

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Language plays an important role in human life. Language indicates the existence of human being. As human being, we do need language to express our emotions, ideas, feelings and thoughts to other people by using sound, gesture, and signals. Language is fundamentally an instrument of communication (Clark and Clark, 1997:7). Communication exists because of language, that's why human being can't be separated from language.

In the last few decades, language has been studied in scientific way. Many linguists appeared and interested in analyzing how language is structured by applying a theory which is called Systemic Functional Linguistics. In this theory, language is said as a resource for making meaning which is situated in a context of situation and a context of culture (Halliday, 1994: 16). This theory also stresses on communication. In other word, it concerns with relation between language and context used.

Saragih (2010:1) states that functionalism refers to an approach to languages studies with reference to roles or functions played by language in human life as social beings. One of the application of functional approach to study of language results in functional grammar. Experiential function is a part of functional grammar which is also called as transitivity system in which the main point of its is process. The process consists of six types, they are material process

(doing), mental process (sensing), relational process (being), verbal process (saying), behavioral process (behaving), and existential process (existing).

There's unusual language impairments which are uttered by patients with schizophrenia. These unusual language impairments are highly variable and often hard to characterize (Covington et. al, 2005). Schizophrenia is a mental disorder often characterized by abnormal thinking, hallucination, delusions, and social withdrawal. Formally, schizophrenia can be meant as one of psychosis types that causes mental severe disorder that disrupts thought, speech and behavior.

An example of schizophrenic can be watched in a movie which titles *A Beautiful Mind*. A movie, also called a film, is a story conveyed with moving images. It is produced by recording photographic images with cameras or by creating images by using animation technique or visual effects. Movie uses spoken language which shows the power of communication in which the movie need dialogues between two or more people.

Considering the relationship among language, schizophrenia and movie, the writer would like to analyze the process of transitivity system in *A Beautiful Mind* movie in which the main actor is a schizophrenic, John Nash. This movie was produced by Universal Pictures in 2001. It has received four Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actress. The unique phenomenon that makes the writer feels interested to analyze the transitivity process is because of the speaker who has has mental disorder, schizophrenia. The writer would like to pay attention to types of process

uttered by schizophrenic and whether it has relation to the schizophrenic's psychology or not.

Before this thesis, there are some theses which also analyze process of transitivity system. Some of them which relate to this study title "*Types of Process in Asterix and the Great Divide Comic*" by Stephanie Wally in which Material Process (28.04%) is the dominant process, "*Transitivity System in English Text Book of Senior High School*" by Nora Januarti in which Relational Process (40.74%) is the dominant process, and "*Transitivity in Mario Teguh Golden Ways Show*" by Priska Sandi Sinurat in which Mental Process (47.08%) is the dominant process.

There are also some journals such as "*Using Transitivity as a Framework in Stylistic Analysis of Virginia Wolf's Old Mrs. Grey*" by Bonifacio T Cunanan, student of *Bulacan State University* in Philippines which the dominant process is Existential Process (35.49%) and "*Process of Transitivity System in Weeping for My Smoking Daughter*" by Wang Caili from *Sozou University* which gets Material Process (44.17%) as the dominant process.

B. The Problems of the Study

Based on the background of the study, the writer formulates the research problems as the followings:

1. What are the types of process of a schizophrenic's dialogues occurred in *A Beautiful Mind* movie?

2. What's the dominant process uttered by a schizophrenic character in *A Beautiful Mind* movie?
3. What relationship is made between the dominant process and schizophrenic's psychology?

C. The Scope of the Study

This study focuses on the process of schizophrenic's dialogues found in *A Beautiful Mind* movie text. In this movie, the schizophrenic is played by John Nash as the main character.

D. The Objectives of the Study

Dealing with the analysis of process of schizophrenic's dialogues found in *A Beautiful Mind* movie, the objectives are stated as:

1. to find out the types of process in the statements which are uttered by John Nash as a schizophrenic character in *A Beautiful Mind* movie.
2. to find out the most dominant process uttered by John Nash as a schizophrenic character in *A Beautiful Mind* movie.
3. to find out the relationship between the dominant process and a schizophrenic's psychology.

E. The Significance of the Study

These findings of this study are expected to be useful for:

1. the students especially linguistics students to increase the understanding about the process in transitivity system.
2. the researchers to use them as reference to conduct other related researches.
3. to all readers who'd like to increase their understanding about transitivity system.

