

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of Study

In ordinary living, language cannot be separated from the human being. No one can deny that language plays an important role in all aspect of life. It is because language is a tool of communication and interaction to a people who areas of the same community, the same geographical even the same cultural tradition to express themselves and it is a sign of respect. People who influence in the development of language say that language is a part of who we are. By using language, people keep social relations among the user.

Nowadays, some people rarely use language to write in complete sentences and structure. In contrast, there is a gap between the languages itself with the people as the user. The gap occurs when the people that using one language arrange the context in different ways. They added, changed, connected, omitted, or replaced parts of linguistic structures, which should understand by the readers even though they are not expressed in literal, such as in a literature.

Literature is a part of society in exposing the problems at this period in the form of spoken and written. So many types of literary works, they are poetry, drama, novel, short stories or a memoir. A memoir is a narrative composed from personal experiences, such as biography and autobiography. The text tells about the writer experience or the other person experience.

The whole of the text in a memoir can be understood by the readers when the text covered in a good concept. Because it would explain sense, value, and message from the author to the readers which express their feelings or thought about something that related to the social life.

However, the reality is contrary to the theories. So many people find difficulties in comprehending literary works, such as novel, drama, and poetry in their reading. They do not find the sense from the text. They were considered that reading poems better than narratives. The writer assumes it can be caused by lacking the knowledge to comprehend the text as a unity, how the texts are linked together and the function of every component in a text.

In line with the problems, cohesive devices that proposed by Halliday and Hassan (1976:4) are chosen by the writer to contribute to the quality of the text in literary works. There are five types of cohesive devices in it; they are reference, substitution, ellipsis, conjunction and lexical cohesion. Refers to the function of each type of cohesive devices itself, a text will have a good relationship between one sentence to another, or from one paragraph to another.

We can find some literary works that exploited by cohesive devices in it. One of the literary works is *A Brother's Journey*, the New York Times bestsellers of Dave Pelzer's popular novels. *A Brother's Journey* is Richard B. Pelzer's 2005 autobiographical account of his violence as a child by his alcoholic mother, Catherine Roerva. She enjoyed torturing him by starving

him, forcing him to drink a poison, hitting on him and others horrors as a game.

The sentences from the text as the preliminary data can be seen as below:

“Mom grew up in Salt Lake City and was very much a socialite. *She* would tell stories of friends *and* family she remembered enjoying”.
(A Brother’s Journey, page 14).

From the example above as preliminary data, we can see how the writer covered the story by using the types of cohesive devices to make the sentence have a good relationship. He uses “*she*” to refer mom. In types of cohesive devices which is called as reference and “*and*” that refers to the additive conjunction.

The phenomenon of the cohesiveness is one of the topics that usually brought to the air by the people who do arts. So many researchers have been discussed the cohesiveness of the text from magazines, newspaper, or novel. But it’s hard to find a researcher which discusses a novel with an autobiographical genre. This is one reason why this topic is chosen to be discussed.

Thus, based on the explanation above, the writer chooses A Brother’s Journey and cohesive devices to be analyzed. The reasons for choosing it due to identify the characteristic of the text, refers to Yule’s view (1986:106), that the analysis of cohesive devices in a text given us some insight on how writers

structure, what they want to say and it is very crucial factors in judgment on whether something is well-written or not. Besides to get a deep understanding about cohesive devices, especially in a text, this study is also challenging to be researched.

B. The Problems of The Study

Based on the background has been described above, there are three research questions as the problems of this study which is described as follows.

1. What types of cohesive devices are found in A Brother's Journey memoir?
2. What is the dominant type of cohesive devices in A Brother's Journey memoir?
3. How is the implication of dominant types of cohesive devices that used in A Brother's Journey memoir?

C. The Objectives of The Study

Based on the problems of the study above, therefore the objectives of the study are as follows.

1. To investigate the types of cohesive devices used in A Brother's Journey memoir.
2. To investigate the dominant type of cohesive devices in A Brother's Journey memoir.

3. To describe the implication of the dominant type of cohesive devices in A Brother's Journey memoir.

D. The Scope of The Study

It is important to limit the analysis and the object of the analysis in order to get a clear and satisfactory result. For facilitating this research, the scope of the study is limited on the types of cohesive devices in A Brother's Journey memoir. This deals with reference, substitution, ellipsis, conjunction, and lexical cohesion.

E. The Significance of The Study

The results of this research are expected to be beneficial both theoretically and practically. At the theoretical level, the results of the analysis is able to improve the students skills in writing and reading. English literature students can improve their reading speed by comprehending how the content is linked together. They also can improve their writing skill by understanding the function of cohesive device and they can use in a right context and it is efficient. Beside the cohesion ties, the readers also can take the values from this literary works. The important thing that cannot deny is Richard Pelzer's touching account is a testament to the strength of the human heart and it has been a therapist for some victim in maltreatment.

On a practical level, the results of this analysis are expected to be an additional source of doing a research in terms of learning cohesive devices.