

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Background of Study

People need language to communicate each other. Language is also a universal characteristic of human being. Besides, Language has mutual understanding that creates variety of language. People can show their feeling and thoughts to others by using language. Furthermore, language means to get information in all aspects. So, it helps us to find everything we need.

Linguistics is a scientific study of language. The branches of linguistics are phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax. In this case, this research deals with syntax. Syntax is a scientific study of arrangement of words in a phrase, clause, or sentence. In relation to syntax, this study discusses about discourse analysis. Based on Levinson, discourse analysis is concerning the use of expression within some utterance to refer to some portion of the discourse that contains that utterance (1983:85).

The quotation above emphasizes that discourse uses expression within some utterance to make complete sentences. The analysis of discourse deals with the analysis of language. Discourse is such a kind of written text. Furthermore, written text and spoken text are different as written text is a printed record.

To understand well about discourse, we must study cohesive devices. There are two main types of cohesion, that is, grammatical cohesion and lexical cohesion. Grammatical cohesion refers to structure of sentence while lexical

cohesion refers to content of sentence. Grammatical cohesive devices themselves consist of reference, substitution, ellipsis, and conjunction.

Short story is a kind of literary work. Hudson states that short story is a story that can be easily read at a single sitting. Yet while the brevity thus specified is the most obvious characteristics of the narrative question, the evolution of the story into a definite type has been accompanied by the development also of some fairly well - marked characteristic of organism (1965:337).

Based on quotation above, short story is a work of fiction that is usually written in prose, often in narrative format. Short story is less complex than novel.

In this research, the writer analyzes cohesive devices in short story entitled *The Lottery*. The writer chooses this title in order to understand more deeply about cohesive devices in short story. Cohesive devices are widely used in analyzing discourse as a part of the study of syntax and semantics. So, the writer chooses this topic as the main analysis of the research.

## **1.2 The Statement of Problems**

The writer attempts to do a research of cohesive devices in *The Lottery*. Based on the background of the study, the writer formulates the statement of the problems as follows:

1. What kinds of grammatical cohesive devices are used in *The Lottery*?
2. What is the function of grammatical cohesive devices in the short story?

### **1.3 The Objective of the Study**

1. To explain the kinds of grammatical cohesive devices that are used in *The Lottery*
2. To describe the function of grammatical cohesive devices in the short story

### **1.4 The Scope of the Problem**

It is necessary for the writer to limit the scope of the study in this research to make the discussion more specific. To know the arrangements of word we must study syntax. As we know syntax also studies about sentences, phrases, clauses, discourses and etcetera. In this research the writer focuses to analyze discourse. Discourse consists cohesive devices. Cohesive devices themselves consist of grammatical cohesive devices and lexical cohesive devices. In this research, the writer focuses to analyze grammatical cohesive devices.

Furthermore, the writer would like to explain the kinds of grammatical cohesive devices that are used in *The Lottery*. The writer also describes the function of grammatical cohesive devices in the short story.

### **1.5 The Source of Data**

The source of data of this research is the short story of Shirley Jackson. Shirley Jackson is an American author who was widely known as the author of *The Lottery*. The short story was published in 1948. It is such a kind of classic horror tale. Jackson's fiction is written to explore incongruities, and *The Lottery* is

the famous short story which is an exemplary work. The short story tells us about familiar tradition of American.

The writer also thinks that *The Lottery* is one of the short stories which are qualified to be source of data about grammatical cohesive devices that will be analyzed in the research. In this story, there are many grammatical cohesive devices so that the writer chooses the short story as the main source of data of research.