.3. Vulgarity/Obscenity

Vulgarity and obscenity refer to words or expressions which characterize sex differentiating anatomy or sexual and excretory functions in a crude way, such as *shit* and

fuck. Vulgarity and obscenity are believed to be prohibited from public use since they involve repulsion to the sense abhorrent, impolite, and detestable to morality. In *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie, here are some conversations that contain Vulgarity/ Obscenity as follows.

a. Mr. Armstrong : See, I got like messed up, your kids.

Mr. Armstrong : I'm old school!

Mr. Armstrong : That means I don't play that **shit**.

Students : Whatever, man.

Mr. Armstrong : Man, turn back, turn-turn around.

Mr. Armstrong : That's the reason why I called the Assistant Principal, Mr. Skinnflood, 'cause I know he'll give every one of you a pass.

Students : Man, we didn't do **shit**.

Mr. Armstrong : Turn back arou- You wanna lose your strength?

The setting is in a classroom when Mr. Armstrong punish his troublemaker students to the finished essay on the board in front of a class. The word **shit** uttered by Mr. Armstrong and the student means trouble and it belongs to vulgarity/obscenity. The literal meaning of **shit** actually is feces and it can transform into swear words for different purposes. The word **shit** replaces the word trouble which generates disgust. The object of disgust may be vary depending on speaker purposes. Mostly it replaces things.

b. Devin : High school.

Devin : It's the best of times, it's the worst of times.

Devin : It's the times that try men's soul.

Devin : Ask not what high school- Wow, **shit**.

Devin : Ask not what high school can do for you, but what you can do-

Devin : It's the best of times, it's the worst of times.

Devin : It's time for me to write a new speech.

Devin : What the **fuck**, man.

Devin : It's the times that try men's soul.

Devin : It...

Devin : And that was horrible.

Knees Down : Yo, your speech **sucks**.

The conversation above contains vulgarity/obscenity. The words found are *shit*, *fuck*, and *sucks*. Devin swears *shit* and *fucks* on his valedictorian training at rest room when he feels annoyed because he didn't find good sentences for his speech. The literal meaning of *shit* is feces and if out of context it can be categorized as vulgarity/obscenity. The word *fuck* actually refers to the act of sexual intercourse but in this context, the word *fuck* has a different meaning. Devin uttered the word *fuck* to express his annoyance about his valedictorian speech. And then the word *sucks* that was uttered by Knees Down is to disparage Devin's speech but it's for a joking purpose when Devin was doing his practice seriously. The

literal meaning of *sucks* is to draw something, such as liquid into the mouth through a suction force produced by movements of the lips and tongue. It can be categorized as vulgarity/obscenity because connected with bodily function.

c. Mr. Skinnflood : These are your expulsion papers.

Mac : Expulsion for what?

Mr. Skinnflood : Oh, well let's see.

Mr. Skinnflood : Breaking and entering, possession of a narcotic.

Mac : Narcotic?

Mac : Fool, last I checked this **shit** was legal in California.

Mr. Skinnflood : You're done, Mister.

Mr. Skinnflood : Your fifteen-year tenure at this school is over.

This scene happens at Mr. Skinnflood room when Mr. Skinnflood lay an expulsion paper into Mac. The word *shit* here is to replace narcotic and Mac have marijuana type narcotic that was legal in California. Sometimes the word *shit* can replace something disgust and forbidden. Drugs are forbidden things.

d. Devin : How the **fuck** did we get there?

Mac : We flew, nigga.

Mac : You ready to get some ink?

Devin : Aw, I don't know, Mac.

Mac : You said you wanted to experience some **shit**, right?

Devin : Yeah.

Devin : But what if it hurts?

Mac : You might like that.

