

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Language is one of the most important things in the world because language plays an important role on human life as a tool of communication in daily activities. It can be used every day in people's daily life to make easy in communication whether it is spoken or written. Human in society need to interact, to communicate or to show their ideas and interrelated to one another. When people used language, their language acts are the expression of meaning. It is because when people used language in communication is the activity to transfer of meaningful information.

Language is used in order to fulfill needs in live, namely to represent, to exchange and to organize experience. The concept is maintained by functional approach which is known as the metafunction that convey three kinds of function, namely ideational, interpersonal and textual function. The ideational function can be classified into experiential meaning and logical meaning.

Experiential meaning is one of the sub divisions of metafunction which is used to represent experience. The unit of experience is constituted by three elements, namely Process, Participant and Circumstance. A Process constitutes the activity done which is equivalent to verb in traditionally terminology. There are six types of Process, namely Material Process, Mental

Process, Verbal Process, Relational Process, Behavioral Process, and Existential Process. When uttering a sentence, in order to make it a meaningful of sense it should consist of at least one process or verb.

Communication is an important part of life which is the process exchanging of information and transmission of meanings. It can be achieved by using both spoken and written language as a medium of communication. A spoken language is human language as the way to communicate which is uttered directly through the speech organ including discussions, speeches, presentations, interpersonal communication and many other varieties. In spoken language voice totality plays a significant role and may have a greater impact on the listener than the intended content of the spoken words. Meanwhile, written language which is following the writing role can be significantly more precise in delivering its ideas. Written words can be chosen with greater deliberation and thought such as newspaper, magazine, novel, and so forth. Written form uses the language in a different way. It depends on the language features such as words and sentences to express ideas, thoughts and feelings more clearly and precisely. Words are carefully chosen and put into acceptable and communicative structures, so that be understood what is intended by readers.

Mass communication as one of the types of communication which is technically refers to the process of transferring or transmitting a message to a large group of people, typically, this requires the use of some form of media such as newspapers, magazines, television, radio or the Internet.

Newspaper as a medium communication is one of the mass media which has an important role in delivering its ideas to people. The mass media are that vehicles that carry message. So, newspaper also should be able to carry the message to the mass audience in presenting a report of an action. Newspaper use language of news in delivering and it is different in writing of the other text. Based on the functional grammar, the language used in newspaper will be different with the language used in other texts and different topics such as politic, economic, science text. In newspaper, the writer keeps on using many types of process in order to make meaningful sense of sentences.

Editorial is a subgenre of news in newspaper which expresses editor's opinions on current events or public controversies. Political news has recently become an extremely important means for the spread of political ideas. Recently, many political cases become attention in the community regarding the SBY government, such as the involvement of members of the Democratic Party in several cases of corruption, local elections and so on. Therefore, how an editor look at the issues concerning the head of state and whether a journalist can be balanced in presenting their opinions in the report of activities that occur in the problems.

The Jakarta Post is as one of the English newspapers that have been published by PT Bina Media Tenggara since 1983. It is a good reading material especially for beginners in learning English because one of the languages that have an important role in the world is English. English is a foreign language for Indonesians and it is used in many international activities such as commerce,

sport, science, education and technology. Moreover as is one of the mass media, it should be able to present a report of an action in an easily and understandable language by a mass audience of different educational levels.

Based on the reasons, this research is focused on the Process in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* which is focused on the political topics.

B. The Problems of the Study

Based on the background of the study, there are some problems that will be analyzed as the following.

1. What types of the Process are used in the editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics?
2. What type of Process is dominantly used in the editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics?
3. What is the implication of the dominant Process in the editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics?

C. The Objectives of the Study

In connection to the problems of study, the objectives are the following.

1. To discover the types of the Process which are used in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics
2. To discover the most dominant types of Process which are used in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics

3. To explore the implication of the dominant Process in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics

D. The Scope of the Study

The experiential function is realized by transitivity system which is constituted by three elements, namely Process, Participant, and Circumstance. Concerning with the complicated analysis, the scope of this study is limited and focused on the process in the system of transitivity in ten editorials of *The Jakarta Post* which focused on the political topics, which consists of Material Process, Mental Process, Verbal Process, Relational Process, Behavioral Process and the last Existential Process found in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topics.

F. The Significance of the Study

The findings of the study are regarded to be useful and relevant theoretically and practically in some respects. Theoretically, the research findings are expected to be useful for the verification of the theory about experiential function which is focused on the process in system of transitivity through a subgenre of news, namely editorial in newspaper. The findings of the study will justify the theory of Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), particularly about experiential function in process term which is proposed by Halliday (1994) and also to discover the six types of the Processes, the dominant Process, and the implication of the dominant Process in editorial of *The Jakarta Post* on the political topic.

Practically, the findings will clarify the understandings about political texts. It is hoped to give the lecturers and the teachers as a reference in teaching transitivity. It is expected to be useful as one of the references to give more information to the English student to find further research about experiential function in another text. Especially in newspaper so that students are motivated to dig up experiential function meanings more sharply. In addition, it gives the readers more understanding about experiential function.

