

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Language as a product of human culture has been developing since the ancient people were born thousand years ago. Language is the important and an influential thing in human life because language is used for daily conversation. It allows people to say something what they want and also to express what their means.

On the one side, Wardhaugh (1972 : 3) argued that language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbol used for human communication in our culture, language is one of many aspect is communicating with other one. On the other side, the definition of language has been stated also by Eifring, as follows:

“Human beings can communicate with each other. We are able to exchange knowledge, beliefs, opinions, wishes, threats, commands, thanks, promises, declarations, feelings – only our imagination sets limits. We can *laugh* to express amusement, happiness, or disrespect, we can *smile* to express amusement, pleasure, approval, or bitter feelings, we can *shriek* to express anger, excitement, or fear, we can *clench our fists* to express determination, anger or a threat, we can *raise our eyebrows* to express surprise or disapproval, and so on, but our system of communication before anything else is language” (2005:2)

Zabbari and Raviji (2012):263) argued that language as it means of communication used to interact with each other on conversation and it involves at least between two speakers. People can not do any communication with society without language.

Based on the explanation above, we can conclude that language has the important role in human lives. Language is important way to know each others. All of human being in the world has the different language and they use their language by themselves. In this case, one of important way to know each other is language.

In every language in the world has a Grammar. Grammar helps us to focus on the rules that words play in a sentence or phrase. The most essential part of speech in any sentence is the verb. Without a verb, we cannot have a complete sentence. A verb is a single word, or a group of words, that describe an action or state.

According to Marcella Frank (1972:47 ) argued that verb is the complex part of speech. Its also stated by Hans P. Guth (1985:22) verb also indicated a change in time by changing the verb itself: eat (present), ate (past). The same opinion also stated by William Diver from Department of Linguistics, Columbia University. He stated that semantically, verbs are typically indicators of actions and processes (as are nouns, too, but verbs are very rarely indicators of objects and places) functionally, variations in the inflection or syntactic combination, of a verb usually indicate differences in the time or manner of an action. (such differences in a noun are spatial relationship or in the relationship or in the relation of person or thing to an action, as performer, benefited) (Dudley 1971:15).

Based on the explanation above, the cases of grammar especially about verb are found in various obejct, such as in literature, movies, even in novel. One of

novels that found many cases of verb is *Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Sea Of Monsters's* novel by Rick Riordan.

In this case, *Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Sea Of Monsters* is one of the well-known Novel that written by Rick Riordan. Thi is a fantasy adventure novel based on Greek Mythology. The Sea of Monsters was released on April 1, 2006, by Miramax Books, an imprint of Hyperion Books for Children. It was generally well received and was nominated for numerous awards, including the 2006 Book Sense Top Ten Summer Pick and the 2009 Mark Twain Award. It sold over 100,000 copies in paperback with over one million copies total and was released in audiobook format on September 6, 2006. The Sea of Monsters is followed by *The Titan's Curse*, the third book of the five in the series.

Novel is a long prose narrative that usually describe fictional characters and events in the form of sequential story. As a written literary works we can find verbs and phrasal verb that written in this novel, there are mny expresses in different ways by using verbs and phrasal verb, for example:

- a. I **heard** hooves clattering against the pavement (p. 1)
- b. He **walks** with a strange limp... (p. 1)
- c. He **was trying** to get away from.. (p.2)

From the explanation above, the researcher is interested to analyze the verbs used in this novel, moreover this novel is one of the famous novel that the researcher is interested in the usage of verb analysis because it will give her personally a true understanding of this materials. In addition, verb is the important part of sentence that can categorizing and showing the time of the sentence. The

researcher really expects it is able to help and make easy for english beginner in studying english certainly.

There have been studies about the usage of verb previously. The first one was done by Deden Munawar Ihsan (2004) entitled *The Usage Of Verbs On Soccer News In The Jakarta Post Newspaper*. It focused on the research into the verbs that used on soccer news, the writer of this research wanted to find out the verbs that used on Soccer News in Jakarta Post Newspaper.

The second one was done by Desnedi (2006) Entitled *Grammatical Forms Of Verb Analysis On Modern American Poetry By Ezra Pound, Walt Whitman, And Henry Red*. It focused on the grammatical forms of verb that used in Modern American Poetry and the writer wanted to find out do the grammatical forms of verbs in the poems can influence the style and the meaning of the poetry.

The third one was done by Rifkoh (2016) who writes *English Phrasal Verbs In The Hunger Games Movie: "Mockingjay" Serial*. The writers wanted to find out the form of English phrasal verbs in The Hunger Games Movie "Mockingjay" Serial, the writers also wanted to find out the english phrasal verbs that used on that serial movie.

The fourth one was done by Muna Armina (2013) who writes *The Auxiliary Verbs Of Non-Standard English Pattern In Mark Twain's Novel The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer*. Her research is to find out and demonstrate how pattern of Non-standard english auxiliary verbs is used by Mark Twain in The

Adventures of Tom Sawyer and to know the context of what Non-standard english auxiliary verbs is used by character in the novel.

This research is different form the previous studies above, this research is to find out the categories of verbs are used in *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel and the functions of those verbs *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel.

## 1.2 Statement of Problem

Based on the description above, the researcher analyzes the verb that used in this Novel, but it will make a lot of problems are found. This situation will make the study wider and unfocused. To limiting the scope of the study, the researcher makes the limit of the study into two questions as follows:

1. What categories of verb are used in *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel?
2. What are the functions of those verbs in *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel?

## 1.3 Research Objective

1. To find out the categories of verbs that used in *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel.
2. To know the functions of those verbs in *Percy jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters's* Novel.

#### 1.4 Research Significance

Regarding the background, this research is hopefully able to bring significance. There are theoretical significance and practical significance. The explanation of that term is as follows.

Theoretical significance, the researcher has expectation that the result of this research will be useful for the reader. The researcher also hopes this research gives information for the other researchers who are going to deeper this materials, especially on reading and writing subject. particularly for student of English Department who focused on Linguistics Background. Beside that, the researcher would like to share the knowledge to people who interest with the problem in this research.

Practically significance, this research gives many information and references for university students who are majoring English in applications of Basic English Grammar. As learning a theory will understanding if it is supported by practice, and learn more about verb.

#### 1.5 Definition of Key Terms

1. Verb : Indicated a change in time by changing the verb itself:  
to show the time present or past. Verb also a class of word  
that expressing an action or state being.

2. Novel : A long prose narrative that usually describes fictional  
character and events in the form of a sequential story.