

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of The Study

Human as social beings, need to interact with other people. By using language they communicate each other in their interaction to transfer ideas, thought, and feelings, because language is means of communication. Language is used also to get information from any textbook and from electronic tools such as phone cell, computer and internet.

In Westlife's songs, it's found that many use of speech function in the lyrics among the lyrics. It is not all the utterances spoken by the lyrics have literal meaning. The utterances may have underlying meanings and carry certain functions. It also creates another problem in classifying the types of speech function in song. Because of that reason, this proposal want to prove that in classifying speech function also influence by context of situation. The statement can be a command in different context; the question can be a command in different context, as well as others. The situation in songs can be seen from the lyric. Those are the reason that the writer why chooses Westlife's songs as the object of my research. The biggest reasons are song's lyric is seen as one of study resource and the inspiration of linguistics research and a lot of people are the fans of "Westlife".

Speech Function in song's lyrics same like in our daily life speech function, because language in song's lyrics similar with language uses in daily

life. Although song's lyrics author often use unusual punctuations to express his/her what he/she means, such as (??), (...), (!!), etc. It makes people little bit hard to classifying speech function, because as we know that usually statement ended by full stop (.), questions ended by question mark (?), command ended by exclamation mark(!) and offer ended by question mark(?). Thus, in classifying the type of speech function we have to know what is the content of the clauses, not only by seeing the mark of the clauses.

Tarigan(1990:2) writes that the use of language as a means of communication, both in oral and written form, varies according to the knowledge of language competence owned by the users. Language may refer either to the specifically human capacity for acquiring and using complex systems of communication, or to a specific instance of such a system of complex communication. The scientific study of language in any of its sense is called linguistics.

Language can be expressed into two form, they are: written and spoken. Written language can be found in the novel, newspaper, poetry letter, magazine ; and spoken language can be found in the song, speech, and conversation. Palmer (1976:5) states language can be viewed as a communication system that relates something to be communicated with something that communicates, a message on the one hand with a set signs or symbols on the other.

Language exists to fulfill human needs. Therefore the body of the language depends on the use, the application and the function of the language for human needs (Halliday and Hasan 1985:10). Systematic functional linguistics (SFL) is a

theory of language centered on the notions of language function. There are so many functions of language, some of them are to: give information, deliver message, express feelings persuade people, entertain people, and share opinion. Clark (1977:3) stated that language stands at the center of human affairs, from the most prosaic to the most profound. It serves many functions: to give information, to express feeling, to persuade people to do something or to share one's thoughts. It is basic ingredient in virtually every social situation.

Song is a communication media. Along the history, song has been to deliver a message. Like other communication media, song is the expression of writer's feelings and thought. However, song is different from other communication media in general. As a media of communication.

Most of the people in the world like listening the music, especially the teenagers. Music is one of the favorite entertainments in our life. By listening to music, people can feel happy, enjoy or relax in their life. Through music people can communicate to others by the instrument played or by the lyrics. Music is needed on many occasion such as at birthday parties, wedding parties, and anniversary parties, religious occasions and in funeral ceremony.

Hasibuan,(2012) he is also writes that Speech Function in Detective Conan Comic. The main purposes of the study are describing to be classified the type of speech function we have to know what is the content of the clauses, not only by seeing the mark of the clauses. He said that is not all the utterances may have underlying meanings and carry certain functions, because the situation in comic can be seen from the picture and the text. The Data of this study are classified into

four types of speech functions in the procedures, namely statement, from Detective Conan Comiconline in www.mangreader.com chapter 755 –758. 64 pages are taken from chapter as the sample, 734 clauses representing speech function. The result of the study are in Detective's Conan Comic, it's found indicate use statement than other types of speech function. It's also implies that language of comic use Detective Conan Comic mostly specify giving information by stating or the act of stating in speech.

