

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1. Conclusions

With reference to the findings, conclusions are drawn as the following

1. Probability is the most dominant of all types of modality: Probability , Usuality, Obligation and inclination.
2. All of the texts used either congruent or metaphorical coding as well as modality value of High, Medium and Low.
3. The most dominant type of modality in the texts is Probability, whether it is individually or collectively. Congruent is more dominant than metaphorical and in terms of value, Low is the most dominant although it is only slightly above the High.
4. Having Probability type as the most dominant indicates that the editorial writer has certainty in giving the information through the text. The uses of modality in the texts is related with the context of situation and context of culture. Congruent realization indicates that the editorial writer doesn't use a wide range of variants for the expression of modality in the clause. In terms of value, the closeness between Low and High indicates that the expressions are both closer to positive or negative polar. The most probable modality to be executed or the least probable one to be done.
5. The findings show that the use of modality is increased when it touches the issue about politic or economy. On the contrary, the use of modality in the

text is decreased when the issue is considered sensitive, such as blasphemy or prevalence of peace.

5.2. Suggestions

In relation to the findings of this study, suggestions are staged as follows

1. It is suggested that editorial writers or journalists should apply the modality theory proportionally in their texts to avoid misinterpretation.
2. The Jakarta Post editorials should use more metaphorical realization of modality in order to give a more variant expressions in giving their opinions.
3. It is suggested that the students of English Department should have a good comprehension in modality theory in order to be able to see and comprehend the messages in any text from the perspective of Functional Grammar.
4. Students or any interested party are advised to do further research and elaboration of modality theory on other media or any other type of text. The results will enable us to see the contrast or comparison between the elements.