This dialogue happens when Mac and Devin will go at the tattoo parlor. It contains two swear words belongs to vulgarity/obscenity. The first word is *fuck* and second is *shit*. The word *fuck* here is as an intensifier for the word did. According to Fairman (2009), the word *fuck* has a very flexible pole in English grammar, including use as both transitive and intransitive verb, an adjective, and adverb, and noun. The most common usage is figurative which is used to indicate the speaker's strong sentiment and to offend or to shock listener. The word *shit* here represents the cool experience that was Mac and Devin talked about.

e. Mac : Yo, D-Street, what you got in the box, nigga?

Devin : Our chemistry experiment.

Devin : But bigger, I've been working on this alternative energy source, which if successful, could change everything about how we consume energy in this country.

Mac : **Shit**, the world.

Mac : Well, let's change the world.

This conversation happens at Mac home. Devin brings large box contains their experiment for chemistry class. Devin explains that if the experiment successful it would

be a great invention. The word *shit* uttered by Mac belongs to vulgarity/obscenity and it represents his feel of amazement.

4.2. The function of Swear Words

Here is the table containing data which were taken from the movie. The writer provided information about the function of swear words uttered by characters from *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie. The data gathered in the form of the table can be seen below.

Table 4.2

The number of the function of swear words.

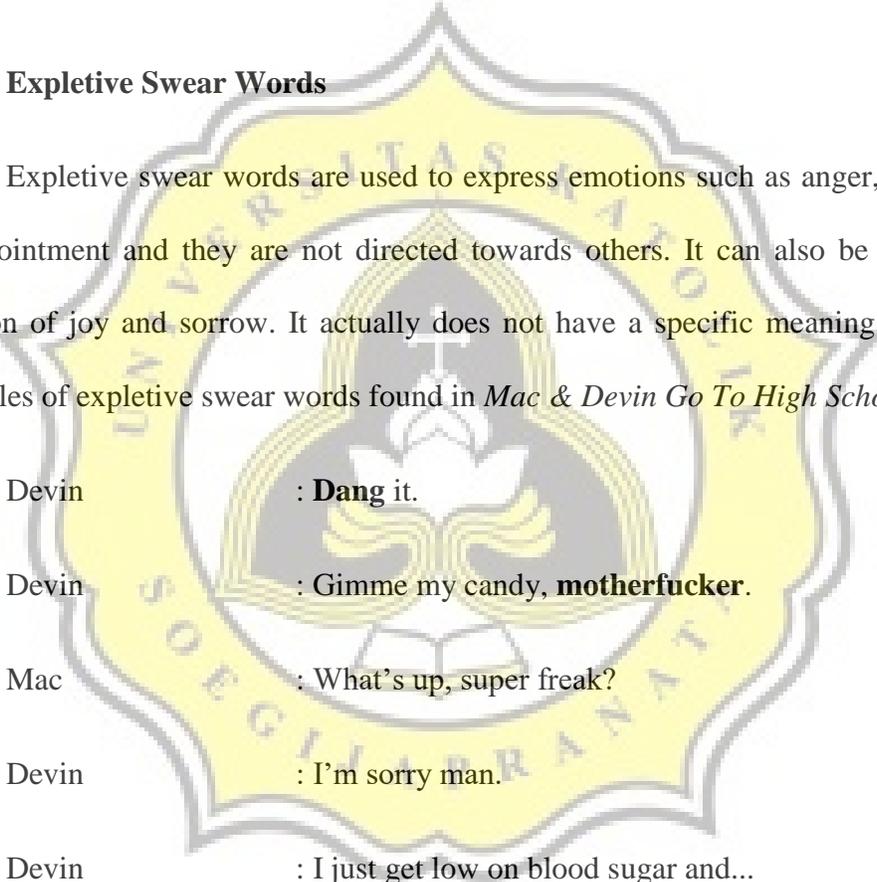
The function of Swear Words	The Occurrence in Conversation
Expletive Swear Words	51
Abusive Swear Words	12
Humorous Swear Words	8
Auxiliary Swear Words	85
Total	156

There are four functions of swear words: expletive swear words, abusive swear words, humorous swear words, and auxiliary swear words. All of them are appearing in

the movie. From the data above, the most dominant function of swear words is auxiliary swear words. It occurs 85 times. Expletive swear words occurs 51 times and abusive swear words occurs 12 times. The last is humorous swear words which only appear 8 times. Being more specific, each of them will be explained followed with the examples that are taken from *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie.

