

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will discuss the background of the research, statement of the problem, objective of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research and operational definition.

1.1 Background of the Research

Language makes people able to have more interaction with others to convey their idea, feelings, or thoughts. Language is one of the important things for human life. And it is used to communicate with it is used to communicate with other people. The communications that happened around people must be said clearly so that others can understand what we said. But sometimes many people still have difficulties in understanding what we said, means that the utterance did not delivered clearly. Searle (1966) defines that, understanding the speaker's intention is essential to capture the meaning. Without the speaker's intention, it is impossible to understand the words as a speech acts.

Speech act is the utterance which speaker says or speaker performs in every speech. The study of speech act is very important for everyone. The importance of studying speech act is to make comprehend what message that discovered in every utterance. In addition, when someone speaks with other people in communication or conversation, the speaker does not only speak the source language but also the speaker must interpret the speaker's meaning to the hearer. And the speaker can make hearer understand the meaning of the utterance by speaker's said. According to Searle (1979) states that there are five classes of speech acts. They are declarative, assertive, directive, expressive, and commissive.

Expressive speech act is speech act that are used to state what the speaker feels. According to Yule (1996:53) stated expressive speech act is speech act that are used to express psychological states it can be statement of pleasure, pain, likes, dislike, joy, or sorrow. In the factual experience, every people are doing communication with each other. Occasionally, the speaker produces a language ungrammatically, even though just in an utterance. It is almost difficult to

understand by hearer. Even, when the speaker speaks clearly but there is no act that the speaker use to synchrony speaks, it is sometimes has less information or it can be misunderstanding. So, we need to know the meaning behind the utterance. From that phenomenon, it can be concluded that speech act is the most important thing when communication in order to comprehend by all people to give the clear information to the hearer.

However, not all students have to able to know the expressive speech act used and how to use it when they are talking to the other. If they communicate without using expressive speech act, there will be a misunderstanding between the speaker and hearer. Using expressive speech act is very important especially in communication, because it is an act of communication, a expressive speech act successif the audience can identify, in accordance with the speaker's intention, and the attitude being expressed.

Normally, expressive speech acts can be found in conversation. The conversation in the movie can be a good example of speech acts because it represents the complex case of speech acts in order to find out what the main character do by saying something. One of the most important point is speech acts. that mostly occurred in the movie is the dialogue among the characters.

Based on the explanation above, I will analyze the utterances that are used in movie and take a part of pragmatic that is expressive speech act. Expressive speech act is the key concept in the field of pragmatics, the study of speaker's intents and what the speakers mean when they use the particular linguistics in context. It means that expressive speech act as the one of study in pragmatic which is explains about the speaker's intention when they are speak, and the speakers mean to convey.

Here I want to analyze speech act that is used in movie, and the title is *Me Before You*. this movie is romantic movie that popular in 2016. That was written by Jojo Moyes. This movie relased on June 3rd 2016 in USA. And the characters in that movie is Louisa (Emilia Clarke) and Will Trynor (Sam Claflin) nd the durations is about 01:50:14 seconds, although have a long duration but it can't make based this movie serves strain humor, curiosity, and amazed with the

From those facts, the writer decides to conduct research entitled *An Analysis of Expressive Speech Act in the Me Before You Movie*. This movie was released on June 3rd 2016 in USA, and was chosen by the writer because this movie is popular movie and many utterances that concern about feeling and physiological. Beside that this movie also had a moral value that is as much as you are rich, as much as you are success, is nothing if you are sick. It is also appropriate for my research because there are utterances that include in some functions of expressive speech act. I hope that this research become reference for students who are studying in English Education especially in linguistic and also know more about using language in the context through expressive speech act.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research above, the writer formulated the statement of the research below:

1. What types of expressive speech act used by the main characters of Louisa and Will?
2. How are the interpretations of the expressive speech act used by the main characters of Louisa and Will?

1.3 Objective of the Research

Based on the statement of the problem above, the writer states the objective of the research as bellows:

1. To know the types of expressive speech act used by the main characters of Louisa and Will in the *Me Before You* movie.
2. To explain the interpretations of the expressive speech act used by the characters of Louisa and Will in the *Me Before You* movie.

1.4 Significance of the Research

In this research the writer tell the significance of the research below:

1. Theoretically

- a. As a reference what the expressive speech act are used in *Me Before You* movie.
- b. To inform the reader to add knowledge about expressive speech act which are used in *Me Before You* movie.

2. Practically

- a. The result of this research develop of the literary study, especially for students in English Education Department who are excited in the expressive speech act.
- b. To remind the readers the importance of expressive speech act.

1.5 Scope of the Research

The scope of the research is to analyse expressive speech act used by the main characters of Louisa and Will in the *Me Before You* movie because they are the main characters in that movie.

1.6 Operational Definition

The writer explain some definition of terms, they are:

1. **Expressive Speech Act**
Expressive speech act is kind of speech act used to express speaker's feeling or psychological about situation such as like, sorrow, expressive of thanking, congratulating and others.
2. ***Me Before You* Movie**
This movie is kind of comedy-romantic movie. That was written by Jojo Moyes. This movie released on June 3rd 2016 in USA. And this movie was directed by Thea Sharrock. And also produced by Karen Rosenfelt.