CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides information about background of the research, statements of problem, purpose and significance of research, and organization of writing.

1.1. Background of the Research

Communication needs a language to convey information that is expressed. It needs context for making the communication can be understood effectively and efficiently. Language is studied internally and externally by human, the internal of language related to the structure of the language which refers to aspects linguistics. There are many branches in the linguistics are syntax, phonology, morphology, and semantics. Moreover the language related to background of the sentence or utterance externally as in pragmatic approach. Semantics is only the study of meaning lexically without context of situation of sentence. Whereas pragmatics are very closely related with human being because the meaning of utterances comes from the speakers. Pragmatics approach examines the relationship between language and context. Since pragmatics involves many aspects beyond that able to give meaning to the language. Ariel (2008:01) argues Pragmatics has many definitions depend on the central topic which is chosen.
The theories of pragmatic consist of speech act, implicature, presupposition, deixis, and others. Furthermore, the definition of pragmatic in this research that pragmatic presupposition is the speaker’s acknowledge in processes of build their utterance influence the communication effectively. The use of language correctly is not sure getting the right conclusions especially when they are expressing it inappropriately. This is also occur in understanding or interpreting information. Therefore, every human being would be able to understand the purpose and meaning of utterances is delivered by the hearer.

In this case, the utterance that has been uttered by the speaker, is not only should be understood but also it should appropriate the context that occur at that time. Because of the use of language in daily often comes a misunderstanding that because the purpose and information of an utterance is not conveyed properly.

*Stalnaker (1999:40) states “The concept of pragmatic presupposition should play a role, both in the definition of various speech acts such as assertion, prediction, or counterfactual statement, and also in specifying semantical rules relating sentences to propositions relative to context”*

The interactions in this life cannot be denied between humans to fluency and comprehension in an interaction is influenced by several things. Interactions that occur in a conversation both in everyday life or the movie creat a speech act. In addition the form of a speech act must be assessed for deciding if the speech act is already be understood by the hearer or not, and the interactions will flow smoothly if the interaction both the speaker and the hearer can understand the intention of the topic utterance. On the other hand, in reality there are many interactions which are not be understood the participants.
As a matter of fact, in everyday life consciously or unconsciously people already implement the concepts of presupposition. Besides, the situation has effect to an interaction in the conversation. Since in the certain situation that person will become easily angry and offended so that there is interaction between the speaker and the hearer will not run properly. Therefore, a speaker must be able to use the good language and acceptable or is interpreted real meaning by the hearer.

In an interaction between participants often appear speech acts. Speech acts are very important in communication because the fluency of communication depend on it. Therefore, to see the connection of presuppositions with speech acts between the two main characters of this leap year’s movie that only focuse on the presupposition in a conversation which is used by the main character of this movie.

*Leap Year* movie by Anand Tucker is chosen because the two main characters of the movie *leap year*, their utterances belong to presupposition. Furthermore, the movie is also quite famous in that time and gets the award of movie. The difference in this movie with other movies is educational film, because the story is the same reality of society that is occurred in the country. Since the societies in Dublin is famous for its hospitality. Furthermore, this presupposition connects with several conversations which are expressed by the two main characters. This movie is a romantic comedy is directed by Anad Tucker and the main stars are Amy and Mathew Goode Adams, Amy Adams who often stars another famous movie like in Disney movie. The story begins of a woman who inspires to propose her boyfriend in a romantic tradition that is usually carried out by the Irish community on February 29th in a leap year. According to Irish tradition
if a man who receives a marriage proposal on a leap day must accept a marriage proposal. Thus, there are funny and fun events which are experienced by the woman. Although at firstly she would not like to go to Ireland but she is influenced by her father. When in Ireland she met a native Irish man who will marry her not her boyfriend finally. This scene there are utterances use speech of presupposition is delivered by the two main character of this movie.

People in their life as a social being relate to others, they interact with the other people around them. Moreover the language has an important role in life, because language has a function as communication and conveys a message from a person to another. In this activity, the speaker does not just to convey the message, but they also building a social relationship with the hearer. In other words, the speakers does not just talk, but the firstly they also must think about their utterance will be uttered. The people need to think about their utterances can be understood or not, its reason of the importance of presuppositions.

Presupposition is the speaker’s assumption before declaration the utterances can be understood by the hearer. As Yule’s stated (1996: 25) a definition of presupposition “is a something the speaker assumes to be the case prior to making an utterance”. The presuppositions is used to give the assumption or prediction that appropriate with in use of the sentence then able to provide conclusion or assumptions of the speakers before making utterances that will be delivered is also understood by the hearer.

