

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Newspaper is one of printed media which gives information for the large audience. It provides some issues to the readers. Politics, economy, disaster, accidents, crimes, communities' problem, and issues that affect the reader's live are some the examples of the information that the readers can get from the newspaper. The journalists usually use various form of the language in order to catch the reader's attention, especially on its titles.

In semantics there are some instruments which can be used to identify the meaning of words and sentences such as by using tree diagram, paraphrase, and thematic roles. Thematic roles which is also known as semantics roles, are part of semantics interpretation involves determining the roles that the referent of NP's play in the situation described by sentence. Thematic roles capture the relationship between a sentence and the event it describes. "Thematic roles are originally applied to the interpretation of any NP in a sentence, according to its position in the sentence, its case form, if any preceding NP" (Kearns. 2000: 228). According to O'Grady (1997: 262) there are five important components of thematic roles such as, agent, theme, source, goal, and location. Agent is the entity that performs an action. Theme is the entity undergoing an action or a movement. Source is the starting point for a movement. And location is the place where an action occurs.

One thing that always makes the readers interested in reading the newspaper is the headlines or the titles. Most of the titles in the newspaper are made in short and simple form in order to catch the readers' attention in reading the news or the information. It must also be readable and appropriate with the information or the news on it. Sometimes it uses metaphor, omission of words, noun phrase, or it can be declarative sentences or imperative

sentences. But almost all of them are made in the form of simple sentences or noun phrases. Including the titles that the writer found on the *China Daily* newspaper.

*China Daily* newspaper is one of printed newspaper which is published in Indonesia once a week accompanied by the Jakarta Post newspaper. Almost the whole news and information on this newspaper is about Asia. But mostly the information is about China. It can be about China's government, the society, environment, business, and so on. Most of them are written in various forms of simple sentences. Based on the data that the writer gets from the titles of the *China Daily* newspaper, she wants to analyze the data by using thematic role theory and explain its sentential context. Because by the titles, the newspaper's writer express the most important point of the news. The titles are the starting point for the readers to have interested in reading the whole information, news or articles of the newspaper. The sentential context refers to a sentence where the key word has occurred. It supplies syntactic information to know if the key word has any explicit or implicit syntactic relation with the other words used in the sentence.

1). **Chemical plants** / to be moved from / **Tianjin**.

In the sentence above, if it is analyzed by using thematic roles, there are two entities that is played on it, they are:

NP1	Chemical plants	theme	The entity that is moved by the action
NP2	Tianjin	source	The starting point for the movement

So, the rule of the sentence above as follows:

NP1 – from (NP2)

The sentential context of the sentence above is “Tianjin Mayor Huang Xingguo will relocate the chemical plants in Tianjin Binhai New Area following the fatal blasts of August 2.

2). Six Chinese / killed / in Bangkok explosion

NP1

NP2

From the sentence above there are two entities that are played, it can be described as:

NP1	Six Chinese	patient	the entity that is undergoing the action of killing and comes out change in state
NP2	Bangkok explosion	location	the entity which shows the place where the action is done

So, the rule of the sentence above as follows:

NP1 –pledges through (NP2)

The sentential context of the sentence above is “Six Chinese tourists killed on August 17 when a bomb planted on a motorcycle exploded outside a shrine in the Thai Capital”.

According to the explanation above, the writer has interest to analyze the titles found on the *China Daily* newspaper. The writer interested in conducting a research entitled “*A Thematic Roles Analysis of Simple Sentences Found on the Titles of China Daily Newspaper*” to know what the roles played by each entity of the titles of the *China Daily* newspaper and to explain the sentential context of the titles. The writer interested in conducting the research of thematic roles since always there is the difference roles that found in the previous research and so do the writer found in her research.

## B. Limitation of the Study

The object of this research is the thematic roles found on the titles of the *China Daily* newspaper. The objectives of this research are to describe the

roles played by each entity of the *China Daily* titles and to explain its sentential context. The data source used in this research is *China Daily* newspaper which is published in June-August 2015. This research is focused on the titles of *China Daily* newspaper especially in the simple sentences. The researcher limits this research since to economize the fee, energy, and time in order to make this research more focus. The writer analyze the data by using the theory thematic roles Kearns (2002) and Frawley (1992) and explain the sentential context by reading the whole information in the body of the text of the newspaper.

### **C. Problem Statement**

The researcher formulates the problem statements as the following:

1. What are the roles played by each entity of the simple sentences found on the titles of *China Daily* newspaper?
2. What are the sentential context of the *China Daily's* titles?

### **D. Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of the research are as follow:

1. to describe the roles played by each entity of the simple sentences found on the titles of *China Daily* newspaper.
2. to explain the sentential context of the *China Daily's* titles.

### **E. Benefit of the Study**

#### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

- a. The result of this study can give more information about the use of thematic roles in analyzing the role of NP in simple sentences of the titles of *China Daily* newspaper.
- b. The result of the research can be useful for the students of English Department in their learning process, especially in improving their knowledge in understanding the linguistics work especially thematic

roles.

## 2. Practical Benefit

- a. The result of this study can give large knowledge for the writer in understanding the linguistics work particularly thematic roles.
- b. The result of this study can to be the reference for the next researcher to conduct a research with another data and data source.

## **F. Research Paper Organization**

Chapter I is Introduction. It consists of Background of the Study, Limitation of the Study, Problem Statement, Objective of the Study, Benefit of the Study, and Research Paper Organization.

Chapter II is Underlying Theory. It consists of, Semantics including the Notion of Semantics, the Notions of Thematic Roles, and the Notion of Reference, Language of Media, Noun Phrase, Simple Sentence, and Previous Study.

Chapter III is Research Method. It consists of Type of research, Object of the Research, Data and Data Source, Method of Collecting Data, and Technique of Analyzing Data.

Chapter IV is Data Analysis and Research Discussion. It consists of The Analysis of the Role Played by each Entities of the Titles in the *China Daily* Newspaper and the Analysis of the sentential context of the Titles in the *China Daily* Newspaper and also Research Discussion.

Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion. It consists of Conclusion and Suggestion.