

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Language cannot be separated from the human being, language is 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. language use in people daily communications. Communication is act giving and asking information, communication itself divided into two forms: spoken and written communication, spoken communication means the process of expressing ideas which is done orally, and written communication is done in written form, usually find in letter, novel, magazine, etc.

When exchanging and expressing the ideas, the human being perform two roles namely giving and demanding, the commodity may be information and goods and services. In systematic functional linguistic, it named speech function, speech function is a way of someone delivers the ideas communication to make the listeners understand the ideas well. Speech function itself divided in to four kinds: statement, question, command, and offer (Halliday, 1994:69). 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 utterances people used to talk containing grammatical structure and words. In every word, phrase and 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.

Example:

Then you keep moving round, I suppose?

Come, let's hear some of your adventure.

Those examples above the readers or the listeners may be gets a bit confused to notice what kind of function is. In the first example, it used question mark even though the grammatical structure does not contain any kinds of question elements such as: interrogative words (5w+h) or finite but in this sentence the speaker requires the listener's answer. Then in the second example, it is command actually although it used full stop. It is not so difficult to notice because the listener or reader would know the function by its meaning.

Systematic functional grammar (SFL) is a theory of language centered on the notion of language function. It is concerned with relationship between language and context (Halliday, 1993:15) it is a study of language to focus and text and context as resource for making meaning. Based on the theory of SFL, language is used by people to fulfill the function of language as interpersonal meaning. Interpersonal meaning concern's the speaker's role in the speech function. There are realized in mood.

The speaker adopts for himself in speech function and doing assigns to the listener in his turns. Two people used language to interact with establishing a relationship between them. The two basic of speech function are: (1) giving, (2) demanding (Halliday, 1994:68). Either the speakers give something to the listener or he demands and something from him. Therefore, an act of speaking is something that is called an interaction in speech function.

According to Halliday (1997:67) in the act speaking, the speaker adopts for himself a particular role, and assign in so doing to the listener a complementary role which he wishes him to adopt in his turn. So, in this study, the writer will try to describe the form of each utterance by top 25 Michael Jackson's song that uses speech function theory that has function to change

human assumption about each type of speech function that used in song. The writer chooses that song because she is interested in a touching song has he good meaning for us in our life and interesting article in this song is a feature story narrating the events that occurred in someone's life. This song gives inspiration for us like a story in our life, and the last one is give the positive messages. Moreover, through speech function that used by an actor in song, people can analyze the form of utterances and apply to in his words. Based on the explanation above, the writer would like to do the study on the speech function in top 25 Michael Jackson's song.

Analyzing the feature stories can reveal much more about the grammatical features of the composition. It is expected that by applying the concept of speech function, there will be a deeper understanding of the text as the object of analysis and of the English grammar as used in composition.

Because of the reason, this thesis want to prove that in classifying speech function also influence by the 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 genre of the song also gives influences comparison of the count of types speech function in the song, because different genre means different way the characters express their idea. And the biggest reasons are songs lyric in seen as one of study resource and the inspiration of linguistic research and a lot of people are the fans of "Michael Jackson song".

Speech function is more oriented to functional interpretation. The speech function of the statement, question, command, and offer which realized by declarative, interrogative and imperative. Interpersonal meaning express the speech function: the interactions express attitude and behaviors to each other that carry the meaning (Saragih,2003:6).

A. The Problems of the Study

Based the background of the study, we can find the problems in top 25 Michael Jackson's song.

We find the statement, question, command, and offer in that statement. And any meaning in that testament which we don't understand, and needs the analyzing.

In the other hand, there are the problems of study

1. What types of speech function are used in top 25 Michael Jackson's song?
2. What are the most dominant types of speech function are used in song?
3. What is the dominant meaning used in top 25 Michael Jackson's song?

B. The Scope of the Study

Human beings used language in order to fulfill the function namely ideational, interpersonal, and textual function. And in this thesis, this scope of this study is focused on the types of speech function identified in Top 25 Michael Jackson's song namely taken 10 songs from 25 songs of Michael Jackson; "Do you remember, bad, smooth criminal, the way you make me feel, beat it, you are not alone, hold my hand, they don't care about us, black or white, and earth song".

C. The Objectives of the Study

The objects of the study are:

- 1) to find out the types of speech function in top 25 Michael Jackson's song
- 2) to describe the types of speech functions is dominantly used in top 25 Michael Jackson's song

3) to explain the meaning of the dominantly used in top 25 Michael Jackson's song

D. The Significance of the Study

It is expected that findings of the study will be useful and relevant theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the results of this study are relevant to the needs of the students who want to understand more about the speech function, to enable and enrich their knowledge to communicate better than before. It can provide some inputs in teaching speech functions and the finding of this research can be used as a guide to understand the language and gender in a song.

Practically, the result of this study can be used as a model to identify and understands speech functions for serving commodity in a song. This model helps the next researchers to investigate moves in song. the finding are also expected to assist those who are really interested in song including the English Department students to comprehend and become more skillful in composing a writing specifically in song and in fact cannot be separated from writing activities.