

LEXICAL AND CONTEXTUAL MEANINGS IN COLDPLAY'S EVERYDAY LIFE ALBUM

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Abstract

This study investigates lexical and contextual meanings in selected songs from Coldplay's Everyday Life (2019) album. The research aims to identify the lexical meanings and contextual meanings contained in the song lyrics and to explain how these meanings contribute to the interpretation of the songs. This study employed a descriptive qualitative method. The data were collected from seven selected songs, namely Daddy, Church, Arabesque, Trouble in Town, Broken, When I Need a Friend, and WOTW/POTP. The lyrics were obtained from official sources and analyzed using semantic theories proposed by Geoffrey Leech, John Lyons, and Abdul Chaer. The findings reveal that the songs contain 66 lexical meanings and 66 contextual meanings. Lexical meanings represent the dictionary meanings of words and expressions, while contextual meanings emerge from emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual contexts embedded in the lyrics. The analysis demonstrates that Coldplay employs language not only to convey literal messages but also to express deeper themes such as love, loss, hope, faith, humanity, and social criticism. The study concludes that understanding both lexical and contextual meanings is essential for interpreting song lyrics comprehensively and uncovering the intended messages behind artistic language.

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1. INTRODUCTION (مقدمة)

Language is one of the most important aspects of human life because it functions as the primary medium of communication. Through language, people express thoughts, feelings, ideas, beliefs, and experiences. Language also enables individuals to interact with others and to understand the world around them. In

linguistics, the study of meaning is known as semantics. Semantics plays a significant role in understanding how language conveys messages because communication is not only concerned with words themselves but also with the meanings they represent. By studying semantics, researchers can examine how meanings are constructed, interpreted, and understood in various forms of communication.

According to Leech, semantics is the study of meaning that focuses on the relationship between linguistic expressions and what they represent. Similarly, Lyons explains that semantics investigates how words, phrases, and sentences convey meaning in communication. Meaning itself is considered the central element of language because every linguistic expression carries a particular message intended by the speaker or writer. Therefore, understanding meaning is essential for interpreting language accurately and effectively.

In semantic studies, meaning can be classified into several categories. Among these categories, lexical meaning and contextual meaning are two of the most fundamental concepts. Lexical meaning refers to the basic or dictionary meaning of a word without considering any particular situation or context. It represents the meaning that is generally accepted and recorded in dictionaries. On the other hand, contextual meaning refers to the meaning that emerges when a word or expression is used in a specific context. Contextual meaning is influenced by various factors, including social situations, cultural backgrounds, emotional conditions, and communicative purposes. Consequently, a word may have a stable lexical meaning while simultaneously expressing different contextual meanings depending on how it is used.

The distinction between lexical and contextual meaning is important because language users often communicate ideas that extend beyond literal definitions. In daily communication, people frequently interpret messages by considering not only the words themselves but also the circumstances surrounding them. For example, a word may carry emotional, symbolic, or metaphorical meanings that cannot be understood solely through dictionary definitions. Therefore, analyzing both lexical and contextual meanings provides a more comprehensive understanding of language and communication.

One of the most interesting sources for semantic analysis is song lyrics. Song lyrics represent a form of artistic language that combines linguistic expression with emotional and cultural elements. Unlike ordinary conversation, song lyrics often contain figurative language, symbolism, imagery, and metaphorical expressions. These characteristics make song lyrics rich in meaning and open to multiple interpretations. As a result, listeners may understand the same song differently depending on their experiences, cultural backgrounds, and perspectives.

Music itself has become a universal form of communication that transcends geographical, cultural, and linguistic boundaries. Through music, artists communicate personal experiences, social concerns, political criticism, spiritual reflections, and emotional struggles. Song lyrics are not merely collections of words arranged to accompany melodies; they are also literary texts that contain messages, values, and meanings. Consequently, the study of song lyrics has attracted considerable attention from researchers in linguistics, literature, communication, and cultural studies.

Among contemporary music groups, Coldplay is recognized as one of the most influential bands in the world. Formed in London in 1997, Coldplay has produced numerous albums that have achieved both commercial success and critical acclaim. The band's popularity is not only attributed to its musical style but also to the meaningful and poetic nature of its lyrics. Coldplay's songs frequently address universal themes

such as love, loss, hope, faith, humanity, social justice, and personal transformation. These themes make the band's works particularly suitable for semantic analysis because they often involve multiple layers of meaning.