4.2.1. Expletive Swear Words

Expletive swear words are used to express emotions such as anger, frustration or disappointment and they are not directed towards others. It can also be expressed the emotion of joy and sorrow. It actually does not have a specific meaning. Here are the examples of expletive swear words found in *Mac & Devin Go To High School* movie.

- 
- a. Devin : **Dang** it.
- Devin : Gimme my candy, **motherfucker**.
- Mac : What's up, super freak?
- Devin : I'm sorry man.
- Devin : I just get low on blood sugar and...
- Devin : Come on!
- Mac : Relax. Relax.
- Devin : **Fuck**.

This scene happens when Devin is having trouble with candy machine. The candy will not be out and then Devin hit that machine and swearing. The word *dang*, *motherfucker* and *fuck* uttered by Devin means to express his feeling of anger and frustration about the broken candy machine. Sometimes these words came out by themselves.

b. Devin : I think it's snowing.

Mac : **Shit.**

Mac : You're feeling it, huh?

Devin : Feeling what?

Mac : The Green Goddess.

Mac : Ganja Goodies.

Mac : Kush Cakes.

Mac : Herb Hors d'oeuvres.

Devin : Marijuana!

Mac : Yes, Sir.

Devin : Does that mean I'm...

Devin : I'm high?

Mac : As a kite.

This dialogue happens when Devin is getting high by marijuana at his first time. Devin feels it was snowing, then Mac says *shit* about the situation. The word *shit* does not

have specific meaning and it just out. Maybe because of getting the high effect or the great taste of marijuana.

c. Devin : Ah, **shit**, what time is it?

Mac : **Shit**, I don't know.

Devin : I forgot my books at school.

Mac : Books?

Devin : I usually start my late night study session right about now.

Devin : I usually start my late night bong session right now.

Mac : Pull that out, hit that shit.

In this dialogue, Devin swears *shit* because he forgot something that he must do. And then Mac answered Devin question with swears *shit* too because he did not know what time it was. Actually, people swear when they got trouble. In this case, Devin got trouble with his time and blame the situation by uttering word *shit*.

d. Mac : Hello.

Mac : Yeah, **bitch**.

Mac : Where's my money, **bitch**.

Mac : No, **bitch**.

Mac : Hi, **bitch** Bye, **bitch**.

Mac : And in case you didn't get it, let me text it to you **bitch**.

Devin : Why can't I just say stuff like that, man?

Mac : Hi, **bitch**.

Mac : Bye, **bitch**.

Mac : No, **bitch**.

Mac : **Bitch, bitch, bitch**.

Mac : I just save **bitch** in there as one button.

Mac : One touch.

Devin : **Bitch**.

This dialogue happens after Devin got an annoying messenger from his girlfriend then Mac and Devin release their annoyance by uttering word *bitch*. Sometimes people swearing when they feel there is something that annoys them. By swearing, they can feel better than before.

