

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First of all, the writer would like to express her sincere gratitude to the Heavenly Father, Son of God Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit for His amazing grace in the completion of this thesis to obtain a Master Degree in Applied Linguistics. This thesis process is filled with people who challenge, support, love, listen and frankly tolerate the writer. The process is a rewarding learning experience and the writer has learned enough about it. This thesis would not have been possible without the support and input of numerous people to whom the writer expresses her deeply gratitude.

The writer would like to express the greatest thanks to Prof. Dr. Berlin Sibarani, M.Pd and Siti Aisyah Ginting, M.Pd, as her advisers for their great ideas, guidance and patience that lead the writer to the end of completion of this thesis.

The writer also would like to extend her sincere gratitude to the Head of English Applied Linguistics Study Program, Dr. Rahmad Husein, M.Ed, the secretary of English Applied Linguistics Program, Prof. Dr. Sri Minda Murni, M.S and Farid Ma'ruf as an administrator for their assistance regarding the administrative procedures and support during the writer's thesis completion process patiently.

The writer's great thanks also go to her reviewers or examiners, Prof. Dr. Busmin Gurning, M.Pd, Prof. Dr. Sri Minda Murni, M.S and Prof. Dr. Sumarsih, M.Pd for their suggestions, critiques, opinions, and improvements for this thesis.

In addition, the writer would like to thank to all lecturers for their knowledge and character building during the process of teaching and learning.

Then, the writer's great respect and heartfelt thanks go to all her lovely friends in the executive class B LTBI XX as well

Last and most importantly, the writer wishes to express her sincere thanks to her beloved parents, Mr. M. Simbolon and Ms. Nurmada br Sinaga for their continued and unfailing love, patience, guidance, prayer and support over years and their endless faith in the writer's ability to accomplish this thesis. Her huge thanks are also dedicated to her great sister, Deasy Simbolon, S.E, her love, assistance, and support. "Family has been an integral part of this process".

Finally, the writer's special love goes to her loving husband, Poltak , S.T who made an arduous task a more enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Her husband's love, support, patience and encouragement have seen her through uncertain times. For that, the writer can only say 'thanks my soul mate'.

Medan, 5 April 2016

Widi Damaiyanti Simbolon