

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides the introductory part of the study. Therefore, some terms related to the study are explained below; they are the background of the study, research question, purpose of the study, Scope of the study and significance of the study.

1.1. Background of the Study

Language has an important role in human's life. Through language, people could share ideas, information, and feeling. As human being, we cannot live by ourselves. We need interaction between others. "Language is an arbitrary system of sound that is use by social group to work together, communicate, and identify themselves" (Kridalaksana, 1982: 2). That is why, language take an important role in everyday life because it is a way to communicate to each other which is called a communication process. Therefore, it is also important to know about basic communication process. According to Clark (1977: 25), communication process involve 3 things; speaker, hearer, and the system of symbol, in this case English. Thus, communication process could be told successful if the participants can produce and understand the utterances.

Moreover, to perform such utterances whether it is directly or indirectly, the speaker have to know what are the factors that influenced the utterances. According to Reisner (1983: 105) those factors that influenced the utterances are role of relationship, subjects, and the background of the conversations. However, we often misunderstood what people said to us, since there are differences in one language. One of the differences that lead to misunderstand is gender differences in communication. Gender is one of the key determiners of linguistics variation. According to Goddard and Petterson (2001:1), gender is a social construction involving the whole psychological social and cultural between males and females. Gender affects the ways in which people use language. That is the reason why study to gender communication is needed here.

Based on the reasons above, the writer conducting a study about linguistic: syntactical choices and speech characteristic, to study more about the differences in syntactical choices between male and female. According to Schumaker and Sheldon (1985), the utterances can be expressed by many types of sentences. They also proposed the division of the sentences that are divided into two types. The first type is the sentence that based on its purpose. He stated *interrogative, declarative, imperative, and exclamative* sentences as part of the first type of division sentence. The second type is the sentence structure that consists of *simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex*. The writer is going to find out what types of sentences structure that employed by male and female main characters by conducting

syntactical analysis, since using syntactical analysis could find out what types of sentences that are being used within main characters.

In this study, the writer try to analyze the sentences that has been used by main characters in The Ugly Truth movie and then classify it to whether it is belong according to the speech characteristics theory by Susan Herring and give explanations why that kinds of sentences belong to certain category.

The Ugly Truth is a 2009 American romantic comedy film directed by Robert Luketic that won many award in its released. The Ugly Truth won a BMI Film Music Award in the category of “Film Music” in the 2010. In the 2009, Katherine Heigl was nominated for the Best Actress in Comedy Movie in Teen Choice Award and Satelite Award. In the 2010, it is Butler’s turn to be nominated in Teen Choice Award as Choice Movie Actor: Romantic Comedy. Moreover, the employment of types of sentence in The Ugly Truth movie uttered by the main characters are taken from the movie’s script.

By conducting this study, the writer hopes it will enrich the related studies about speech characteristics and syntactical choices analysis and would be valuable for students in English Department, especially the English Language and Literature’s students who want to conduct the same topic. The writer also hopes that this study can be used as a material in conducting some related study.

1.2. Research Question

What are syntactical structures used by male and female main characters in The Ugly Truth movie?

1.3 Purposes of the Study

This study aims to analyze the type of sentence based on its structure used in The Ugly Truth movie and to investigate how the sentences employed by male differ from those employed by female.

1.4 Scope of the Study

The writer limits the study by analysing the sentences employed by main characters in The Ugly Truth movie script using division sentence proposed by Schumaker and Sheldon (1985). The writer analyze sentences uttered by main characters in The Ugly Truth movie script in order to find out how does the syntactical choices employed by male differ from those employed by female.

1.5 Significances of the Study

This study is expected to broaden knowledge in studying syntactical and sociolinguistic especially about genderlect and also to develop the study of linguistic in English Department UNJ.

1.6 Previous Related Study

The studies about the differences in gender language have been conducted all over the world since its first theory by Robin Lakoff at 1975 raised. One of those studies is the one conducted by Xia Wenjing in 2012 entitled “Study on Gender Differences in English”. This study investigates the language differences in English between male and female generally. She found it that there are differences in English caused by inequality of men and women in society. The difference with this study is on this study, the writer not only use the differences in gender language, but also use a syntactical analysis to find a syntactical choices and relate it to find a differences between male and female.