

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Human express their feeling by making their words fit with their internal psychological world, which is generally known as expressive utterances. Expressive according to Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (2010: 518) belongs to adjective, which means "showing or able to show your thoughts or feelings." According to Searle (in Levinson, 1983: 240) expressive utterances are utterances used to express the psychological state.

When human talking to each other to express themselves, they do not only use utterance but also perform action. Yule (1996: 53) said that expressive are those kinds of speech acts that express the speaker feeling, for instance thanking, apology, condolence, expressing pleasure, displeasure, pain, like, dislike, joy, sorrow and so on. According to Eckert & McConnell-Ginet (2003: 129), speech acts are firmly embedded in social practice. Each particular utterance enters into the discourse and into the plans being developed in that interaction and in turn, into larger landscape of social practice, including gender practice.

Politeness in pragmatics can be interpreted as a way to respect the face or self-image. In performing speech acts, politeness is an important concept to be raised so that the image of the speakers impressed either and also maintain the image of another person or addressees to be respected. Brown and Levinson in (Eckert & McConnell-Ginet, 2003: 136) stated that "the aim of people use politeness is to lessen the bad feelings someone might have, and to repair actual or potential damage to someone's face". Leech (1983: 105) also stated that politeness refers to linguistics behavior used to achieve mutual understanding and maintain good interpersonal relationships. According to Eckert & McConnell-Ginet (2003: 134), women are said to be more polite to use polite language than men and this is said

to be because they are more other-oriented, more collaborative, and more affective.

The researcher chooses movie as a media to be analyzed. Movie can illustrate the events of real life. Moreover, movie has the elements needed to analyze speech acts and politeness strategies like dialogue, characters, and setting. Speech act like expressive utterance showed by women found in movie script entitled "*Bad Moms*". Most of the characters in this movie are women. So it appropriates that *Bad Moms* movie script become the data source. *Bad Moms* movie tells about the problems in real life experienced by a mother. Lot of pressure from her husband, children, and working environment make a mother should look perfect. However she's over worked, over committed, and exhausted to the point she's about to snap. Fed up, she joins with two mother over-stressed moms on a quest to liberate themselves from conventional responsibilities going on wild, un-mom-like being of freedom.

Study expressive utterance is interesting because it is a kind of speech act that often used by speaker in daily conversation, especially in women speech. According to Kring & Gordon in (Parkins, 2012: 46) women are more emotional than men, or at least are more emotionally expressive. Emotions of happiness, sadness and fear are believed to be more characteristic of women, whereas men are believed to be more characteristically angry (Parkins, 2012: 55). For using expressive, women attempt to make communication to the listeners and expressive shows a strong relationship between speakers and listeners.

This research is different from the other researches in this topic. Dealing with this research, it was not found any research related to the analysis of expressive speech act with politeness strategy. The writer found differences with researches that conducted by Ilić and Radulović (2015) and Sheykh and Esmaili (2015). In Ilić and Radulović (2015), the researcher aimed to analyze commissive and expressive illocutionary acts in political speeches, as indicators of personal involvement of political speakers, notorious for vagueness and avoiding commitment. The result of

the study aimed at explaining the hypothesis that a specific use of commissive and expressive can be the politician's strategy for adding credibility to their speeches. It seems that the earlier researcher dealing with expressive speech act and the difference is from the data source. The research uses a corpus of Serbian, American and British political speeches that address the issue of economic standard of living. While, the writer uses *Bad Moms* movie script.

While in Sheykh and Esmaeili (2015), the researcher focused to examine the differences and similarities between Persian and English concerning the way speakers use expressive speech acts in these languages. Meanwhile, the study investigated the influence of gender on using expressive speech acts. The participants of the study included 50 Persian native speakers, 50 EFL learners, and 50 English native speakers from the Marefat language institute in Tehran, and the high school students of Tehran. Also, results showed that gender does not have a significant impact on the use of expressive speech acts. It seems that the earlier researcher dealing with expressive speech act and the similarity with this research is the study focuses on gender.

Based on the case above, the researcher is interested to analyze the intention and politeness strategy of women expressive utterance in *Bad Moms* movie. In addition, the researcher also wants to know which type of intention and politeness strategy of expressive utterance that is dominant used by women.

B. Problem Statement

Based on the background, the researcher emphasizes the way the women express their psychological state by focusing on the following problem:

1. What are the intentions of women expressive utterances in *Bad Moms* movie?
2. What are the politeness strategies of women expressive utterances in *Bad Moms* movie?

C. Objective of the Study

The objectives of this research are to:

1. Describe the intentions of women expressive utterances in *Bad Moms* movie.
2. Describe the politeness strategies of women expressive utterances in *Bad Moms* movie.

D. Benefit of the Study

The researcher hopes that this research will be beneficial for the researcher and the reader generally. The benefits of the study are:

1. Academic Benefits

The researcher hopes this result of the study can be useful for additional information about using expressive utterance as an academic reference.

2. Practical Benefit

The researcher hopes this research can be used as reference for the next researcher who taken the research in the theory of pragmatics.