

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

People use language when doing activities. Language is also used for daily communication among persons. According to Sutopo (2000: 79), “language may be used for effective communication among persons, it means that language is very important for interaction.” People commonly use language to think, to get things done, and to communicate. In communication, people may use both spoken and written language. Moreover, Fananie (2000: 25) states that “even life will stop if there is no language.” It, therefore, can be said that language is one of the crucial instruments for all people in life. By mastering language people can make a joke, discuss in any topic, even they can give warning to the others.

“Warning is statement, event, etc telling somebody that something bad may happened in the future” (Oxford Learner’s Pocket Dictionary). A warning is usually in the form of imperative. When people see a snake on a tree, for example, people may shout to the friend "**Watch out!**" It means people inform the friend to be careful and to pay attention to the snake. Warning also can be defined as operating procedures, practices, or conditions that may result in injury or death if not carefully observed or followed.

Expression of warning is an information of danger or unexpected situation that may happen if a person does something. It means that that expressions are aimed to warn the readers. Expressions of warning can be seen in

a user's manual of electronic product, such as, computer. "User's manual or manual book is a book giving practical information or instruction" (Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary). User guides are most commonly associated with electronic goods, computer hardware and software. Most user guides contain both a written guide and the associated images. For example, the use of exclamation as warning sign. The expression which has an exclamation sign means that the expression is a warning. So that the reader has to pay more attention in the expression or sentence.

It is usually written by a technical writer, although user guides are written by programmers, product or project managers, or other technical staff, particularly in smaller companies. User guides are most commonly associated with electronic goods, computer hardware and software. computer is a programmable machine designed to sequentially and automatically carry out a sequence of arithmetic or logical operations. "Computers are relatively new devices, yet humans have long been interested in computation" (Lucas, 1986: 46). There are two major components of computer, hardware and software. Lucas, (1986: 79) states that "hardware is what we can actually see when we look at the computer; we can walk up and touch the hardware. Software constitutes the instructions that tell the computer what to do." A computer's processing unit executes series of instructions that make it read, manipulate and then store data. Conditional instructions change the sequence of instructions as a function of the current state of the machine or its environment. Today, computer is an important part of human society. That is why users of computer need a manual book to guide them how to take care of their

computer.

The user's manual which will be used as the data source of this research is Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual. There are some expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual, for examples,

Read the enclosed Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort.

Imperative Sentence

The expression above starts with a verb “read” as the predicate of that sentence and ends with a period. It, therefore, belongs to imperative sentence. Then, the meaning of the expression is presented by using instruction. It means that the producer instructs the users to read something. Then, something that the users have to read is **enclosed Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort.**

Disposed of the battery as required by local ordinances or regulations.

Imperative Sentence

The datum above is also an imperative sentence. It is because the expression starts with the verb “Dispose of”. However, the producer tries to warn the users by using alternative. It means that the users may choose to use local ordinances and the users are also permitted to use regulations. It depends on the users.

The expressions above are examples of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual. Then, the researcher will analyze the linguistic form and the meaning of those expressions. According to the explanation above, the researcher interests to analyze the expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L6330/L635 user's manual. The researcher, therefore, interests in doing a research

on *An Analysis of Expressions of Warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 User's Manual*.

B. Previous Study

The first research was conducted by Septantia (Muhammadiyah university of Surakarta, 2011) of the previous researcher, *A Pragmatic Analysis of Warning Utterances on Computer's Game (Zuma's Revenge)*. The result of her research are; first, the sentence types of warning utterances are: exclamatory sentence, declarative sentence, imperative sentence, and interrogative sentence. The sentence pattern that is mostly used is Subject + Predicate followed by Complement. Second, the implicature of warning utterances covers conventional and conversational implicature. Third, the politeness strategies of warning utterances are: bald on record, positive politeness, and negative politeness strategy.

This research has similarities with the first previous study. The similarities are both this research and the first previous study analyze warning on the research. However, the data sources are different. The first previous study use Zuma's Revenge computer's game as the data source, while the data of this research are expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual.

The second research was conducted by Sitanggang (University of North Sumatra, 2009) of the previous researcher, *A Contrastive Analysis of Imperative Sentences in English and Batak Toba Language*. The results of her research show that English and Batak Toba have the same type, but it is different on the function

and marker. It, therefore, can be said that the imperative sentences in English and Batak Toba are partly correspondence. Her research paper studies imperative sentences in English and Batak Toba. It is containing command, request, prohibition, advise, suggestion, and warning. Nevertheless, this research will analyze specifically on warning expressions.

This research has some similarities with the second previous study. Both this research and the second previous study analyze expression of warning. However the data source and techniques of analyze the data are different. This research uses Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual as the data source, and techniques of analyzing data is descriptive analysis. While, the second previous study uses English and Batak Toba as the data source, and technique of analyzing data is contrastive analysis.

C. Limitation of the Study

In this research, the researcher limits the problem in discussing expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual. The researcher focuses on the form of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual based on linguistic form, and the meaning of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual based on semantic theory.

D. Problem Statement

Based on the statements above, the researcher formulates the following research problems.

1. What are the linguistic forms of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual?
2. What are the meaning of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual?

E. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To describe the linguistic forms of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual.
2. To describe the meanings of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual.

F. Benefits of the Study

There are two types of benefit of the study:

1. Theoretical Benefit

To give additional information to linguistics researcher dealing with linguistic analysis on expressions of warning.

2. Practical Benefit

- a. For lecturers, the researcher hopes this study can be applied by

lecturers in the process teaching learning of pragmatics and semantics.

- b. For further researchers, this research is expected to be significant as additional reference in conducting related study.

G. Research Paper Organization

The researcher divides this research paper into five chapters. They are chapter I introduction consisting of background of the study, previous study, limitation of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, and research paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory. It deals with notion of pragmatics, speech acts theory, expression of warning, linguistic forms, notion of semantics, and the classification of meaning.

Chapter III is research method presenting type of research, object of research, data and data source, method of collecting data, technique of analyzing data.

Chapter IV is data analysis and discussion. The data analysis will be elaborated into the linguistic forms of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual and the meaning of expressions of warning in Toshiba Satellite L630/L635 user's manual.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion. After chapter V, the writer presents bibliography, virtual references, and appendix.