

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of The Study

Language plays a vital role in human life and nobody can deny it. Language is a means of communication, a kind of social tool which is essential for human to interact socially with the society. As human beings, people need it to express their emotions, ideas, feelings, beliefs and thoughts to other people either in spoken or written. Thus, it can rightly be said that language fulfilled the basic human need of talking and enabled human to depend on others for its various needs in order to live. If there were no language, human civilization would have remained impossibility. Language is a purely special gift of God to human beings. In order to deliver ideas, thoughts, feelings, emotions, people need media where people can express or share their ideas. The media that can be used as a medium as literary work.

Literary work is a result from the people who already express or share their ideas, feelings, thoughts and emotions and put it into a book or a piece of paper. There are many examples of literary work such as : Poem, novel, legend, myth, comic and others.

Comic book is one of literary work which have a complete plot story from the beginning until the end of the story and have a drawing picture as the addition beside the story and to make it different from another literary work. As a medium where people express and share their feelings, thoughts and ideas, comic

book has an important function to entertain the readers with the story inside the comic book. Just like another books, comic book have a lot of genre such as : sport, love, war, teen, battle, social, health, magic, super power, comedy and others.

Eyeshield 21 is one of sport comic book that can be found in book store in Medan. Originally, *Eyeshield 21* created in Japan as the country with a excellent skill in making a comic book using Japanese language, but now the comic book has already translate into various language include English for universal readers and Bahasa for Indonesian readers. In Japan, they have a little bit different name of comic book, their people call it Manga comic book. This comic book is good for readers who love sport, challenge, never give up, hard working, comedy and friendship because readers can find all of that in this comic book. As a sport comic book with different author with another sport comic books, *Eyeshield 21* has its own characteristics and different language used compare with another sport comic books which make this comic book become more interesting and to attract reader's attention.

In fact, there are many readers hard to recognize the purpose of the story each chapter, to see how the text is organized in each chapter, to understand the connection between one sentence or utterance to another sentences or utterance, and to get the main idea of the story in each chapter. Sometimes the readers read a text separately or skipped a text. The readers with a good vocabulary and more information about the text can overcome with these problem. But the problem come from the beginner, especially when they read English text. As the result,

they will find themselves confused in understanding an English text if they find a repetition of words in the text. By knowing reference they can overcome this problem because they can understand a text easily and get the writer's main idea and the whole plot of the story.

Reference is functionally defined as a participant or circumstantial element introduced at one place in the text can be taken as a reference point for something that follows (Halliday, 1994 : 309). The participant that usually refers is not only person, but it can also be a tool, a person's character, ability of someone, or the other creature. Based on definition, it is not necessary to repeat the participant or circumstantial element which has been stated before. In written text, repetition of the participant or circumstantial element is useless. The repetition of a word is not efficient because the repetition of a word is a way to appear boring in the reader's mind and then if there are too many repetition words in the text will confuse the reader, especially the beginner one so it makes the reader hard to understand the text.

In writing a comic book, sometimes the author uses a word twice and repeats it again in the next line. Meanwhile, the reader wants to read simply and fast, in this situation the author needs to use reference as the way to avoid misunderstanding.

The use of reference can minimize the word repetition when the author writes a text. Here the writer wants to convey a research of the type and use of reference in *Eyeshield 21* comic book.

B. The Problem of The Study

Based on the background of the study, the problems of this study are formulated as following.

1. What types of Reference can be found in *Eyeshield 21* comic book?
2. What types of Reference is dominantly used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book?
3. What use of reference is dominantly used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book?

C. The Objective of The Study

In relation to the problems, the objective of this study are.

1. to derive the several types of Reference which are used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book.
2. to determine the most Reference types which are used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book.
3. to derive the dominant pattern of reference which are used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book.

D. The Scope of The Study

Eyeshield 21 comic book is a sport drawing story book that focus to entertaint the reader. Originally this comic book using Japanese language, but now these books has been translated into various language include English language and Indonesia Language. This study deals with destination chapters which written

in English language. The study focused to describe the types and the uses of reference according to Halliday and Hasan.

E. The Significance of The Study

The findings of the study are expected to be useful for

1. The students especially the student of English department to enlarge their knowledge about reference. It is hoped by knowing reference help them to understand the meaning of the text easily.
2. The readers in order to get more information about reference especially those used in *Eyeshield 21* comic book.
3. The researchers, this study can inspire them to conduct a more in depth research in order to have a better knowledge in understanding reference in a comic book.