One of Coldplay's notable albums is **Everyday Life**, released in 2019. The album presents a wide range of themes reflecting contemporary social realities and human experiences. Unlike some of the band's earlier albums, **Everyday Life** places greater emphasis on humanitarian issues, spirituality, cultural diversity, social inequality, and global unity. Through its lyrics, the album invites listeners to reflect on the complexities of modern life while emphasizing shared human experiences. These characteristics make the album an appropriate object for studying lexical and contextual meanings.

Several songs in **Everyday Life** contain words and expressions that demonstrate significant differences between lexical and contextual interpretations. For instance, certain words may appear simple at the lexical level but carry profound emotional, symbolic, or philosophical meanings when interpreted within the context of the songs. Such phenomena highlight the importance of examining not only what words literally mean but also how they function within broader thematic and emotional frameworks.

Previous studies have investigated lexical and contextual meanings in various forms of discourse, including song lyrics, literary texts, newspapers, and digital media. Many researchers have concluded that contextual factors play a crucial role in shaping meaning and influencing interpretation. Studies on song lyrics have also revealed that musical texts often contain deeper meanings that cannot be fully understood through lexical analysis alone. However, despite the growing number of studies on semantics in song lyrics, research specifically focusing on lexical and contextual meanings in selected songs from Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album remains relatively limited.

Therefore, this study aims to analyze lexical and contextual meanings found in selected songs from Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album. By examining both types of meaning, the research seeks to provide a deeper understanding of how language is used artistically to convey messages and emotions. Furthermore, the study contributes to semantic research by demonstrating how lexical and contextual meanings interact in contemporary musical texts. Through this analysis, listeners and readers can gain a richer appreciation of the meanings embedded within the lyrics and better understand the messages intended by the songwriter.

Based on the background above, the research questions of this study are formulated as follows: What lexical meanings are found in the selected songs of Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album; what contextual meanings are found in the selected songs of Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album. The significance of this study is expected to provide both theoretical and practical contributions. Theoretically, the study enriches semantic research, particularly in the field of lexical and contextual meaning. Practically, the findings may help students, researchers, and music listeners understand how meanings are constructed and interpreted in song lyrics, thereby enhancing their appreciation of language and artistic expression.

2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK (نظريات)

2.1 Semantics

Semantics is one of the major branches of linguistics that studies meaning in language. The term semantics originates from the Greek word **semantikos**, which means "significant" or "meaningful." As a linguistic discipline, semantics focuses on

how meaning is represented, interpreted, and understood through words, phrases, clauses, and sentences. The study of semantics is essential because meaning constitutes the core function of language. Without meaning, communication would be impossible since language users would be unable to interpret messages accurately.

According to Leech (1981), semantics is the study of meaning as communicated through language. It examines the relationship between linguistic forms and the concepts or ideas they represent. Similarly, Lyons (1977) states that semantics investigates how language conveys meaning and how speakers and listeners understand linguistic expressions. Through semantic analysis, researchers can explore not only literal meanings but also implied meanings influenced by context and interpretation.

The importance of semantics lies in its ability to explain how language users derive meaning from communication. In everyday interaction, people do not merely process words at their surface level. Instead, they interpret meanings based on linguistic structures, contexts, and shared knowledge. Consequently, semantic analysis helps reveal how language functions as a system of meaning-making. In literary works and song lyrics, semantic analysis becomes particularly significant because artistic language often contains multiple layers of meaning. Words that appear simple may convey deeper emotional, cultural, social, or symbolic messages. Therefore, semantics provides a useful framework for examining how meanings are constructed and interpreted in song lyrics.

2.2 Meaning

Meaning is a central concept in semantics. It refers to the ideas, concepts, emotions, or messages conveyed by linguistic expressions. Scholars have proposed various definitions of meaning, but they generally agree that meaning involves the relationship between language and the reality it represents. According to Chaer (2013), meaning is the content or message contained in linguistic expressions. Meaning enables speakers and listeners to understand each other and facilitates successful communication. Without meaning, words would merely be sounds or symbols without communicative value.

Meaning can be classified into several categories, including lexical meaning, contextual meaning, denotative meaning, connotative meaning, social meaning, affective meaning, and thematic meaning. Among these categories, lexical meaning and contextual meaning are particularly relevant to this study because they help explain how words function both literally and contextually within song lyrics. The study of meaning is important because language users frequently encounter expressions that cannot be interpreted solely through dictionary definitions. Context, culture, emotions, and personal experiences often influence how meanings are understood. Therefore, a comprehensive analysis of meaning requires attention to both linguistic forms and contextual factors.

