

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Languages always use words. The word is a linguistic unit that is used in all levels of our culture. Sometimes words are added by a bound morpheme. Actually, it is called affixes. Sometimes the readers have some difficulties to get the meaning of word because it contains an affix. The researcher used Morphology to guide this research, because affixes are one of the units which are studied on Morphology. Morphology is a term for that branch of linguistics which is concerned with the form of words in difference uses and construction (Matthew, 1991: 3). Affix is one of the processes of addition in morphological process. Affixation is defined by two characteristics. Firstly, the form resulted by the operation or derived forms that consist of the base (the form that the operation applies to add an additional morpheme). Secondly, the form which is added (the affix) will be constant; it will be the same whatever particular base the operation applies to (Matthew, 1991: 131).

Grimm's fairy tale entitled *The Water of Life* is the object of this study. It is literary work that is interesting to read, because it is full of education. When the researcher read this story, the researcher found many affixes. This story has some affixes that are in prefixes, suffixes and may be infixes. Affixes are necessary to learn, because it is to get the meaning of this story. Affixes that are used in this story are suffix and prefix. And those affixes indicate different

meaning. For examples, "...*a king who had three sons*". Sons is a word that is added by a suffix -s that indicates plurality because the noun is more than one. Other example, "...*so ill that nobody thought he would live.*" Nobody is a word that is added by prefix no- and it has a function as indication of negative word.

Based on these phenomena, the researcher is interested to analyze affixes that are used in *The Water of Life*. In relation to the topic, this researcher is entitled **An Analysis of Affixes used in Grimms' fairy tale *The Water of Life* fairy tale: Morphological Approach.**

## **B. Previous Study**

Grimm's fairy tale is best seller book. But as long as the researcher knows there is no research that has been conducted to study *The Water of Life*, at least in UMS focus on affixes. But, in other hands there is same study focus on morphology. The study entitled *Perspektif morfologi derivational dan infleksional pada verba berafik bahasa Indonesia* by Ermanto in *Kajian Linguistik dan Sastra*. He concluded that Morphological process in Indonesian verbs is divided into affixational derivation, and inflectional derivation.

And other researcher entitled *Analysis of English affixation of Happiness the Key to Success and A Full Llife by Sunil Upadhaya: Morphological Approach* by Noorayah Sri Rahayu (UNSA: 2005) this research found the types of English affixation of *Happiness the Key to Success and A Full Life* by Sunil Upadhaya have a lot of variation.

This study is different from the studies above, this study will analyze about affixes and the meaning or aims of them, so it is original from the writer.

### **C. Problem Statement**

The problem statements that the writer formulates are:

1. What kinds are affixes used in *The Water of Life* by Grimm?
2. What are the forms and meaning of affixes used in *The Water of Life* by Grimm?

### **D. Objective of the Study**

Based on the problem statement above, the researcher arranges the objective of this study as follows:

1. To find the kinds of affixes used in *The Water of life* by Grimm.
2. To describe the forms and meaning of affixes used in *The Water of Life* by Grimm.

### **E. Limitation of the Study**

To focus this study, the researcher limits this study about affixes that are used on fairy tale entitled *The Water of Life* by Grimm and focus on Morphological approach.

## **F. Benefit of the Study**

The study is expected to give benefits as follows:

### 1. Theoretical Benefit

To give some contributions to the development of the large of knowledge, particularly, the linguistic study about affixes in one of fairy tale *The Water of life* principally on Morphological approach.

### 2. Practical Benefits

- a) The finding of study could be good input for reader in understanding affixes in theory of Morphology.
- b) The study may be useful as references for other researcher to do research in other view.

## **G. Research Paper Organization**

Research paper organization gives a clear guidance in reading and understanding the content of the study. In order to have guidance for the readers in reading the whole content, this research paper is organized as follows:

Chapter I is introduction which consists of background of the study, previous study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefits of the study, and Research Paper Organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory; it covers the concept of affixes that consist of definition of affixes, kinds of affix and brief explanation about morphology.

Chapter III is research method which presents type of research, object of the study, data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV is data analysis and discussion. In this chapter the writer presents the data and data analysis.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.