

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

The research entitled *The Use of English Noun Phrases* focuses on the modifiers and functions of English noun phrases. In order to have a clear and brief description of the result of the research, it is necessary to conclude the discussion. Depending on the components of noun phrase, there are head and modifier. The head of noun phrase is always a noun, but the modifiers are different.

This research describes the kinds of noun modifier based on the categories and form. In terms of their categories, noun modifiers are noun, adjective, verb, adverb, and function word. Due to their forms, noun modifiers are word, phrase, and clause.

Noun phrases fill some functional slots in sentence construction. The functional slots intended include subject (real subject and delayed subject), object (direct object and indirect object), modifier, and complement (subjective complement and objective complement).

The data analysis showed that the noun phrases were 127 in number. Based on the categories of noun modifier, there were 17 nouns, 31 adjectives, 15 verbs, 2 adverbs and 73 function words. Next, due to the forms of modifier, there were 6 words, 5 noun phrases, 22 prepositional phrases, 2 adjective phrases, 6 verbal phrases, 21 adjective clauses, and 3 noun clauses. The most common modifier is function word, while noun clause as noun modifier is rare in use.

Meanwhile, the functional slots filled with noun phrase were 66 as subject (consisting of 59 as real subjects and 7 as delayed subjects), 43 as objects (comprising 41 as direct objects and 2 as indirect objects). Next, 4 noun phrases functioned as modifier. Moreover, 19 noun phrases functioned as subjective complement. There were no noun phrases that functioned as objective complement in the data. Subject filled the most common function in noun phrases, while the least common function is noun phrase as modifier.

In fact, by understanding the kinds of modifier and the functions of noun phrase gives the detailed information about noun phrases. Next, it is hoped that this study can encourage other researchers to conduct further researches concerning English noun phrases, for instance, seen from the different sources or the meaning of noun phrases even the others point of view.

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