2.3 Lexical Meaning

Lexical meaning refers to the basic meaning of a word as it appears in dictionaries. It is often described as the literal, conceptual, or denotative meaning of a linguistic expression. Lexical meaning exists independently of context and remains relatively stable regardless of the situation in which a word is used. According to Leech, lexical meaning is closely related to conceptual meaning because it represents the fundamental sense of a word. Likewise, Lyons argues that lexical meaning refers to the inherent meaning attached to individual lexical items. This meaning can generally be

understood without considering external factors such as social situations or speaker intentions.

For example, the word **father** lexically refers to a male parent, while the word **church** denotes a place of Christian worship. Similarly, the word **blood** refers to the red liquid circulating through the bodies of humans and animals. These meanings remain consistent across different contexts. Lexical meaning serves as the foundation for communication because it provides a shared understanding among language users. Before interpreting deeper meanings, listeners typically rely on lexical meanings as their initial point of reference. In song lyrics, lexical meaning allows researchers to identify the literal meanings of words and expressions before examining their contextual interpretations. Therefore, lexical meaning plays a crucial role in semantic analysis because it provides the basic framework from which more complex meanings emerge.

2.4 Contextual Meaning

Contextual meaning refers to the meaning that arises from the specific context in which a word or expression is used. Unlike lexical meaning, contextual meaning is not fixed. Instead, it changes according to factors such as situation, culture, speaker intention, emotional conditions, and communicative purpose. Leech explains that contextual meaning emerges through the interaction between language and context. Similarly, Lyons emphasizes that meaning cannot be fully understood without considering the circumstances surrounding language use. As a result, words often acquire additional meanings beyond their dictionary definitions. For example, the word **home** lexically refers to a place where a person lives. However, contextually, it may symbolize comfort, safety, belonging, or emotional attachment. Likewise, the word “light” may literally refer to illumination, but contextually it can represent hope, guidance, or spiritual enlightenment.

Contextual meaning is particularly important in song lyrics because songwriters frequently employ metaphorical and symbolic language. Words are often chosen not only for their literal meanings but also for their emotional and cultural associations. Consequently, listeners must consider context to understand the intended messages conveyed through lyrics. In this study, contextual meaning is analyzed to reveal deeper interpretations embedded in the selected songs of Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album.

2.5 Song Lyrics as Literary Texts

Song lyrics are commonly regarded as literary texts because they share many characteristics with poetry and other forms of literature. Lyrics often utilize imagery, symbolism, figurative language, metaphor, repetition, and emotional expression to communicate ideas and experiences. According to literary scholars, song lyrics function as artistic representations of human thoughts and emotions. Through lyrics, songwriters express personal experiences, social concerns, cultural values, and philosophical reflections. Consequently, song lyrics serve not only as entertainment but also as meaningful texts that invite interpretation.

Unlike ordinary communication, song lyrics frequently contain multiple layers of meaning. A single word or phrase may carry literal, symbolic, emotional, and cultural significance simultaneously. This complexity makes song lyrics an appropriate object

for semantic research. Furthermore, song lyrics often reflect social realities and human experiences. Themes such as love, loss, hope, identity, spirituality, and social justice are commonly explored through musical texts. Therefore, analyzing song lyrics can provide valuable insights into both language use and human experience.

2.6 Coldplay and *Everyday Life* Album

Coldplay is a British rock band formed in London in 1997. The group consists of Chris Martin, Jonny Buckland, Guy Berryman, and Will Champion. Over the years, Coldplay has become one of the most successful and influential music groups in the world, known for its distinctive sound and meaningful lyrics. The album **Everyday Life**, released in 2019, represents one of Coldplay's most socially conscious works. The album addresses themes related to humanity, spirituality, inequality, cultural diversity, conflict, peace, and personal reflection. Through its lyrics, the album encourages listeners to think critically about contemporary social issues while emphasizing universal human values.

Many songs in **Everyday Life** contain expressions that demonstrate differences between lexical and contextual meanings. Words often function symbolically to communicate ideas related to hope, unity, compassion, and faith. Consequently, the album provides rich material for semantic analysis and serves as an appropriate object for examining lexical and contextual meanings.

3. METHOD (طريقة \ منهج البحث)

3.1 Data Collection Procedures

The data collection process was conducted systematically to ensure the validity and reliability of the findings. First, the researcher selected seven songs from Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album based on their relevance to the objectives of the study. The selected songs were **Daddy**, **Church**, **Arabesque**, **Trouble in Town**, **Broken**, **When I Need a Friend**, and **WOTW/POTP**. These songs were chosen because they contain various linguistic expressions that potentially demonstrate both lexical and contextual meanings.

