

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### A. The Background of The Study

Language cannot be separated from the human being language is a tool to say anything and express the ideas, by language, people can interact well, exchanging their ideas and also to fulfill their needs. Language serves many functions: to give information, to persuade people to do something, etc. language use in people daily communications. Communication is act of giving and asking information, communication itself divided into two forms: spoken and written communication, spoken communication means the process of expressing ideas which is done orally, and written communication is done in written form, usually find in letter, novel, magazine, etc.

When exchanging and expressing the ideas, the human being perform two roles namely giving and demanding, the commodity may be information and goods or services. In systemic functional linguistic, it named speech function, speech function is a way of someone delivers the ideas in communication to make the listener understand the ideas well. Speech function itself divided into four kinds: statement, question, command and offer (Halliday, 1994:69). In mood system, the kinds of speech function above realized by declarative, interrogative and imperative, offer function is coded by any one of the three moods.

The spoken communication is usually represented by utterances. In every utterances people used to talk containing grammatical structure and words. In every word, phrase or sentence is always perform the different function and misunderstanding will occur if the listener does not notice what kind of function uses by the speaker.

Example:

Then you keep moving round, I suppose?

Come, let's hear some of your adventures.

Here is the explanation, by those examples above the readers or the listeners may get a bit confused to notice what kind of function is. In the first example, it used question mark even though the grammatical structure does not contain any kind of question elements such as: interrogative words (5w+h) or finite but in this sentence the speaker requires the listener's answer. Then in the second example, it is command actually although it used full stop. It is not so difficult to notice because the listener or reader would know the function by its meaning.

Systemic Functional Linguistics is theory centered on a notion of language function. It is concerned with the realization between language and context, interpersonal meaning in text. (Halliday, 1994:608). Based on theory of SFL, language is used by people to fulfill the function of language as interpersonal meaning. Interpersonal meaning concern the speaker's role in the speech function.

Speech function is an exchange communication between speaker and listener where the speaker adopts a speech functional role and assigns the addressee a complementary role. There are four types of speech function; they are statement, question, offer, and command (Halliday, 1994:69).

The communicative act or verbal communication is usually represented by the utterances. In attempting to express themselves, people produce utterances containing grammatical structures and words. It shows that every word, phrases or a sentence that is human uttered perform different form and if the hearer cannot get the intention of every utterance, it will lead a misunderstanding.

The study that used speech function theory is in SMS Broadcast on Flexi (Siti Utami, 2007). The writer focuses in SMS Broadcast on Flexi that want to know how the act of communication between company and their customer by using SMS Broadcast. What the speech functional role and commodity exchange that company use. After the analyzing the data, the writer found that there are some speech functions and the dominant speech function that used in SMS Broadcast on Flexi is command.

Another The study used Speech Function theory is in Advertising Texts (Ayu Wandia, 2007). In advertising text, the writer focuses on advertising text that aimed to change the human thinking about advertisement is not only to promote the product but also give information. After the analyzing the data, the writer found that there are some speech functions in advertising text and the dominant speech function that used in advertising text is offer.

From the examples above, the writer wants to give the deeply explanation about speech functions which contain of two parts they are giving and demanding which are the essence of communication must be noticed well to avoid misunderstandings occur towards the speaker and the listener. When the speaker utters something through question, he/she is actually requiring the listener to receive it. While requiring to give information when he/she utters something through command or offer. The writer aware this issue so that she wants to analyze the speech functions of novel utterances. In case there are some research through this theory and found some conclusions, for the examples in hypnosis utterances tent to use question as the highest proportion because the hypnotist ask some question to get the information as much as possible (Anggraini: 2011). Another research found that the highest proportion in comic is statement. By this study, the writer will explain the form of utterances used by Alice on Alice's Adventures In Wonderland Novel by using the speech functions theory. The writer chooses this novel because

she is interested to the story, plot and also the setting moreover the readers will be curious to its fantastical story and find the revelation in the end of story. In case Alice was in the wonderland then she found many things opposite to her real life that was something weird so that she used to talking to express her feelings. Besides this novel can be read by whole ages, it is no longer read by children, its charm and imaginative story can survive for the adult reader. Through speech functions used by the main character in this novel, people can analyze the form of utterances and apply it in their daily communication. Based on the previous explanation, the writer would like to do study on speech functions in Alice's direct speech in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Novel.

#### **B. The Problems of The Study**

The Problems of The Study are:

- a. What types of speech functions are used in Alice's utterances?
- b. What types of speech functions are most dominantly used in Alice's utterances?
- c. What does the dominant mean used in Alice's utterances?

#### **C. The Scope of The Study**

The study analyzes the types of speech functions in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Novel. There are four primary speech functions, they are: statement, question, offer and command. The writer uses M.A.K. Halliday's theory to identify speech functions that are found on Alice's dialogue in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Novel.

#### **D. The Objectives of The Study**

Related to the problems of the study formulated above, the objectives of the study are as follows:

- a. To find out the types of speech functions which are used in Alice's utterances.

- b. To find out the most dominant types of speech functions that is used in Alice's utterances.
- c. To explain why the dominant used by Alice.

**E. The Significances of The Study**

The finding of the study is expected useful for:

- a. The readers who want to know about speech functions and how they are used in novel utterances.
- b. Students of English department particularly to improve their knowledge of speech functions.
- c. Researchers who want to deepen their knowledge and to conduct further studies about speech functions.

