

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

As the first part of the research. This introduction consists of background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research, and operational definition.

A. Background of the Research

Language as a means of communication is essential in human interaction. We use language to communicate with others. By communication, people provide information, ideas, requests, commands, express feelings, etc (Mahanani, 2013). According to Wahyuni (2019), it is stated that Grammar determines how words are arranged to form meaningful units. In short, Grammar is a rule in language to arrange sentence which has a meaning. To be good in English, we have to know grammar because it's one of the basic elements in English.

The material of passive sentences can be found in every English grammar book. Unfortunately, most English grammar books still have a few examples of passive sentences. It just shows the little example or variation of passive sentences in each tense and construction. Passive voice is used in English text, the example, essays, opinions, news items, and other science text (Wahyuni, 2019). It can be shown that most English grammar books in the library of Muria Kudus University still have a little example or variation of passive sentences. A passive sentence is one of the materials in learning basic English both for communicating directly or indirectly. It usually to contain in reading comprehension such newspaper, English textbook, article, etc. However, the difficulties of passive sentences rarely become obstacles for students when learning English or even just to interpret the meaning.

In this research, the writer chooses passive sentences as the material will be used to analyze the object. The writer wants to show the example or the variation of passive sentences based on the tense and construction. One of the media that show the variation of passive sentences is a newspaper. Newspaper is one of the media of information which has contained information that is happening in the

world, the city, or the local community. As one of media information, the newspaper has some unctions. The functions are; informing, entertaining, and providing a marketplace of goods and services. The writer uses newspapers because many articles can be analyzed. We can find many examples of passive sentences in a newspaper, especially in the Jakarta Post Newspaper.

One of the media in Indonesia is The Jakarta Post. The Jakarta Post is a popular newspaper and uses the English language in Indonesia. The newspaper is aimed at foreigners and educated Indonesians (Setyanida, 2018). The Jakarta Post is a newspaper that is published every day and has international standards. The Jakarta Post is one leading English newspaper in Indonesia. Newspaper is one of the media which gives information, issue, or even fact to society(Setyanida, 2018). There is a lot of news that contains information all over the world. They are political, economy, sport, business, national, world and education. Here the writer chooses the education news because focused on one news that is education.

The writer chooses this topic because of the importance of analyzing passive sentences for students of English education department or students who learn English subject then the writer wants to show that there are many examples of passive sentences in the education news of The Jakarta Post, based on the reason above, the writer entitles of this research is “Passive Sentences in Education Headline News Of The Jakarta Post”.

B. Statement of the Problem

Based on the background and problem identification, the researcher has formulated this following questions in this research :

1. What are the tenses of passive sentences in the Education Headline News of The Jakarta Post?
2. What are the constructions of passive sentences in the Education Headline News of The Jakarta Post?

C. Objective of the Research

Based on the statement of the problem above, there are purposes of the research:

1. To find out the tenses of passive sentences in the Education Headline News of the Jakarta post
2. To tell the constructions of passive sentences in the Education Headline News of the Jakarta post

D. Significance of the Research

The significance of the research, consists of three significances and hopefully will be useful :

1. For the readers
This research will give useful information and knowledge about passive sentences.
2. For the teacher
This research can be used as one reference in teaching passive sentences.
3. For the students
This research can be a reference for those who want to conduct research in analyzing passive sentences.

E. Scope of the Research

This research focuses on analysis passive sentences in the Education Headline News of the Jakarta Post. The writer take tenth texts in August 2020 edition. The writer uses the Online Edition of the Jakarta Post that will be accessed from the play store “The Jakarta Post” application or the website of The Jakarta Post.

In this research, the writer analyzed the tense of the passive sentences found in the Education Headline News of Jakarta Post. They are present passive sentence, past passive sentence, future passive sentence, and past future passive sentence.

The last, the writer analyzed the constructions of the passive sentences found in the Education Headline News of Jakarta Post. The formation of passive

sentence consists of the subject, be, past participle, and by phrase. It also includes the form of tenses not in generally constructed.

F. Operational Definition

There are some terms of the research in order that make the readers understand, those are :

1. A passive sentence is one of grammar forms to make a sentence that the subject of the active sentence becomes the agent.
2. The tenses of passive sentences means kinds of the tenses that usually use, for example passive present tense, passive past tense, etc.
3. Constructing the passive voice, therefore, involves the inversion of the noun phrase (NP) subject and NP object positions (Amadi, 2018), then consists of positive passive voice that used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that acts. A negative passive voice is a sentence that has refusal meaning or negative meaning. Interrogative passive voice is a question sentence with a question mark.

