CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Language is a communication system that consists of sounds, words, grammar and all of the system communications. Dinneen (1967:6) stated that language has some characteristics such as language is sound, systematic and meaningful. So, it means that language is used by all people in the world especially in country in the form of spoken or written. One of the important languages in the world is English. English is one of international languages that are used by people for their needs to communicate with the other. It is very important thing because English is used as a bridge of communication for people.

On the other hand, linguistics is the study of language which consists of pure linguistics and applied linguistics. Pure linguistics consists of phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, discourse, sociolinguistics psycholinguistics, morphology and pragmatics. Besides that, applied linguistics can be defined such as translation, subtitling, interpreting and dubbing. Sometimes the other persons do not understand the meaning that we utter and it can make miscommunication with other. In doing communication with other people, we must understand about the context and language. So, the relation between context and language can not be separated in the structure of sentences. This phenomenon can be called as pragmatics.

Pragmatics is one of the linguistic branches that study more complex about meaning on someone’s utterance. Furthermore, according to Peccei (1999:2) “Pragmatics concentrates on those aspects of meaning that can not be predicted by linguistic knowledge alone and takes into account knowledge about about the physical and social world”. It means that pragmatics requires about what the speakers want to say with other person appropriate with the circumstances (when, where and what the circumstances). So, it can be more focused that if we study about language using pragmatic approach, they can know about the
speaker meaning (intention) or their assumption when they are speaking to other person and it can make the speaker and the listener used their ability in understanding meaning.

Meanwhile, talking about pragmatics is also related to some aspects such as deixes, presupposition, implicature and speech act. Speech act is one of the main branches of pragmatic theory. It also can be described as an action that performed using utterances. There are three steps of acts when utterance is produced. Those are: (1) Locutionary act, the central or literal act of utterance; (2) Illocutionary act, an act which is performed using communicative force of utterance or the meaning proposed by the speaker; (3) Perlocutionary act, an act in which the listener will be familiar with the effect of utterance (Yule, 1996:48). Besides that, Searle (1969:23), in his book entitled Speech Act: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language, develops Austin’s work by classifying the different classes of illocutionary act and then classifies speech act into five forms of utterance, one of them is expressive utterance.

Expressive utterance is one type of speech acts that has the function to show or express the speakers’ feeling about the situation. This kind of utterance has several functions, such as to express apologizing, thanking, congratulating, condoling, blaming, pardoning, welcoming, forgiving, worries, wishes, praising, boasting and etc that related to the feeling of the speaker.

*Miracles from Heaven* is an American Christian drama film directed by Patricia Riggen and it was written by Randy Brown. This movie was adapted by the true story of Christy Beam who has the daughter who had near-death experience and she was cured of incurable disease. The film was published on March 16, 2016 by Columbia Pictures. In *Miracles from Heaven* movie script, there are some expressive utterances which happen from the speaker’s feeling related to the circumstances that is told in the movie.

There are some examples of expressive speech acts found in *Miracles from Heaven* movie script such as:

* e.g. 1. This conversation happens between Anna and Adelynn when they are still playing together in the yard.
Anna : Oh, my Gosh. *This is so fun*

Wait!


I want a turn now. I never got a turn.

The utterances “*This is so fun*” is included expressive speech act, especially statement of pleasure. In this utterance Anna (Adelynn’s sister) shows that Anna feels so happy when they are playing the game together with their sisters. This utterance includes utterance of pleasure because the speaker (Anna) feels about the situation. The pragmalinguistics forms of utterance above include the condition of pleasure. According to Farenkia (2012) the conditions that can be called as pleasure are:

1. The respondents used short expression as well as expanded structures containing positively loaded adjectives such as glad, happy, pleased and etc.
2. The use of noun or noun group, for example: “I was so pleased to be asked to help you”.
3. Someone who had the pleasure in doing the other favor.
   e.g 2. The conversation happens between Mrs. Beam (Anna’s mother) and their children (Anna, Abbie, Adelynn). Their children are still playing outside.

   **Mrs. Beam:** Well, no one here is goin’ to hell. Unless you girls get your clothes dirty. How many times have I told you not to play outside in your Sunday school dresses?

   **Come here!**

   **Anna, Abbie, Adelynn : Sorry, Mom.**

The utterance “*Sorry, Mom*” includes expressive speech act. This utterance is included in expressive utterance, especially apologizing. In this utterance their mother reminds them (Anna, Abbie, Adelynn) not to play outside in their Sunday school dresses but they do not pay attention about the advice from their mother. The pragmalinguistics forms of utterance above include the condition of apologizing.

In this research, the writer is interested to analyze expressive speech act which are found in the movie script because there are a lot of utterance that the
speakers express their feeling or emotions toward to the hearer. The writer will analyze by identifying the pragmalinguistics form of the utterance and finding out the intention of utterance and in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script. From the various types of speech act, the writer chooses to use expressive utterance because in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script contains a lot of expressive utterance that can be analyzed and become the data source of this research.

Based on the phenomena above, the researcher decides to carry out the research entitled “A PRAGMATIC ANALYSIS OF EXPRESSIVE UTTERANCES FOUND IN “MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN” MOVIE SCRIPT”

B. Limitation of the Study

This study focuses in the speech act theory. The framework of this study is Pragmatics. This research concerns on the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script (2016) as the data source in the form of expressive utterance. The writer focuses in expressive utterance because she wants to enrich the discussion of expressive utterance viewed from pragmatic approach that will analyze the pragmalinguistics forms of the utterance and the intention of utterance. The utterances that will be analyzed the pragmalinguistics form here will be limit the only the expression of thanking, congratulating, apologizing, condoling, pleasure and pain expression. The data will be analyzed by using Yule and Searle’s theory related to speech act on expressive utterances and will be developed in the analyses of pragmalinguistics forms.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of study, this research concerns with the problem statement below:

1. What are the pragmalinguistics forms of expressive utterances used in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script?
2. What are the intentions of the expressive utterance used in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script?

D. Objective of the Study

Based on the research questions stated above, the objectives of study are:

1. To identify the pragmalinguistics forms of expressive utterances used in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script.
2. To find out the intentions of the expressive utterance used in the “Miracles from Heaven” movie script.

E. Benefit of the Study

The study has some benefits that can be defined into:

1. Practical Benefits
   a. For the reader, the result of this study helps the reader to understand the meaning of script “Miracles from Heaven”.
   b. For other researchers, this study can enhance their references if they want to carry out a research for the same and related topic.

2. Theoretical Benefits

   It can be used as the reference for the next researchers, and gives new knowledge about pragmatics especially about speech acts and expressive utterance.

F. Research Paper Organization

The writer organizes the research paper with the research paper organization. This research paper organization includes five chapters in order to make easier to understand.

Chapter I is introduction, which consists of background of the study, limitation of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefit of the study, research paper organization.

Chapter II deals with underlying theory. It consists of the notion of pragmatics, speech act theory, types of speech act, the notion of expressive utterances, kinds of expressive utterance, context of pragmatics, the
pragmalinguistics forms, the notion of movie and Synopsis Miracles from Heaven Movie which consists of the review and summary.

Chapter III is research method. It consists of type of research, object of the study, data and data course, technique of collecting data, technique of analyzing data and data validity.

Chapter IV deals with the data analysis, research finding and discussion. This chapter deals with data analysis and discussion.

Chapter V consists of conclusion, implication and suggestion.