

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Utterance could be said as main point in speech acts. Utterance means an act of speech or writing, it is a specific event, at a particular time and place and involving at least one person, the one who produces the utterance, but usually more than one person (Charles W. Kreidler, 1998:26). It means that when people have a conversation, there occur utterances.

People perform action through that utterance. Austin (in Yule, 1996) called it speech acts. Utterances also occur in a show in which the conversation happens among the host and quest stars.

Searle (1969:16) assures that all linguistic communication involves linguistic acts. The unit of linguistic communication is not only symbol, word or sentence, or even the token of the symbol, word or sentence, but rather the production or issuance of the symbol or word or sentence in the performance the speech acts. It means that speech acts tend to use spoken language than written form.

Based on Austin (in Levinson 1969:12) speech acts are divided into three parts. They are locutionary acts, illocutionary acts and perlocutionary acts.

Illocutionary act means that performing an act of doing something. The illocutionary act is analyzed based on context; it is about what is going on behind the text. Context is the background knowledge assumed to be shared by speaker and hearer and which contributes to *hearer's* interpretation of what speaker means by given

utterance (Leech, 1983:13). For example *It feels hot, isn't it?* To find the illocutionary aspect in this sentence, it ought to relate to the context when this utterance occurs.

The reason why the writer chooses Illocutionary acts to be analyzed is because the previous researchers analyzed illocutionary in novel, news paper, and movie. It is known that communication is successful not when hearers recognize the linguistics meaning of utterance, but when they infer the speaker's "meaning" from it. The usage of illocutionary acts also occurs in a talk show because a talk show is actually a real conversation in naturally society.

Television's station provides so many kinds of television program, such as: news program, standup comedy, singing competition, soap opera, and also talk show. But nowadays, talk show has become a popular television program in the world. Every country has television talk shows program include Indonesia. In this research, the writer would discuss about talk show which is an interesting kinds of television's program. The writer chooses talk show because talk show is interesting to be analyzed and the most popular in all ages. In this research, the writer chooses *Ellen Degeneres Talk Show* to be analyzed because the writer saw that this program is one of the best and popular talk show in the world nowadays.

The Ellen DeGeneres Show has consistently been one of the world's highest-rated shows and has been awarded many Daytime in several Awards. Hosted by star of *Ellen* and *The Ellen Talk Show*, *Ellen DeGeneres* always brings her A-game in order to make you laugh. This show also provides the featuring of a unique mix of celebrity interviews, provides the chart topping of music, provides the audience

participation games, provides segments spotlighting real life stories, and bring in amazing talent throughout all age-groups. *Ellen* encourages a "negative-free zone", and tries to make everybody feel as if they are in the studio, even if they are sitting at home. She regularly rings viewers and throughout regular segments within the show encourages people at home to send in videos, letters and even leave voicemail messages.

For this research, the writer takes two episodes from *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show* to be analyzed. They are: episodes *Special Guest star Taylor Swift* (February, 13th 2013) and *Special Guest star Justin Timberlake* (January, 5th 2009).

There are some relevance studies of Illocutionary Act which makes me get the inspiration to do this analysis. And also *Ellen DeGeneres* as the host uses the utterances that mostly belong to illocutionary acts. That's why this show to be analyzed by using speech acts theory, especially illocutionary. Let see an example of illocutionary acts that are taken from the dialogue of *Ellen DeGeneresShow*.

Ellen Degeneres: Ring it on 3 different guys. We'll narrow it down. So ring it 3 different times. Then it's still out there. We still don't know. So let's show the picture. All right?

Taylor Swift : We didn't date

The situation in the conversation above is in a night show where *Taylor Swift* as the guest star. In that moment *Ellen* asked *Taylor* to ring the bell in 3 different times if she had ever in a date with the guys in the screen. It is a kind of ordering in directive types of illocutionary acts.

In one of *Ellen DeGeneresTalk* show's episodes entitle *Special Guest Star Taylor Swift* as the example above, the writer observes that there are so many utterances that are used by the host, the utterance relates to the speech action. These utterances relate to speech act include illocutionary acts. That is the reason why illocutionary acts are chosen to be analyzed. These are analyzed based on the context, through the tones, emotion, and feeling.

This study will be carried out based on pragmatics study which is generally concerned with the relationship between language, illocutionary act and utterance. This is becoming the motive to the writer to conduct the research because it is an interesting topic to get knowledge and benefit for many people.

B. The Problems of the Study

This study examines the following questions.

- 1) What types of illocutionary acts are revealed in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show* ?
- 2) What type of illocutionary act which is dominantly occurs in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show* ?
- 3) Why the type is dominant?
- 4) In what contexts does the dominant type occur?

C. The Objectives of the Study

In the relation to the problems of study, the objectives of study are

- 1) to find out the types of illocutionary act occur in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show*, episodes *Special Guest Star Taylor Swift* and *Special Guest Star Justin Timberlake*.
- 2) to derive the dominant type of illocutionary act that used in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show*.
- 3) to find out the reason why is it dominantly used in *Ellen Degeneres Talk Show*.
- 4) to elaborate in what contexts the dominant type occur in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show*, episodes *Special Guess star Taylor Swift* and *Special Guess Star Justin Timberlake*

D. The Scope of the Study

In this research, the researcher is limited on the using of illocutionary acts as found in the utterances of Ellen as the host in *Ellen DeGeneresTalk Show* based on Searle's theory (Directives, Commisives, Expressive, Assertive, Declaratives). The data were taken from an episodes *Special Guest star Taylor Swift* (February, 13th 2013) and *Special Guest star Justin Timberlake* (November, 5th 2013).

E. The Significances of the Study

Findings of the study are expected to be useful in some respects. The findings are relevant

- 1) for those readers especially the student of English Department to those in term of having more information and competence of analyzing the types of illocutionary acts
- 2) for other students of university are suggested to learn Speech Acts which contains kinds of ideas illocutionary acts; directives, assertive, commissives, declaratives, expressive in order to help them to find out the information which are stated based on illocutionary acts.
- 3) for Lecturers named as reference materials and in conducting research
- 4) for the next researcher named as references and guidelines for further research in order to become better future research and
- 5) for those who are interested in the field of pragmatic study in English.

