

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher discusses four parts, namely background of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, and benefits of the study.

A. Background of the study

Language is one of expressions in human being life that it hardly seems important to define it. It also means that a language has relationships with serious aspects of human's life.

Every language has a lot of variations. Such all language, English is a language that has a variety vocabulary . The existence of the variety of vocabulary in a language is a common thing, especially for English as an international language that is used by some people in this all over the world. There are two types of English that is well known and that is used as a reference in Indonesia, they are British English and American English. British and American have differences and the similarities in the way they are written: vocabulary. British English is different from American English in some ways.

Vocabulary is defined as words that known and used by a particular person and also vocabulary is a set of familiar words within a person's language. A vocabulary, sometimes developed with age, serves as a useful and fundamental tool for communication and acquiring knowledge.

According to Neuman & Dwyer (2009:305) vocabulary can mean as “words we must know to communicate effectively; words in speaking (expressive vocabulary) and words in listening (receptive vocabulary).

British English is the standard dialect of English language as written or spoken in the United Kingdom. It also is as variations exist in formal, written English in the United Kingdom. For example, the words in adjective “wee” is almost exclusively used in parts of *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and constantly *Yorkshire*, whereas “little” is predominant elsewhere.

British English, according to Sulaiman (2015) British English is derived from the United Kingdom which includes Wales, Scotland etc. British English is a very initial English Language that was spread all over the UK areas and now spoken by all countries in the world.

On the other side according to Hornby (2010) defines British English is the English Language as spoken in Britain and certain other countries. In the case, British English is firstly used and developed in Great Britain, now known as England.

American English is a kind of the English language or a set of varieties of the English language native which is used in the United States of America. American English used especially with the implication that it's clearly distinguishable from British English not so divergent as to be a separate language.

American English, according to Kemerman (2010) says that American English is such an English language which is more popular than British English, and it is used specifically by American people.

Then, according to Widarso (2002) states that American English is English Language that is used by American which used to be brought to America just after the year 1500, and it tends to be more famous than British English. In brief, American English is such a very popular English variety since it is simpler than British.

In conducting this research, the writer choose to analyze one aspect of the differences between British English and American English, namely : vocabulary.

The researcher decided to choose to analyze the differences between British English and American English found in the vocabulary.

The researcher writes this research paper is because the researcher interested with the differences and similarities between British English and American English vocabulary. And also this research paper does not exist yet.

The researcher hopes that this research paper will help the other researcher or the other learners to have more knowledge or information about the use of differences and similarities between British English and American English vocabulary.

B. Problem Statement

Based on the discussion, the writer intends to propose problem

Statements as follows:

1. What are the differences between British and American English vocabulary ?
2. What are the similarities between British and American English vocabulary ?

C. Objective of the Study

Based on the research problem above, the researcher has the objective study as follows :

1. To explain the differences between British and American English vocabulary

2. To explain the similarities between British and American English vocabulary.

D. Benefits of the Study

The writer hopes this research can give benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical

This research will be useful and successful as an additional reference in the explanation about the differences and similarities between British English and American English vocabulary.

2. Practical Benefits

- a. For the English Teacher

It is hoped can give more information about the differences and the similarities between British English and American English vocabulary. The result of this study can be used by the teacher to give more explanation and the example about the differences and the similarities between British English and American English vocabulary. For example the differences and the similarities of words that used between British English and American English.

- b. For the Future Researcher

I hope this study can help the students to be more understand and know about the differences and the similarities between British English and American English vocabulary.