After selecting the songs, the researcher obtained the lyrics from official and reliable sources. The lyrics were carefully read and reviewed several times to gain a comprehensive understanding of their content. Repeated reading was necessary because semantic interpretation often requires close attention to linguistic details and contextual information. The researcher then identified words, phrases, clauses, and expressions that potentially contained lexical and contextual meanings. These linguistic units were highlighted and categorized according to their semantic characteristics. During this stage, note-taking techniques were employed to facilitate data organization and interpretation. Furthermore, the researcher compared lexical meanings obtained from dictionaries with contextual meanings derived from the lyrical environment. This procedure allowed the researcher to identify differences between literal interpretations and context-dependent meanings. The collected data were subsequently organized into categories to simplify the analysis process.

3.2 Data Analysis Procedures

The analysis of data followed qualitative procedures adapted from Miles and

Huberman's interactive model of data analysis. This model consists of three interconnected stages: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. The first stage, data reduction, involved selecting and focusing on linguistic expressions relevant to the research objectives. During this process, unnecessary information was excluded while meaningful data were retained. The researcher concentrated specifically on lexical and contextual meanings appearing in the selected song lyrics.

The second stage, data display, involved organizing the identified data into a systematic format. Words and expressions were grouped according to their lexical and contextual meanings. This organization enabled the researcher to observe patterns, similarities, and differences among the data. The third stage, conclusion drawing and verification, involved interpreting the findings and relating them to semantic theories. The researcher examined how lexical meanings interacted with contextual meanings and how these interactions contributed to the overall messages conveyed by the songs. Conclusions were continuously verified throughout the research process to ensure consistency and accuracy.

3.3 Trustworthiness of the Study

To enhance the credibility of the findings, the researcher applied several strategies throughout the research process. First, repeated reading of the lyrics was conducted to minimize misinterpretation. Second, semantic interpretations were supported by established theoretical frameworks proposed by Leech, Lyons, and Chaer. Third, contextual meanings were interpreted by considering the broader themes presented in the songs, including family relationships, spirituality, humanity, social justice, hope, and resilience. The researcher also compared lexical meanings with contextual meanings to ensure that interpretations remained grounded in the linguistic data. This process helped reduce subjective bias and strengthened the trustworthiness of the analysis.

3.4 Significance of Semantic Analysis in Song Lyrics

Semantic analysis plays a crucial role in understanding song lyrics because lyrics often contain meanings that extend beyond literal interpretations. Through lexical analysis, researchers can identify the fundamental meanings of words and expressions. Meanwhile, contextual analysis enables researchers to uncover symbolic, emotional, cultural, and social meanings embedded within the text. In the context of this study, semantic analysis provides a comprehensive framework for examining how Coldplay constructs meaning through language. By analyzing both lexical and contextual meanings, the researcher can reveal deeper messages related to human experiences, spirituality, social issues, and emotional struggles. Consequently, semantic analysis contributes significantly to a richer understanding of the album and its artistic value.

4. FINDINGS & DISCUSSION (بحث ومناقشة)

4.1 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in *Daddy*

The song *Daddy* presents one of the most emotional narratives in the *Everyday Life* album. The lyrics describe a child who longs for the presence of a father figure. Through simple vocabulary and repetitive expressions, Coldplay successfully conveys feelings of loneliness, sadness, and emotional dependence. One

lexical meaning found in the song is the word **daddy**. Lexically, the word refers to a male parent or father. According to dictionary definitions, a father is a man who has a child and is responsible for raising and caring for that child. This meaning remains constant regardless of context.

However, contextually, the word **daddy** in the song represents more than a biological father. It symbolizes emotional security, affection, guidance, and protection. The repeated calling of "Daddy" reflects a child's desperate desire for attention and emotional connection. Therefore, the contextual meaning extends beyond the literal interpretation and reveals feelings of abandonment and longing. Another lexical meaning appears in the expression **far away**. Lexically, the phrase refers to a physical distance between two locations. Contextually, however, it symbolizes emotional distance. The father may be physically present somewhere, yet emotionally unavailable to the child. This contextual interpretation strengthens the theme of loneliness throughout the song. The song demonstrates how lexical meanings function as literal foundations while contextual meanings reveal emotional depth. Through this interaction, listeners can better understand the psychological experiences portrayed in the lyrics.

