

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of Study

Language is one of the most important thing that human need to interact to the other people. 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.

Human being use language in their daily life to make easy in communication. Cause language gives understanding between the speaker and the listener who know that language. Wierbicka (1996:1) stated that language is an instrument for conveying meaning. The structure of this instrument reflected its function, and it can only be properly understood in terms its function. Halliday (1994:106) stated that language enables human being to build a mental picture of reality, to make sense of what goes on around them. And Clark (1977:3) stated that language stand at the centre of human affairs, from the most prosaic to the most profound. It serves many functions; to give information, to express feeling, to persuade people, asking something, or many functions else.

Considering the statements and those various function of language mentioned above, in simple word it can be conclude that the function of language is as a tool of communication. Hornby (2000:225) stated that communication itself is the activity or process of expressing ideas and feeling or to give

information. It means when language is used, people need not only to interact with others but also to get other person understand their thought and feeling.

Halliday (1994:69) stated that 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 (SFL), 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. In mood system, the kinds of speech function above realized by declarative, interrogative and imperative, offer function is coded by anyone of the three moods. The spoken communication is usually represented by utterances. 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.

Halliday (1994:60) stated that 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. Based on theory of SFL, language is used by people to fulfill the function of language as interpersonal meaning. And interpersonal meaning its self concern the speaker's role in the speech function.

Human beings use language in order to fulfill three functions known as metafunctions. Metafunction is the system which covers the language functions.. Halliday in Bloor and Bloor (1995:9) classifies three broad categories in which human beings use language or known as metafunction. They are ideational,

interpersonal and textual functions. When the language is used to organize, understand and express our perceptions of the world and of our own consciousness, it performs ideational function. This function can be classified into two, they are experiential function is largely to concerned with content or ideas. While the logical function is concerned with the relationship between ideas. When the language is used to relate what it is said (written) to the real world and to other linguistic events. This involves the use of language to organize the text itself. This is known as the textual function.

It is called as interpersonal function when the language is used to enable us to participate in communicative acts with other people, to take on roles and to express and to understand feeling, attitude and judgments. The interpersonal function has two levels; they are speech function and mood.

To get an effective communication or interaction, the addresser (speaker/writer) and the addressee (listener/reader) will perform two roles, they are giving and demanding and commodity being exchanged could be information or goods and services. When someone says something in the form of statement, the speaker expects the listener to receive the information but when someone says something in the form of command, the speaker expect the listener to do something or to give some objects. This two variables, role and commodity exchange, when taken together, define the four primary speech function; statement, question, offer, and command.

Halliday (1994:69) stated that 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.

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.

Crystal (1980:327) stated that speech means communication or expression of thought in spoken words. Through speech, speaker conveys a message to the audience either it is to convey information or insight, to persuade or to motivate. A speaker must engage his or her audience with a central idea or propositions. If a speaker does not have a clear reason to give a speech, the speech should not be given.

Joko Widodo or usually called Jokowi is a leading figure in Indonesia especially in DKI Jakarta. Joko Widodo at his time had become mayor of Surakarta (Solo) 2 times for the tenure 2005-2015. He is previously businessman furniture currently elected Mayor of Solo. Jokowi won elections in 2012 and established as a DKI Jakarta Governor.

This study refers to the use of speech function in Jokowi's speeches. The writer found that there are many type of speech function in Jokowi's speeches. The writer considers that types of speech function in Jokowi's speeches are important to be analyzed to show the most dominant types of speech function is preferred by Jakarta's society.

The writer also 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 give information when he/she utters something through command or offer. The writer aware this issue so that he/she wants to analyze the speech functions of speeches. 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 detective Conan comic is statement (Hasibuan:2012). By this study, the writer will explain the form of utterances in Jokowi's speeches by using the speech functions theory. The writer chooses this figure because he/she is interested to the speeches which giving a different things than the other leader figure in Indonesia in 2013.

B. The Problem of Study

Base on the explanation on the background of study, the problems of the study are formulated as the following:

1. What types of speech functions are used in Jokowi's speeches?
2. What the most dominant type of speech functions are used in Jokowi's speeches?

3. What is the implication of the dominant types of the speech function used in Jokowi's speeches?

C. The Scope of the Study

The scope of this study is focused on the types of speech function identified in Jokowi's speeches. According to Halliday (1994:69), there are four primary speech functions. They are statement, question, command and offer.

D. The Objectives of the Study

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

1. To identify the types of speech function used in Jokowi's speeches.
2. To identify the most dominant type of the speech functions used in Jokowi's speeches.
3. To find out the implication of the dominant types of speech functions in Jokowi's speeches.

E. The Significance of the Study

The findings of this study are expected to be useful and relevant to:

1. The students of English Department who are learning functional grammar as guidance to analyze the types of speech function in speech/text.
2. Readers who want to enrich their knowledge and get more understanding and information of how speech function used.
3. The other researcher to use the findings as his/her reference in related subject