CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of Study

Language is used by human being to build a communication where language is used to express thought, emotions and feeling. Language can be influenced by some factors, one of them is society. Society as the place of every human to interact is the place where language develop. As known, in the society will be founded the social class, sex, education and race which are influence language as strong as language itself, and the strongest one is sex.

The study of language and society is discussed on the sociolinguistics. Language which is used in the society will be developed. The developing of languages in the society can change and give variations of language, and this is learned on the sociolinguistic. Sumarsono (2002:1) says that sociolinguistic is the study of language which is connected to the society conditions (especially in the society of the social life).

There are two sexes which are acceptable on the society, they are women and men. The differences of the two sexes are holding the development of language tightly because it is a fundamental fact of human life and it is not surprising to find them reflected language (Fasold, 1990:115).

Sex and gender is not same, where sex is something that human born with, it is the nature of the human being and it is biologically. Sex is classified into women and men, and the status of women and men can't be separated from the human being itself. In the other side, gender is the social construction, where the

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status of women and men changes into female/feminine and male/masculine. Gender construct the 'women' and 'men' status based on the attitude of the human being itself, for example: a men can be said as a feminine because of the attitude of the men was dominantly women alike.

The differences of sex ar influenced the reflection of the sex in the language, where the differences also make the reflection of the sex in the society. This is a problem which is can be found on the society, where because of the sex, language can be discriminated one of the sexes. The discrimination of sex by the language in the society is known as sexism.

Sexism is the society phenomenon that can be founded in the society activities. Sexism can be happened in language, culture, and literary work. There are many researches that is held in culture, language, and literary work where all of them is used to prove the existence of sexism on them and to prove the equality of sex in the society view.

The first one is a research about sexism in language can be found in the journal entitled *Sexism in Language,* conducted by Xiolan Lei in 2006. There, he found that there are some words that are used to discriminate sex, and dominantly – almost, it is discriminated women. The sexism in Xiolan research is found by the sexist attitude, where sexist is the judgment attitude based on the sex, so the point of view of sexist is not the attitude or the kindness, but focused on the sex. He concluded that sexism is social problem that must be solved so the discriminates of sex will be end.

Secondly, the research about sexism in culture is conducted by Nancy Ikaria-Maina, she explains her journal with the title *Linguistic Sexism: A Case of Gikuyu Language Discourse in Kenya.* This research focused on how the patriarchal culture that is consisted in Gikuyu language discriminates the one of the sex. Her research tries to find how the culture influences the language, in this case discriminates one of the sex, is women. She found that there are any discriminations of sex in Gikuyu language, where she concluded it from what she found in Gikuyu language. Gikuyu language can be said as sexist because in the structural of the language and the word is indicated the discrimination of one sex that is women.

Sexism is not only found in culture and language, but both of the research will be connected to the sexism found in literary works. There are so many kinds of literary work. In this case the literary work will be specified into novel. One of the researches of sexism in a novel is conducted by Octavia Tirafiah in her journal entitled *Sexism in Madasaris's The Years of The Voiceless.* This journal is her thesis work to get her master degree. This research analyzes the sexism in the novel, where she conducted it by the Feminism theory first, then continued it with sexism theory.

She found that feminism perspectives are supported that there are sex discriminations in the novel. She analyzed the sexism in the novel by two kinds of sexism that she used in her research, they are *Hostile* and *Benevolent Sexism.* She founds where there are sexist words and sexist attitude that discriminates women

as the weak sex. From what she found in her research, she concluded that there is any sexism action in the novel.

The study about sexism is an interesting case on the society. Sexism is a discrimination action based on the sex. It comes from the sexist attitudes, where sexist attitudes are an attitude that is giving the stereotype and judgment based on the sex. This attitude makes discrimination on the sex because of the stereotype and judgment brings negative impact to the sex which is get the sexism. Sexism or gender discrimination are prejudice or discrimination based on a person's sex. Sexism can affect any sex, but it is particularly documented as affecting women and girls (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexism).