Futhermore in her thesis Ningsih, (2010) writes that Interpersonal Functions in TV program of Mario Teguh's Golden Ways is based on SFL approach. The main purposes of the study to describe the types of speech functions used in Mario Teguh's Golden Ways, to investigate how the types of speech functions realized linguistically, The data of this study are to find out the types of epithet applied in Mario Teguh's Golden Ways. The result of the study the role of Mario Teguh is as the speaker of the program used statement to express his ideas, that is to give information or deliver messages to the audiences and in giving information, Mario Teguh expressed in direct statements or congruently. To express the speaker's certainty of his arguments in TV program where the speaker expresses judgments as to the frequency with which something happens, it is reflecting intermediate degree of proposition which is something that can be argued in particular way to exchange information.

Futhermore in her thesis Sulistyowati, (2010) writes that The Speech Function in the conversation between the fourth semester Department Students of Maria Kudus University and some foreigner. The main purposes of the

study are describing the speech functions chosen by the students and foreigner. Explaining the role relation enactment among them, and also describing the contribution of speech function in language education. The data of this study are transcription of the students and the foreigner's oral communication. The results of the study capabilities in applying their grammar knowledge from speaking class into real social roles, such as negotiating the relationship of solidarity and intimacy in participating in the oral communication.

Furthermore in her thesis Ruwaida,(2010) writes that Interpersonal function is a term used in semantics as a part of classification of types of meaning. The main purposes of the study to describe how the speech functions are patterned in classroom interaction, to investigate the types of speech functions used in classroom interaction. The data of this study are based on The students are from the Grade X consisting of 55 students State Senior High School 3 (Sekolah Menengah Atas: SMA 3) Medan to discover speech function in classroom interaction of the student. The result of the study show that both teacher and students play an important role in classroom interaction. It is because of students just answer questions from teacher and gave statements needed. And then they ask questions if they still do not understand or if they do not get knowledge or information. Calling & response to calling, exclamation & response to exclamation, acknowledge offer, command & response offer to command were not used by students. The reasons are students' role and students' position is not a leader in class, they never command elements in class.

Furthermore in his thesis Hafiz Ahmad Bilal, (2012) writes that Analysis of thank you M'AM: Halliday's Metafunctions. The main purposes of the study are analysis the examination of linguistics features of a text not only helps in understanding the structure of the text but also the deep meanings of it. Such an analysis reveals the hidden-self of the characters bringing out their intentions behind the utterances which may appear difficult to grasp for a second language learner. The data of this study to create a second language learning environment that more accurately reflects how language is used and encourages learners toward their goal of proficiency in another language. The result of the study are teachers can use discourse analysis not only as a research method for investigating their own teaching practices but also as a tool for studying interactions among language learners. Learners can benefit from using discourse analysis to explore what language is and how it is used to achieve communicative goals in different contexts.

B. The Problem of The Study

Based on the explanation on the background of study, the problems of the study were formulated as the following:

- a) What types of speech functions are used in the songs of " Westlife" ?
- b) What is the most dominantly type of speech functions are used in the songs of
" Westlife " ?

- c) What the implication of the dominant types of speech functions are used in Westlife song?

C. The Objective of The Study

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

- a) To identify the types of Speech Functions that are used in the song.
- b) Determining the type of Speech Functions that is used most dominantly in The Westlife's songs.
- c) To find out the implication of the dominant types of speech functions in "Westlife."