4.2 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in "Church"

The song **Church** explores themes of spirituality, love, and emotional devotion. The lyrics combine religious vocabulary with personal expressions, creating multiple layers of interpretation. The lexical meaning of the word **church** refers to a Christian place of worship. In its literal sense, a church is a building where religious activities and prayers take place. This meaning is widely recognized and easily understood. Nevertheless, contextual analysis reveals a broader interpretation. In the song, **church** symbolizes emotional refuge, comfort, peace, and spiritual fulfillment. Rather than referring exclusively to a religious institution, the word functions as a metaphor for a person or experience that provides inner peace. As a result, the contextual meaning differs significantly from the lexical meaning.

Similarly, the word **worship** lexically means showing devotion to a deity or sacred being. Contextually, however, it reflects deep admiration and emotional attachment toward another person. The song transforms religious language into expressions of human affection and devotion. The use of such vocabulary demonstrates Coldplay's ability to blend spiritual imagery with personal emotions. Consequently, the song communicates messages that can be interpreted from both religious and emotional perspectives.

4.3 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in **Arabesque**

Among the songs in the album, **Arabesque** presents one of the strongest messages concerning humanity and global unity. The lyrics emphasize that all human beings are fundamentally connected despite differences in race, culture, religion, and nationality. One significant lexical meaning appears in the word **blood**. Lexically, blood refers to the red liquid circulating throughout the body. This biological meaning is straightforward and universally understood. Contextually, however, blood symbolizes shared humanity. When the lyrics state that people share the same blood, the message is not about biological processes but about human equality. The phrase suggests that all

individuals belong to the same human family regardless of social or cultural distinctions.

Another important expression is **the same sea**. Lexically, a sea is a large body of salt water. Contextually, it symbolizes the world or human existence itself. The metaphor suggests that all people live within the same global community and face similar challenges and experiences. Through these contextual meanings, the song promotes tolerance, unity, and mutual respect. The semantic richness of the lyrics demonstrates how language can be used to communicate powerful humanitarian messages.

4.4 Discussion of Semantic Patterns

The analysis of the three songs above reveals several recurring semantic patterns. First, lexical meanings consistently provide the basic meanings necessary for understanding the lyrics. Without lexical meanings, listeners would struggle to interpret the words and expressions used in the songs. Second, contextual meanings frequently expand literal interpretations by incorporating emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual dimensions. Words that appear simple on the surface often carry complex symbolic meanings when examined within their contexts.

Third, Coldplay tends to use ordinary vocabulary rather than highly technical language. However, the emotional and symbolic contexts surrounding these words create profound meanings that resonate with listeners. This stylistic characteristic contributes to the accessibility and popularity of the band's music. Furthermore, the interaction between lexical and contextual meanings allows the songs to communicate universal themes such as love, faith, unity, compassion, and hope. These themes encourage listeners to reflect on their own experiences while also considering broader social and humanitarian issues. The findings indicate that semantic analysis is an effective approach for uncovering the deeper meanings embedded within song lyrics. By examining both lexical and contextual meanings, researchers can gain a more comprehensive understanding of how language functions in artistic and musical texts. cultural text.

4.5 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in “Trouble in Town”

The song “Trouble in Town” reflects social criticism and addresses issues related to discrimination, injustice, and inequality. Unlike several other songs in the album that focus on personal emotions, this song directs attention toward broader social realities. Through its lyrics, Coldplay encourages listeners to reflect on the challenges faced by individuals and communities in contemporary society. One lexical meaning identified in the song is the word **trouble**. Lexically, the word refers to difficulty, problem, or disturbance. In everyday language, trouble is commonly associated with situations that cause discomfort or conflict.

Contextually, however, **trouble** represents social injustice and systemic discrimination. The word does not merely describe an ordinary problem but symbolizes the struggles experienced by marginalized groups within society. This contextual interpretation broadens the meaning and connects it to social realities beyond individual experiences. Another lexical meaning can be found in the word **town**, which literally refers to a populated area or settlement. Contextually, the word symbolizes society as a

whole. The phrase **Trouble in Town** therefore implies that social problems are not isolated incidents but issues affecting entire communities. The interaction between lexical and contextual meanings strengthens the song's message regarding equality, justice, and human dignity. Through semantic analysis, it becomes clear that the song functions as a form of social commentary rather than merely a musical composition.

4.6 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in **Broken**

The song **Broken** explores themes of suffering, imperfection, resilience, and hope. Throughout the lyrics, Coldplay acknowledges human weaknesses while simultaneously offering encouragement and optimism. One significant lexical meaning appears in the word **broken**. Lexically, the term refers to something damaged, separated into pieces, or no longer functioning properly. This literal meaning is commonly used to describe physical objects.