Holmes (2001:305) says that sexist is an attitude where the people giving valuation or stereotype to a person based on the gender or sex rather than the attitudes of the person itself. It means, sexist focuses on sex to judge person, even the person has a good speech or good attitude they will get the negative stereotype because of the sex. Sexist language encodes stereotyped attitudes to women and man. Both of this theories will be conducted a new knowledge, that is language can discriminates one sex. As the phenomenon sexist brings the discussion of sexism, where sexism is the discussion of language which is discriminated one of the sex by the language used the stereotype.

Society is a location where the discrimination of sex can be found. The language which is used in the society will be reflected how the language discriminates the sex. In this case, the data are taken from the Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice.* Novel is one of media which is described the

conditions of a society, because a novel explains the story more detailed than a short story or poet.

In fact, in *Pride and Prejudice* the word which is reflected sexism found easily, it means there are sex discrimination act found in the story line. The example of sexist language where found in *Pride and Prejudice* Novel was:

My dear **Mr. Bennet**," said his lady to him one day, "have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But it is," returned she; "for **Mrs. Long** has just been here, and she told me all about it."

Mr = Mister/Master (Unmarked)

Mrs = Mistress (Marked)

The addressee of Mister and Mistress shows the status between women and men. Mister is an addressee for men, where in this word the status of men is hidden or we don't know that the status of the men is single or already married. In other hand, Mistress is an addresser for women, which is taken from Mister. This addressee shows the marital status of the women.

Based on the explanation above, the research about sexism is an important research to get the point of sex equality. This study will be focused on analyzing the sexism based on sexist language in *Pride and Prejudice* novel by Jane Austen and this research uses the theory about sexism conducted by Holmes (2001)

Sexism can be happened in every condition and every situation, in this research, the data taken from a novel which is supported this study. There are

many genres of novel, such as scientific fiction, romance, horror, criminal and etc. In a novel we find a reflection of a life story, because a novel wrote the story in a very detail one. In this research, the novel which is used is "Pride and prejudice" by Jane Austen's. This novel is a romance novel where the novel predicate as the most romantic novel till now and this is one of the reasons why this research uses this novel as the data. The popularity of this novel make the novel as the favorite novel to the readers and it is made the novel have a big impact to the readers.

Pride and Prejudice is one of the most popular literary works and nominated as an important novel in the history. There are some studies that held by some researchers on analyzing this novel. The first by Murdianti, entitle *Woman's Language Analysis on The Main Character in Jane Austen;s Novel Pride and Prejudice.* She used theory that is conducted by Lakoff in Janet Holmes book titled *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics 2ⁿᵈ Edition (2001).* She found that there were so many classifications of women's language in Pride and Prejudice novel where it is made the women language more complicated than men language.

The last previous study analyzed sexism focused on the analysis of women language, but this research focused on how sexism influences the story and to find out the sexism in *Pride and Prejudice* novel. The analysis of sexism in novel reflected the analysis of sexism that happened in the society. That is why this study will help people to avoid the discrimination of sex in the society.

B. The Problem of Study

1. What types of sexist languages are found in *Pride and Prejudice* novel?

2. Which sex is discriminated by the sexist language in *Pride and Prejudice?*

C. The objective of the study

The objectives of the study are:

1. To find out the types of sexism used in *Pride and Prejudice* novel.

2. To find out the kind of sex which discriminated by sexist language in *Pride and Prejudice* novel.

D. The Scope of the study

The scope of the study is focused on the stereotyped of sexism which is conducted by Holmes (2001:305) which is said sexism involves behavior which maintains social inequalities between women and man. She wrote there are a number of ways in which it has been suggested that the English language discriminates against women. They are

1. The English Metaphors

2. Marked and Unmarked.

3. Generalization

The data will be taken from the script from *Pride and Prejudice* novel. The data will be limited from chapter I to chapter X in the *Pride and Prejudice* novel.

E. Significance of Study

The analysis of sexist in language will give an understanding about sexist in language, and this will help the people to against the discrimination of sex role in language. There are three significant benefits of this research, they are:

1. Theoretically, it develops the theories about sexism and giving the better knowledge about sexism.

2. The English teachers will be helped to teach their student on topic sexism in a novel, movie and etc.

Practically, it is as a reference to the researchers that is interesting to analyze the sexism in the future.