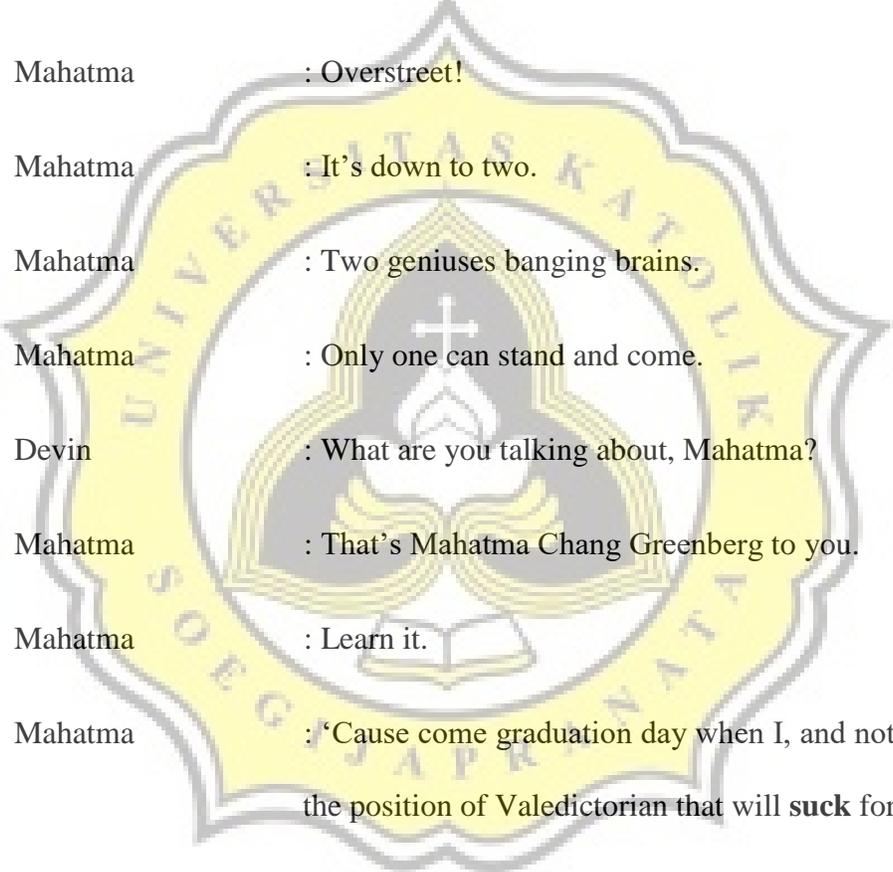
e. Mac : Wait a minute.

Mac : Oh **Shit!**

This scene happens when Mac accidentally adds marijuana into Devin's experiment at his home. The experiment was successful because of him. Mac uttered *shit* to express his amazement about the unpredictable things like that. Sometimes people also swearing when they feel impressed with unbelievable or unpredictable things.

4.2.2. Abusive Swear Words

Unlike the expletive swear words, abusive swear words are directed towards others and are insulting or offensive. Abusive swear words also include name calling and different types of curses. The function is to attack someone verbally. Mostly abusive swear words contain hatred and make someone upset. The examples of abusive swear words can be found in *Mac & Devin Go To High School* as follows.

- 
- a. Mahatma : Overstreet!
- Mahatma : It's down to two.
- Mahatma : Two geniuses banging brains.
- Mahatma : Only one can stand and come.
- Devin : What are you talking about, Mahatma?
- Mahatma : That's Mahatma Chang Greenberg to you.
- Mahatma : Learn it.
- Mahatma : 'Cause come graduation day when I, and not thee, assume the position of Valedictorian that will **suck** for you.
- Devin : Oh, really?
- Devin : 'Cause last time I checked, I'm still number one in the class.
- Mahatma : Yeah, well I'm taking like seven AP classes.
- Mahatma : You get an A-minus and your **ass** is mine.

Mahatma : You hear me?

Devin : What do you want with my ass, Mahatma?

Mahatma : My brain is gonna do all types of things to your **ass** come graduation day.

Mahatma : **Fuckin' nerd.**

This conversation happens outside the classroom exactly on a hallway. There are only Mahatma and Devin in this place. Mahatma feels envy about the position of valedictorian held by Devin. The word *suck*, *ass*, and *fuckin' nerd* represent his feel of envious against Devin. These words are full of hatred and actually belongs to abusive. Mostly the abusive swear words occurs when people dislike or having matter with someone. The words came out automatically depending on each patience parameter.

b. Ashley : What the hell is going on in here?

Ashley : Oh my God, these aren't real, are they?