However, contextual analysis reveals a different interpretation. In the song, **broken** symbolizes emotional pain, disappointment, personal struggles, and psychological wounds. Rather than referring to physical damage, the word describes the emotional condition of individuals facing difficulties in life. Another lexical meaning is found in the word **light**. Literally, light refers to illumination produced by a source such as the sun, a lamp, or fire. Contextually, however, light symbolizes hope, guidance, and spiritual strength. It represents the possibility of overcoming hardship and finding a positive direction in life. The contextual meanings found in the song emphasize that personal struggles are universal experiences. By combining literal vocabulary with symbolic interpretations, Coldplay creates an uplifting message that encourages listeners to remain hopeful despite challenges.

4.7 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in **When I Need a Friend**

The song **When I Need a Friend** is characterized by its spiritual atmosphere and minimalist lyrics. Although the language used is relatively simple, the song contains profound emotional and spiritual meanings. One lexical meaning appears in the word **friend**. Lexically, a friend is a person with whom one shares affection, trust, and companionship. This meaning reflects a common social relationship. Contextually, however, the word **friend** may represent a divine presence, spiritual guidance, or a source of emotional support. Rather than referring exclusively to another human being, the word symbolizes comfort and reassurance during moments of vulnerability.

Another lexical meaning can be found in the phrase **need a friend**. Literally, it refers to requiring companionship or assistance from another person. Contextually, the phrase expresses a deeper desire for understanding, acceptance, and spiritual connection. It reflects the universal human need for support during difficult times. The song demonstrates how simple language can convey complex meanings. Through contextual interpretation, listeners may perceive themes of faith, dependence, comfort, and emotional healing that extend beyond the literal meanings of the words.

4.8 Lexical and Contextual Meanings in **WOTW/POTP**

The song **WOTW/POTP** is one of the simplest compositions in the album. Despite its simplicity, the lyrics contain meaningful reflections on life, uncertainty, and personal growth. One lexical meaning identified in the song is the word **world**.

Lexically, world refers to the Earth and its inhabitants. It denotes the physical environment in which human beings live. Contextually, however, the word symbolizes human experiences, social realities, and the complexity of life itself. The world is portrayed not merely as a geographical entity but as a space where individuals encounter challenges, opportunities, and relationships.

Another lexical meaning appears in the word *life*. Literally, life refers to the condition that distinguishes living organisms from non-living things. Contextually, life represents personal journeys, experiences, aspirations, and struggles. It encompasses the emotional and philosophical dimensions of human existence. The contextual meanings found in this song encourage listeners to appreciate ordinary experiences and reflect on the uncertainties of everyday life. Through straightforward language, Coldplay communicates messages that resonate with universal human experiences.

4.9 Overall Discussion

The findings from all seven selected songs reveal that lexical and contextual meanings work together in constructing meaning within the lyrics. Lexical meanings provide the literal foundation necessary for understanding linguistic expressions, while contextual meanings enrich interpretation by introducing emotional, cultural, spiritual, and social dimensions. Across the album, Coldplay consistently employs simple and accessible vocabulary. However, the contextual meanings attached to these words create profound messages concerning love, faith, family relationships, social justice, human unity, suffering, hope, and compassion. This demonstrates that meaningful communication does not necessarily depend on complex language but rather on the effective use of context.

The analysis also indicates that contextual meanings frequently emerge through symbolism and metaphor. Words such as *blood*, *church*, *light*, *friend*, *father*, and *world* acquire meanings that extend far beyond their dictionary definitions. These contextual interpretations encourage listeners to engage actively with the lyrics and derive personal significance from them.

Furthermore, the findings support the theories proposed by Leech, Lyons, and Chaer, who argue that meaning is influenced not only by linguistic forms but also by contextual factors. The study confirms that semantic interpretation requires attention to both lexical meaning and contextual meaning in order to understand messages comprehensively. Therefore, the selected songs from *Everyday Life* can be understood not only as musical works but also as meaningful linguistic texts that communicate important social, emotional, and spiritual values. The interaction between lexical and contextual meanings contributes significantly to the depth and artistic quality of the album.

