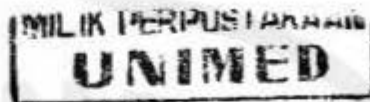


CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION



1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is a means of verbal communication. Virtually, every human life is concerned with language in a practical way to show our desire. Therefore, language has many functions, one of them is to describe the meaning of a writing. In this case, this function has a role to share information for the readers to understand about all of the events in the world wide.

Language is structured in accordance to its functions in human life. It is also used as an exchange of experience by human beings. This is known as the interpersonal functions.

In getting the information, interpersonal function can guide the readers to understand what the writer means in her/his writing. In this case, interpersonal function is a best way to avoid misunderstanding. Halliday (1975:19) states that interpersonal function is drawn from "*me and you*" model. It means that interpersonal function can be described as interactional. It is used in various settings to explain roles, information and goods and services. It serves to signal explicitly that a response is required. It means that this function is related to speech function.

Speech function is used to fulfill human needs in exchange of experience which is oriented to functional interpretation or systematic functional. It means that *speech function* has four basics; they are statement, question, offer, and command.

All the basics can be realized in *Mood*, where it contains *declarative*, *interrogative* and *imperative*. Therefore, speech function is also used to give the respond in delivering some information from the speaker. In this case, the politician is as the speaker.

Information about politic is very important to all human in the world. Aristoteles (355-332SM) stated that politic is the human authority. Then, Weber (1964) said that politic is a unity of human. While Laswell (1975) writes that politic is a strong human relation who involves the power, control, and authority. It means that politic is an interactive relationship between human and community which consists of power, control, and authority which can influence each other.

Furthermore, politic is very interesting to be discussed by all people. Usually, talking about politic can be found in the article of a newspaper or magazine. Article is a short of writing which is written by specialists. It means that the article is only written by the writer who masters the news exactly. In this case political article can be used as a media to give information about power, control, and authority of the politician(s). A politician must understand what the function of politics is itself. The function of politics is a tool which is used to wish something objective. It is done to make a good cooperation in order to get good result.

There are many political articles in magazine. It means that magazine is a media of information which is used by politician to describe their activities during

work in the government. One of political English magazine is *Newsweek*. It is known as one of the famous foreign magazine which is published weekly in America.

Considering the explanation above, interpersonal function in political article of the *Newsweek* magazine is very interesting to be discussed, because it helps the readers to avoid misunderstanding in getting the information about politic in the world.

1.2 The Problems of the Study

The problems of the study are:

- 1). What types of speech functions are used in political articles in the *Newsweek*?
- 2). How are the speech functions interrelated in the system of network?
- 3). Why are the speech functions used in that way?
- 4). What is the most dominant of Speech Function and Mood used?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

With reference to the above problems previously, the objectives of this study are:

- 1). to find out the types of speech functions are used in political articles of the *Newsweek*.
- 2). to describe the speech functions interrelated in the system of network.
- 3). to mention some reasons of using in speech functions in system of network?

4). to show the most dominant of Speech Function and Mood used.

1.4 The Scope of the Study

In this study, the writer discusses only on the types of Speech Function as the part of interpersonal function. In this case, the Speech Function can be realized in Mood. Mood in the sentence is very interesting to help the reader in identifying the character of the speaker (politician) which is found in ten political articles in *Newsweek* magazine.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

The results of this study are important to provide some information about interpersonal function, especially Speech Function/Mood in *Newsweek* magazine applied in the ten political articles. It is hoped that the result of this study can help:

- 1). Theoretically: The reader can enlarge their knowledge about politic which occurs in the world.
- 2). Practically: the reader and writer realize that that the demand on news is not only to know the information, but also to know the politician.