

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first chapter will present background of the study, limitation of the study, problem of the study, objective of the study, and benefits of the study. This introduction helps the readers in understanding the final project and provides a brief guide about it.

A. Background of the Study

Humans cannot live alone since they are in the mother's womb until return to Allah because they are called social beings. In interacting daily life, humans need a tool to convey their ideas, opinions and feelings through language. According to Hjelmslev (1996: 328) " a language consists of a content and an expression". Moreover, another idea Crystal (2000: p. 212), language is "the systematic, conventional use of sounds, signs or written symbols in a human society for communication, language is used in many ways not only with symbol (by speaking) but also with signs (by picture) or written by symbol (by written)". From the definition above, the writer concludes that language is a tool to convey the content of expressions in many ways. In doing so, language has developed and largely studied. One of its studies is pragmatics.

According to Yule (1996: 3), pragmatics is the study of speaker meaning. In practice communication, humans not only produce utterances, containing grammatical structure and words but also perform actions through those utterances. In each person's utterances there is a certain purpose it in. For example, when someone said "*Can I have a table for two please?*", she or he performs requesting, although the form of the sentence is in question. The utterance above as count requesting because the speaker has a lower status than the hearer. And the speaker uses politeness to ask the hearer to do what the speaker want. This action performed through utterances is called a speech act.

Speech acts is a study dealing with meaning, so to make good communication between the listeners and the speakers, listeners must be careful in catching the meaning. Actually, in daily life we perform acts such as requesting, ordering, recommending, warning, and so on. In real life, we may face speeches in different places. In home, in school, in public places, on the television, and many other, listener should know what speaker wants by way of speech. Hence, we can determine what action that should be taken, whether we will agree or refuse the message. Listeners could know what the speaker meaning of a speech by studying speech act. Austin (1962) in his book "*How to do things with words*" stated that saying something is to do something. It means the speech that we hear is an action to influence us to do something. In expressing what they want and feel, people can express in various ways as though direct and indirect. Searle (1996) explained that he has classified speech act into five kinds. One of them is the Directive Act (DA).

Directive Act is an act that appears from the utterance that is said by the speaker to the hearer to do something or take an act based on the speaker wants. In reality, there are still difficulties to understand what the speaker wants or meaning.

The example of a directive act happened in one part of the movie entitled *The Theory of Everything* between Stephen and Brian at the boardinghouse. At the time, Brian visited Stephen because he did not go to the class recently. However, when Brian met Stephen, he said that he had a disease. Brian is getting confused with Stephen's utterance and assumes that Stephen is joking. Then Stephen suggests to Brian.

Stephen : I have two years to live.

Brian : Sorry?

Stephen : It does sound odd when you say it out loud, doesn't it?

Brian : You...What do you mean? No. You don't. What did they say? Sorry I don't really umm..

Stephen : **Will you go, Bri?**

The speech of Stephen has two possibilities of meaning. The first is asking because the form of the speech indicates as interrogative and ended with a question mark (?). The second is a suggestion. Implicitly, Stephen's speech shows that he suggests to Brian to leave him alone.

Sometimes, some people are getting confused to understand what the purpose of the speaker uttered. Therefore, learning speech act especially directive is very important to us. Directive speech acts are used to get the greatest attention of the listener in communication. Hence, learning about the speech act is important for us to understand the meaning of the speaker's speech.

Hopefully, by watching *The Theory of Everything*, we can apply Directive Act in daily life. They are requesting, recommending, commanding, and many others. Besides that, we can learn about the structure of sentences and grammar. Therefore, it can increase our insight into making and producing sentences.

The first previous research was conducted by Praditya., Made., Putra., Nyoman., Artini., Putu that entitled *An Analysis of Speech Acts in the Conversation between Habibi and Ainun in the Film Entitled Habibi and Ainun 2012*. This journal conducted at Pendidikan Ganesha University. The second previous study from Rukmanasari (Yogyakarta State University, 2012) entitled *A Pragmatic Analysis of the Main Character's Speech Act in Date Night Movie*. The third study conducted by the researcher has a close relationship with the study conducted by Umar (Islam Alaudin Makasar, 2016) entitled *The Analysis of Speech Act of President JokoWidodo at APEC Forum*. The fourth research entitled *Speech Acts Analysis to Short Stories*. The author of the study from the Department of English Language, Al Isra University in 2012 by Altikriti. The fifth research is *Speech Acts of The Main Character Shreek Movie Scripts*. This author in this journal are Isnawati., Anam., and Diana from the English Department, Jember University. It published in 2015. The sixth research was conducted by Puri at the Sanata Dharma University Yogyakarta in 2015. The research entitled *Directive Speech Acts Showing Leadership Style*

Used by Miranda Priestly in the Devil Wears Prada Movie. Other research from Pakistan by Ilyas & Khushi entitled *Facebook Status Updates: A Speech Act Analysis*. It is published in 2012, Fatimah Jinnah University. The previous researches above are similar to the research that the researcher conducts in speech act sides. The differences of this research from previous researches is in the focus and object of the research.

There are many reasons why the writer chooses this movie as the object of this research. The first is the movie taken by the true story that adapted from a novel of *Travelling to Infinity: My Life*. This movie describes how the sacrifice the main character against his diseases to realize his dream. Additionally, there is an extraordinary woman behind of successful man. His wife was willing to accept all of his weakness although have been knowing about her husband.

The second reason is the movie goes into the box office then gets a positive response from the researcher and this movie is commercial that achieves income exceed the production budget of \$14million.

The last reason is the dialogues that uttered by actors of the movie are interesting to study. The characters are used a British accent, therefore it will difficult to interpret. The meaning of their speech depends on the situation even sometimes it does not relate to the meaning of what they are saying.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher wants to know about sub-DA used by characters in the movie entitled *The Theory of Everything* and the factors of using the sub directive are employed by the utterances of the characters in the movie *The Theory of Everything*. Therefore, the researcher wants to analyze the utterances include sub directive act in the movie *The Theory of Everything* used Yule's typology and describe factors politeness regarding the act that is being uttered.

B. Limitation of the Study

In this recent study, the researcher focuses on sub directive utterances as expressed in the utterances spoken by actors in the movie *The Theory of Everything* by Jane Hawking. The data will be analyzed using the study of speech act theory written by Yule (1996)

C. Problem of the Study

Based on the phenomenon the writer formulating the problems as follow:

1. What are sub directive utterances which are found in the movie *The Theory of Everything*?
2. What are the factor of using sub directive utterances in the movie *The Theory of Everything*?

D . Objectives of the Study

Based on the problems of the study, the objectives of the study are :

1. To identify sub directive utterances which are found in the movie “The Theory of Everything”.
2. To describe factor of using sub directive utterances in the movie *The Theory of Everything*

E. Benefit of the Study

From the result of this research, the writer hopes that this study gives a contribution to the theoretical and practical uses of language.

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of this study can be an added value of knowledge in the field of education in Indonesia notably about linguistic.

2. Practical Benefit

a) Students

This research is expected to give the student a better understanding of the study of linguistic about speech act especially sub directive act and addition reference who want to research the same object.

b) Teacher

This research can be used as an additional reference for English Teacher to improve the quality process in teaching.

c) Lecturer

The result of this research hopefully can be improving the quality of universities.