Presupposition has a very important role in communication activities because presuppositions effect to interactions between each other going well or not.
In an interaction between the person with the other one takes the choice of words that an utterance can be accepted by both the hearer and the speaker.

Moreover, an interaction that is affected by a particular situation usually has a different meaning in the general meaning. Which are also present in the use of words that are expressed by the two main characters of this movie.

The choice of pragmatic approach in this research because this research analysis the function of presupposition in the process of communication effectively. Pragmatics is a branch of linguistics external that examines the language of speech acts and also examines that communication is good and right so that the message or purpose of the conversation can be caught by the other.

There are some researches like this research. Nevertheless there are differences between the researcher’s study and the previous research. The previous studies that analyzes about presupposition are Yori (2003) that analyzes the application of presupposition trigger in English discourse. He found the utterances of presupposition trigger in English discourse such as neutral or existential presuppositions and controversial presuppositions. Thus, another research is Nuryati Yuliana (2011) that analyzes pragmatic Analysis in Editorial Cartoons “Kabar Bang One” on Tv One News Program. Different with Yori, she emphasizes her research placed on general pragmatics because the research is not only focuses on presupposition but also in implicature and forms of deviation maxims of cooperation used in editorial cartoons on tv one news program. In addition she finds the most dominant presupposition is factive presupposition.
This research is similar with the previous research about presupposition but this research discusses presupposition related with speech act because presupposition is the process before occur speech act such as the types of illocutionary act.

1.2. Statement of Problem

Actually this study related with speech act but more focuses on presupposition in English speech. The following of formulations of this research:

1. To what types of presupposition are Anna and Declan’s utterances categorized?
2. What is the speaker’s purpose in uttering their utterances?

1.3. Research Objective

There are some research objectives in this research, the research just limits the purpose into two purposes.

1. To analyze the types of presupposition used by the two main characters in the movie.
2. To identify the purpose of the speakers in uttering their utterances

1.4. Research Significance
The researcher would like to apply theory about presupposition as in pragmatics approach as the linguistic student. Hikmat (2011: 131) emphasizes that significance of research is divided into theoretical significance and practical significance.

Theoretically, this research gives many advantages for the researcher with many valuable experiences and knowledge after finishing this research. In addition this research gives acknowledge about the usage pattern of language well without hurt another and recognize pragmatics approach especially presupposition. Learning about presupposition, people can choose the particular word to describe a purpose in a sentence or utterance. This research about presupposition, for the researcher this is so useful, because in the utterances there is a meaning or purpose does not explain it based on the context situation that occur.

Practically, this research can be useful for the readers who want to know and study about presupposition. Furthermore, the researcher hopes if this research can be used for another research, it can explain that the same sentence or utterance have the differences of category and meaning. Other researchers can do the similar research about presupposition in different field namely presupposition failure, presupposition triggers and many more.

1.5. Definition of the Key Term
In this research, there are many terms that is explained based on the theories which is used. The researcher defines important related terms to this research as follow:

1. Pragmatic is the study of meaning based on the context. the interpretation sentences or utterances can be understood by the participants involved the conversation then must consider a context. Context gives great influence to form of meaning of the speakers.

2. Speech act is an utterance which is used in communication between the participants. The speaker uses speech act to deliver information include of greeting, request, advice and many more.

3. Illocutionary act is the utterance which is delivered by the speaker has the purpose to the hearer.

4. Presupposition is the speaker’s assume before delivering utterance so the information which is delivered can be understood by the hearer. To avoid miss understanding and miss interpretation between the speaker and hearer. So, it makes the communication becomes effective.

5. *Leap Year movie* is a romantic comedy and directed by Anad Tucker and the main stars are Amy and Mathew Goode Adams. The story begins of a woman who inspires to propose her boyfriend in a romantic tradition that is usually carried out by the Irish community on February 29th in a leap year. According to Irish tradition if a man who receives a marriage proposal on a leap day must accept a marriage proposal.

1.6. Organization of Writing
This research consists of five chapters. The first chapter is introduction; consist of background of research, statement of problem, purpose and significance research, organization of writing and classification of key terms. The second chapter is theoretical foundation; it consists of the theories that are relevant to the present study. It provides the pragmatics as linguistics, context, the kind of presupposition and the kinds of utterances. Then, third chapter is research Methodology in conducting this research; it consist of research design, research instrument, sample of data, technique of collecting data, and technique of analyzing data. In addition, fourth chapter is finding of discussion. This chapter will be explained by the general finding of data about the strategies of main characters statement presuposition and the types of utterances presuposition in *Leap Year* Movie. The last chapter will explain about conclusion and suggestion.