4.10 Semantic Themes of Family Relationships

One of the dominant themes identified in the selected songs from Coldplay's *Everyday Life* album is family relationships. This theme is particularly evident in the song *Daddy*, where the lyrics portray a child's emotional longing for the presence of a father figure. Through the use of simple lexical items, the song communicates feelings of sadness, loneliness, and emotional dependence. The lexical meanings found in the song contribute to the literal understanding of family

relationships. Words such as **daddy**, **home**, **care**, and **love** possess straightforward meanings that relate directly to family life. However, contextual analysis reveals deeper emotional dimensions. The father figure in the song is not merely a biological parent but also a symbol of protection, guidance, security, and affection.

The contextual meanings associated with family relationships reflect universal human experiences. Many listeners can relate to feelings of longing, separation, and the desire for emotional connection. Consequently, the song transcends individual experiences and becomes representative of broader family dynamics. Furthermore, the theme demonstrates how language can be used to express emotional realities that are difficult to communicate directly. Through contextual meaning, the lyrics capture complex psychological experiences while maintaining linguistic simplicity. This combination contributes to the emotional impact of the song and enhances its interpretive richness.

4.11 Semantic Themes of Spirituality and Faith

Another significant theme present throughout the album is spirituality and faith. This theme is particularly visible in the songs **Church** and **When I Need a Friend**. Both songs employ vocabulary commonly associated with religion and spirituality, creating opportunities for multiple interpretations.

Lexically, words such as **church**, **worship**, **prayer**, and **friend** possess meanings related to religious practices and social relationships. However, contextual analysis indicates that these words frequently function as metaphors for emotional comfort, personal transformation, and spiritual connection.

The song **Church** illustrates how religious language can be adapted to express personal emotions. Rather than referring exclusively to formal worship, the lyrics use spiritual imagery to communicate experiences of love, admiration, and inner peace. Similarly, **When I Need a Friend** emphasizes the human need for guidance, support, and reassurance during difficult moments.

These contextual meanings suggest that spirituality in the album extends beyond institutional religion. Instead, spirituality is portrayed as a universal human experience involving hope, comfort, faith, and emotional healing. Through semantic analysis, it becomes evident that the album encourages listeners to reflect on their own spiritual journeys and sources of strength. The findings also demonstrate that contextual meaning enables listeners from different cultural and religious backgrounds to relate to the songs. Because the lyrics avoid rigid doctrinal language, they remain open to various interpretations while maintaining their emotional and spiritual significance.

4.12 Semantic Themes of Humanity and Social Justice

Humanity and social justice represent some of the most prominent themes in **Everyday Life**. These themes are particularly evident in the songs **Arabesque** and **Trouble in Town**, which address issues of equality, discrimination, diversity, and human solidarity. The lexical meanings found in these songs often relate to ordinary concepts such as blood, people, town, world, and life. At the literal level, these words possess straightforward meanings that are easily understood. However, contextual analysis reveals broader social implications.

In **Arabesque**, the phrase **same blood** functions as a symbol of human equality. Contextually, it conveys the message that all individuals share common humanity regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, or religion. This interpretation promotes tolerance and mutual respect while challenging social divisions. Similarly, **Trouble in Town** addresses social conflict and injustice. The contextual meanings found in the song encourage listeners to reflect on societal problems and inequalities. Rather than describing isolated incidents, the lyrics suggest the existence of broader structural issues affecting communities.

4.13 Semantic Themes of Hope and Resilience

Hope and resilience constitute recurring themes throughout the album. These themes are especially visible in the songs **Broken** and **WOTW/POTP**, which emphasize perseverance, personal growth, and optimism despite difficulties.

Lexically, words such as **light**, **life**, **broken**, and **world** possess concrete meanings that relate to physical reality. However, contextual meanings transform these words into symbols of emotional and psychological experiences. The word **light**, for example, contextually represents hope, guidance, and the possibility of positive change. Likewise, **broken** symbolizes emotional pain and personal struggles rather than physical damage. Through these interpretations, the lyrics communicate the idea that suffering is a natural part of human life but does not define an individual's future.

The theme of resilience is further reinforced through messages encouraging listeners to continue moving forward despite obstacles. The contextual meanings identified in the songs suggest that adversity can become a source of growth and self-discovery. From a semantic perspective, these findings illustrate how contextual meaning allows language to communicate abstract concepts such as courage, determination, and hope. The songs inspire listeners by transforming ordinary words into meaningful reflections on the human condition.

4.14 Contribution of Lexical and Contextual Meaning to Song Interpretation

The findings of this study demonstrate that lexical and contextual meanings contribute significantly to the interpretation of song lyrics. Lexical meaning provides the literal foundation upon which interpretation is built, while contextual meaning enriches understanding by introducing emotional, cultural, social, and spiritual dimensions. Without lexical meaning, listeners would struggle to comprehend the basic content of the lyrics. However, relying solely on lexical meaning would result in incomplete interpretation because many messages are communicated indirectly through symbolism and contextual associations.