D. The Scope of the Study

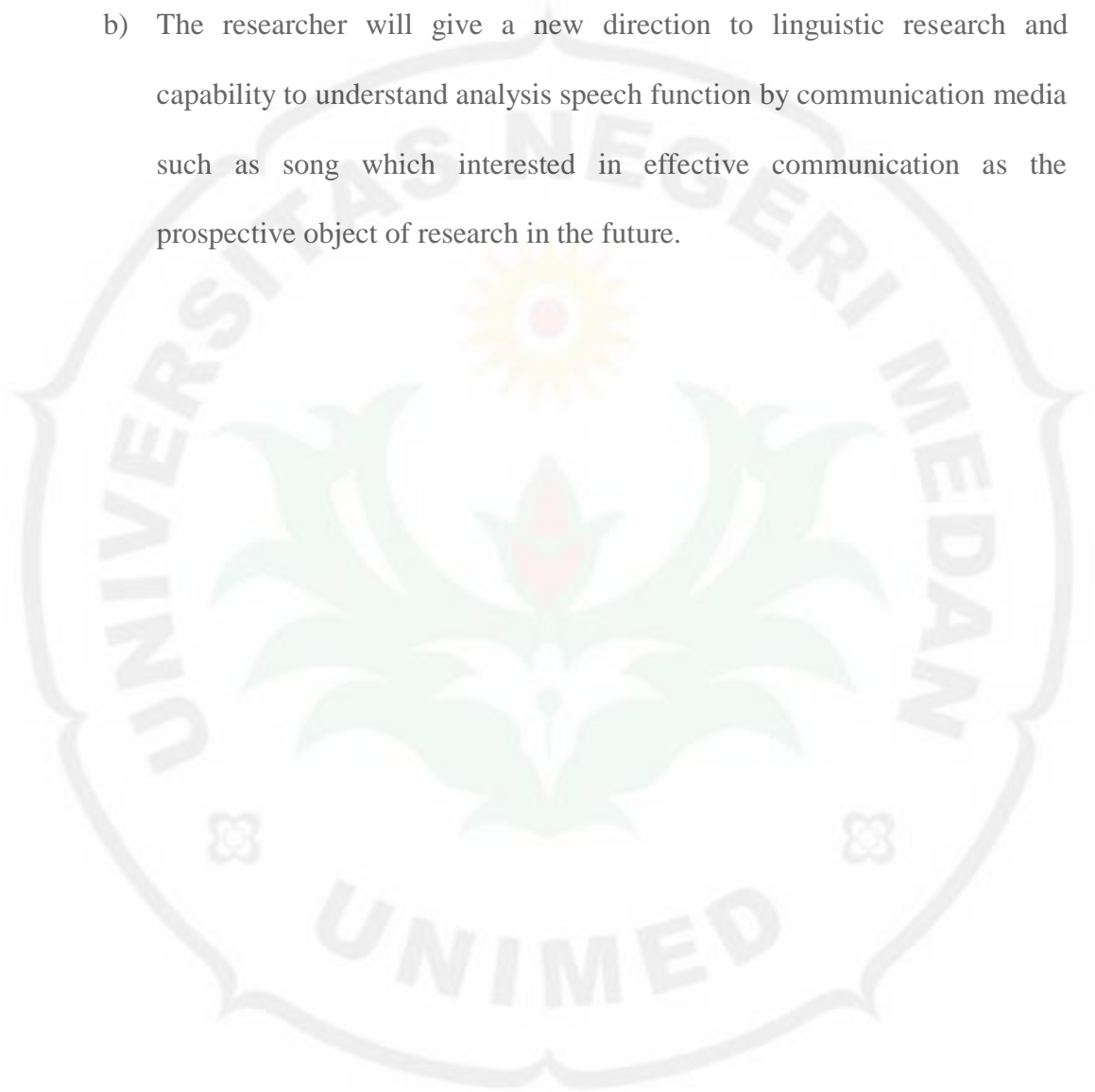
The Scope of this study is focused on the types of speech function identified in Westlife's songs. This study will be limited the eight sample of song's lyrics that are taken by random sampling. They are : If I let you go, I lay my love on you, My love, I have a dream, Coming Home, Flying without wings, Fool again, Season in the sun.

E. The Significance of The Study

The research findings of this study are expected to be useful for:

- a) Theoretically, The readers help to understand using theory of knowledge about speech function in song improving their skill correctly.

- b) The researcher will give a new direction to linguistic research and capability to understand analysis speech function by communication media such as song which interested in effective communication as the prospective object of research in the future.



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