

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the scientific reason and the basic foundation for this study. It provides background of research, statement of problem, study objective, research significance, and definition of key term.

1.1. Background of Research

Nowadays, grammar is popular among language learners, especially traditional grammar which focuses on the rules of producing correct sentences, which mean understanding traditional grammar will allow you to know “ how to structure a sentence”. Besides that grammar, there is one called systemic functional grammar (SFL). It views language as resource of making meaning. It describes language in actual use while focus on text and context. (Gerot & Wignel, 1995) Which means understanding functional grammar concerns not only with structure but also with how the structure constructs meaning. By that perspective, in this research the researcher interests to analyze systemic functional grammar in order to answer question “how are meaning of a text realised?”

Systemic functional grammar (SFL) sees language as a resource of making meaning, while it describes text and its context in actual used. SFL has three main functions of clause, namely metafunctions. The metafunctions are clauses as message, clauses as exchange, and clauses as representation. In clause as message, it can be analyzed as theme and rheme, and in clause as exchange it is as mood and residue, while as clause as representation, the clause involves transitivity; process, participant, and circumstance. (Sujatna, 2009) In this research transitivity system is chosen by the researcher for analyzing the clause.

More specific theory as framework chosen is circumstance. It is transitivity element which function is to specify the sentences into “where, when, how, with, whom, how many and as what. Circumstantial in functional grammar is the name given to those elements which carry a semantic load, but are neither processes nor

partisipant. (Emila, 2014) Generally circumstance can be found in adverb and adverbial since its function to explain the participant and the process.

The researcher chosed circumstance as tool for analyzing clause because it can explains both participant and process, which mean circumstance can be found in every clause as adverbial. There are many types of circumstance in SFL, they are time, place, manner, cause, accompaniment, matter, role, etc. Each types has different structure in explaining participant or process. Nevertheless there are not many researches pertaining to the topic circumstance, especially in the researcher university. Therefore, circumstance was chosen as the subject of study in order to provide more insights for the next research.

In this research the researcher takes a movie script as the object of study, since it contains spoken language which is trasformed into written text. Spoken language is often used in daily human communication, because it does not focus neither formal grammar nor formal diction, it is clearly different with other object study such as news report and speech which focused on formal grammar and formal diction.

The movie selected is Malcolim X, produced by Spike Lee in 1992. There are many clauses are collected from this movie script, but the researcher restricts only to the clauses which are uttered by the main character (Malcolim X). The researcher choses this movie because it contains a hundreded of clause, because its duration about 200 minutes. So it gives a lot of data, include relational process, non-relational process, and circumstance. It is different with other movie script which has been read by the researcher. In the Center of the Sea movie script actually has a lot of clause too, but they don't contain lot of circumstance instead. The other movie script is come from John Wick movie. There is a little bit clause that can be collected since it is an action movie, so it focuses on action rather than conversation. Besides that the researcher chosed Malcolim X movie as object of study because it is an islamic movie so it gives a lot of moral values to be learned by human race, especially muslim.

There are some previous studies that analyzed clause using transitivity system. The first study of transitivity was taken up by Haq (2019). It focused on

mental process which is uttered by main character in a movie script. This study has two main study objective, first one is “to investigate the kind of mental process used by Leonidas in his utterance in 300 movie script” and second one is “to analyze the frequency of mental process out of total proceses in his utterance in 300 movie script”. The result of the research tells that cognitif mental procees is the most important process since it has high frequence.

The second research is taken up by Sihura (2019). It analyzed the processes in Frozen movie script and discovered the dominant type process used in the movie script. It concluded that the processes were available in the Frozen movie script while the material process is the dominant process with 149 clauses of total.

The third research is taken up by Adrianti (2018). It identified the participant, process, and circumstance in electronic device advertisement on internet. The outcome of the research shows that there are many process and circumstance that can be discovered, except for existential process, meteorological process, circumstance element of matter, contingency and angle. Material process is the dominant process, actor for the dominant participant, and circumstance of manner for dominant circumstance.

The forth research is taken up by Mulyana (2016). It investigated the types process and participant delivered from transitivity analysis in two article in WikiLeaks release. It also explains the refelection of political orientation through transtitivity analysis.

The fifth research is taken up by Arifiani (2017). It investigated the most frequent process are used in Student textbook, in this research material process is the frequent process used.

In this research the researcher uses the same system for analysing clause, it is transitivity. But there is difference among this research and the previous researches. This research focuses on circumstance in making meaning , while the previous one attracted on the processs and the participant in creating meanig. Besides that the object of study of this research is English islamic movie script. It is clearly different with the previous researches which analyze advertisement on internet, student texkbook, Wikileak news report, and non islamic movie script. Therefore this

research entitle “Transitivity Analysis: Circumstances Element Uttered by Main Character on Malcolm X Movie Script”

1.2. Statements Problem

The problem that will be studied in this research is how the circumstance makes meaning through the clause which are used by the main character of Malcolm X movie script. The problem formulated can be remarked as follow:

- 1) What circumstances are uttered by the main character in Malcolm x movie script?
- 2) How the dominant circumstances explain the processes which uttered by main character in Malcolm X movie script?

1.3. Research Objective

in line with the statement problems, this research aims:

- 1) To find circumstances which are uttered by the main character in Malcolm x movie script
- 2) To explain the way dominant circumstances explain the processes uttered by main character in Malcolm X movie script

1.4. Research Significances

There are theoretically and practically significances that can be examined from This research. Theoretically, this research can expose participants and processes through analyzing circumstance in system of transitivity. Moreover language learner can understand SFL through the result of this reasearch. Practically, the result of this research is expected to give contrbution to the knowledge of transitivity analysis. It also can be used as the foundation for future learner especially English Literature Departement student who interest in analyzing text through transitivity analysis.

1.5. Definition of Key Terms

In order to clarify the key terms used in this research, some definitions are put for avoiding misconception. They are:

- 1) Systemic Functional Linguistic/Grammar : A theory for analyzing clauses based on text and their context in actual use.
- 2) Transitivity : A metafunctions of systemic functional grammar which is used for describing a clause through the representation of the world.
- 3) Clause : A group of words that includes a subject and a verb.
- 4) Participant : An aspect of ideational meaning that includes the people , ideas, or things participating in the process.
- 5) Processes : One of aspect of transitivity that specifies activities.
- 6) Circumstance : A condition such as when, where, why or how the process takes place.
- 7) Malcolm x : The main character of Malcolm X movie
- 8) Movie Script : A spoken language which is transferred into written language in a movie.





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