Devin : How did you even find me, anyway?

Ashley : I tracked your phone using the "Find Me" app.

Mac : Stalker.

Ashley : Is this man holding you against your will?

Ashley : Have you been drugged?

Mac : Oh, you better believe it.

Mac : He drugged like a motherfucker.

Ashley : I'm calling my daddy.

Devin : Yo!

Devin : Chill the fuck out.

Ashley : I am warning you, Devin Overstreet, your very future hangs in the balance!

Ashley : You come with me right now.

Ashley : I'll count to five.

Ashley : One...

Mac : two, three, four, five.

Mac : Now get your **punk ass** out of here before I break a **bitch**.

The setting is in Mac house. Ashley unpredictably came to the Mac house and found Devin was high. A fight between them ensued. Ashley threatens Devin to come with her but Devin will not. Mac swears at Ashley to go out from his place because she disturbs the peacefulness. Sometimes people will swear at someone who disturbs them on certain condition. It is natural beings depending on each patient.

c. Mr. Skinnflood : My number one love in life, after the trimming of beautiful bonsai trees, is the art of mathematics.

Mr. Skinnflood : Simply solve this little equation and you graduate.

Mac : Why?

Mr. Skinnflood : Why?

Mr. Skinnflood : For the past fifteen years you have made a mockery of a very educational system I've sworn to protect.

Mr. Skinnflood : And because you've made my life hell with your marijuana related hijinks.

Mr. Skinnflood : But most of all, the reason I'm doing this is so I can fill Miss Huck with my man seed.

Mac : No.

Mac : Y is the answer.

Mr. Skinnflood : Y.

Mr. Skinnflood : Y... is correct.

Mac : Now give me my diploma, **bitch**.

The dialogue above shows that Mr. Skinnflood insults Mac and giving Mac simply question that will bring Mac into graduation because Mr. Skinnflood did not believe that Mac passed on the mathematic test before. Mac can answer the question and call Mr. Skinnflood as a *bitch*. Abusive swear words also occurs when people being insulted by someone. It is more like revenge from words with words.

4.2.3. Humorous Swear Words

Humorous swear words are directed towards others but they are not abusive instead they take on the opposite function and are playful. It is not serious rather than offensive.

Besides, it also not causing insult and it is used to reduce the tension in a certain condition.

Here are some conversations that contain humorous swear words.

a. Ashley : Hey, how's the speech coming, Devin?

Devin : Great.

Devin : Um, I'm almost done with it, but it'll be good.

Ashley : Well, it better be.

Ashley : You want to stay together after graduation, right?

Devin : Of course I do, Ashley.

Ashley : Then you need to go to Yale.

Ashley : And to go to Yale, you need a scholarship.

Ashley : And my dad made a call to the guy that he knows, but-

Devin : Well, I'm- I'm just really having a hard time figuring out the best part of my high school experience.

Ashley : Well, duh, that would be me.

Devin : Yeah, well, I know that.

Ashley : Just think how amazing it'll be when we're engaged and we have diplomas on the wall.

Ashley : It'll be so fabulous, I won't be able to stand it.

Ashley : But no pressure though, babe.

Ashley : Just don't **fuck up**, or I'll dump you.

Ashley : Just kidding!

Ashley : Sort of.

Ashley : Kidding.

Ashley : Call me later?

This conversation between Mac and Ashley shows that Ashley warns Devin to focus on his school and not fail. The word *fuck up* in Ashley's sentence is just for joking purpose. Depending on the situation the word *fuck up* that uttered by Ashley did not insult Devin.

b. Devin : I gotta get out of here, man.

Devin : Thanks for the toke, though.

Knees Down : Yeah, man.

Knees Down : All good.

Knees Down : Your speech still **sucks**.

This dialogue happens in the restroom after Devin practicing his speech. The word *sucks* uttered by Knees Down is only for joking purpose rather than an insult because He and Devin are good friends.