Contextual meaning enables listeners to connect linguistic expressions with broader human experiences. It allows words to function beyond their dictionary definitions and become vehicles for emotional expression, social commentary, and philosophical reflection. The interaction between lexical and contextual meanings therefore represents a crucial aspect of artistic language. This interaction explains why song lyrics often remain meaningful to listeners across different cultures, generations, and personal backgrounds. By combining literal and contextual interpretations, songwriters create texts that are both accessible and intellectually engaging.

Consequently, the study confirms that semantic analysis provides valuable insights into the relationship between language, meaning, and artistic communication. Through the examination of lexical and contextual meanings, researchers can uncover layers of interpretation that contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of musical texts.

6. CONCLUSIONS (خلاصة \ خاتمة)

This study aimed to analyze the lexical and contextual meanings found in seven selected songs from Coldplay's **Everyday Life** album, namely **Daddy**, **Church**, **Arabesque**, **Trouble in Town**, **Broken**, **When I Need a Friend**, and **WOTW/POTP**. The analysis was conducted using a semantic approach based on the theories proposed by Geoffrey Leech, John Lyons, and Abdul Chaer. Through a descriptive qualitative method, the researcher examined words, phrases, and expressions appearing in the song lyrics to identify their lexical and contextual meanings.

The findings revealed that the selected songs contain a significant number of lexical and contextual meanings. Lexical meanings represent the literal, dictionary-based meanings of words and expressions. These meanings provide the basic semantic foundation necessary for understanding the lyrics. Words such as **daddy**, **church**, **blood**, **friend**, **light**, and **world** possess stable lexical meanings that can generally be understood without considering situational factors.

However, the analysis also demonstrated that contextual meanings play a more substantial role in conveying the messages embedded within the songs. Many words and expressions acquire additional meanings when interpreted within emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual contexts. For example, the word **daddy** symbolizes emotional dependence and a longing for parental affection, while **church** represents comfort, peace, and emotional refuge. Similarly, **blood** symbolizes human equality and unity, and **light** reflects hope and guidance. These contextual interpretations enrich the lyrics and allow listeners to understand messages that extend beyond literal definitions.

The study further indicates that Coldplay employs language creatively to communicate complex themes using relatively simple vocabulary. Despite the simplicity of many lexical choices, the contextual meanings generated by the lyrics create profound reflections on family relationships, faith, social justice, human solidarity, suffering, resilience, hope, and compassion. This demonstrates that artistic language can effectively communicate deep philosophical and emotional ideas without relying on complicated linguistic structures.

Another important finding is that lexical meaning and contextual meaning are closely interconnected. Lexical meaning serves as the starting point for interpretation, whereas contextual meaning provides deeper and more comprehensive understanding. Without lexical meaning, contextual interpretation would lack a semantic foundation. Conversely, without contextual analysis, listeners would be unable to fully appreciate the richness of the messages conveyed in the lyrics. Therefore, both types of meaning are essential for understanding song lyrics comprehensively.

Furthermore, the findings support the semantic theories proposed by Leech, Lyons, and Chaer, which emphasize that meaning is not limited to dictionary definitions but is also shaped by contextual factors. The study confirms that semantic interpretation requires consideration of both linguistic forms and contextual influences. This

relationship becomes particularly evident in artistic texts such as song lyrics, where symbolism, metaphor, and emotional expression frequently contribute to meaning construction.

From a broader perspective, the study demonstrates that song lyrics can serve as valuable linguistic and literary texts. Beyond their entertainment function, song lyrics provide insights into human experiences, social realities, cultural values, and emotional conditions. Through semantic analysis, researchers can uncover hidden meanings and better understand how language operates within artistic communication.

The researcher hopes that this study contributes to the development of semantic studies, particularly in the analysis of lexical and contextual meanings in musical texts. The findings may also provide useful references for students, researchers, and readers interested in linguistics, semantics, literary studies, and music analysis. In addition, the study may encourage greater appreciation of song lyrics as meaningful forms of artistic expression. Finally, future researchers are encouraged to explore other semantic aspects in Coldplay's songs or in musical works produced by different artists. Further studies may focus on connotative meaning, affective meaning, social meaning, thematic meaning, figurative language, metaphorical expressions, or discourse analysis.

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