4.2.4. Auxiliary Swear Words

Auxiliary swear words are not directed towards a person or a situation. In this case, swearing is a way of speaking. It can be argued that the words have just lost much of their emphasis, but still remain emphatic to a certain extent. Sometimes it is known as 'lazy speaking' and 'often or always nonemphatic'. Here are some examples of auxiliary swear words based on a conversation from *Mac & Devin Go To High School* Movie.

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- a. Devin : Improper use of lab glassware is a hazard, you know?
- Mac : Did you know that **motherfuckin'** outfit you got on is a style hazard?
- Devin : What are you doing here, anyway?
- Devin : You're not smart enough to be in this class.
- Mac : And how you know?
- Mac : 'Cause you been in high school for like a half a century.

This dialogue happens in laboratory class when Devin know that Mac is not usually in a laboratory class. The word *motherfuckin'* represent the outfit. It can be a cool outfit or weird outfit depending on the speaker's opinion. In this dialogue, Mac argues that the laboratory outfit is a style hazard and that means so funny.

- b. Devin : Man, this spot is crazy.
- Mac : Yes, Sir.
- Mac : Now this is where the **shit** goes down.

Mac : You got your sativa, you got your indica, and you got your hybrids over there.

Mac : You have known idea what the **fuck** I'm talking about, huh?

Devin : No.

Mac : Don't trip.

Mac : I got exactly what you need.

This conversation happens in Mac house when Mac shows his marijuana field to Devin. The word shit uttered by Mac means marijuana. And then the word *fuck* has a function to emphasize the sentence that uttered by Mac. The statement "What the *fuck* I'm talking about" looks stronger than "What I'm talking about".

c. Mr. Armstrong : Mac! What's happenin'?

Mac : Not much. What's up with you?

Mr. Armstrong : Do you realize that you are a fifteen-year senior?

Mr. Armstrong : Dumb as a box of rocks.

Mac : Oh, really? Yeah.

Mac : Do you realize that every morning when you come to school, teaching the class, your breath smells like cigarettes, booty, and donuts?

Mr. Armstrong : Okay, come on, w-w-where my shit at?

Mr. Armstrong : I don't want to sit and play all day, man, come on.

Mac : Let me show you this **shit**.

Mac : This is that thing that killed John Wayne.

In this conversation the word *shit* that is talked between Mr. Armstrong and Mac means marijuana. The word *shit* replacing its original form. Mostly the things that replaced with this word are something forbidden or disgusting.

d. Mac : Final round.

Mac : Let me go in and lock this **shit** down, 'cause I got some **shit** that I know y'all can't **fuck** with.

Mac : Check this out.

Students : Oh, shit.

Students : Is that- is that Casper?

Mac : Yes, Sir.

This dialogue happens in Mac house when he and his friends are playing smoke games. From this dialogue, the way Mac talking is to change some proper words with inappropriate words such as *fuck* and *shit*. These words belong to auxiliary swear words based on its function. In *Mac & Devin Go To High School*, Mac is a character that usually swear and has much swear words vocabulary in his way of speaking.

Based from all data above the writer found that characters in the movie often use vulgarity/obscenity types of swear words in their conversation which means this type is

more popular rather than other types. It seems like this type is stronger than the others for swearing usage because it contains anatomy and excretory terms. Profanity is the least that means the characters in this movie prefer use another types than the types that related to God and religion. Swearing is not good and making sin, but swearing that involving religious affairs is sinful.

Auxiliary swear words is the most frequently used by characters in this movie because based from this movie we can see the way characters are speaking often added with swear words. It is like a lifestyle and become habit to communicate with another. That kind of speaking style might be trendy among teenagers in this movie. Humorous swear words is the least even though the genre of this movie is comedy. Another movie in same genre not necessary has a lot of humorous swear words. It can be concluded that the sense of comedy is not based on the function of swear words only. The way of characters are speak, the situation, and the atmosphere even can make us laugh. It is proven by how we catch the storyline from this movie.

