

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is one of the most important things that people possess in their life. Besides, language is a means of communications. Communication itself is a process of transferring from one entity to another. It is needed to express our ideas and wishes. By using language, people can communicate to one another in their life. Further, Edward Sapir states that language is a purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbols (1921: 8).

There are many ways to study language. A scientific study of language is called linguistics. There are several branches of linguistics such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax. Phonetics is the study of the production and perception of speech sound. Further, phonology is the study of the sound patterns of language. Morphology is the study of word formation and structure. Next, semantics is the study of meaning while syntax is the study of sentence structure.

In syntax, we study the parts and the structures of the sentence. Matthews states that a sentence is a series of words in connected speech or writing, forming the grammatically complete expression of a single thought (1981:26). Sentence also has some parts such as subject, predicate, object, complement,

and modifier. A noun is one of parts of sentence that functions as naming persons, things, or places. A noun can also form a noun phrase. Noun phrase is defined as phrases that consist of a noun or pronoun and a number of modifiers including adjectives, possessives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases. According to the grammatical function, noun phrase can function as the appositive.

Nordquist (2010:1) states that appositive is a word or group of words that renames another word in a sentence. Appositive constructions offer concise ways of describing or defining a person, place, or thing.

For example:

Meanwhile, Linah Kahiriyah Pary, *a staff member of CRCS and ICRS*, explains that the CRCS program was established in 2000 focusing on promoting and developing a democratic and multicultural society. (3/V2/2009/21)

Yet Jacob Sumardjo, *a noted observer of Sundanese culture*, says that one must be careful in interpreting cultural practices in society because such practices have deeper meaning than are being understood. (10/V2/2009/102)

The first sentence shows that *a staff member of CRCS and ICRS* is appositive noun phrase of the subject *Linah Kahiriyah Pary*. The appositive noun phrase in the second sentence is *a noted observer of Sundanese culture*.

Based on the examples above, it can be said that appositive noun phrase is considered as the problem for the researcher. Concerning the statement above,

the writer wants to analyze appositive noun phrase deeply in order to get more information about appositive noun phrase. The writer hopes that the results of this research will give useful information about appositive noun phrase for the readers especially those who are interested in analyzing the same topic.

1.2 The Statement of the Problem

In this research, there are some problems which occur in studying appositive noun phrase in English. The problems which are discussed are as follows:

1. What are the kinds of appositive noun phrase found in *Campus* magazine?
2. What are the structures of appositive noun phrase found in *Campus* magazine?

1.3 The Objective of the Study

In line with the statement of the problems, this research accordingly aims to answer those questions, namely:

1. To describe the kinds of appositive noun phrase found in *Campus* magazine.
2. To describe the structures of appositive noun phrase found in *Campus* magazine.

1.4 The Source of Data

The researcher chooses the *Campus* magazine Volume 2 Number 10 on May- July 2009, Volume 2 Number 8 on February 2009, Volume 1 Number 1 on October 2007, Volume 3 Number 12 on November 2009 – January 2010 and Volume 1 Number 3 on June 2008 as the source of data. There are some reasons why the data are taken from the magazine. This magazine is chosen as the object to support the analysis in this research because the appositive noun phrase is frequently used and found in the magazine. Besides that, this magazine is the popular magazine which is read by many people. So, it can be the valid data for this research.

1.5 The Scope of the Problem

In this research, the limitation is very important to avoid complicated discussion and expansion of the problem. In this case, the researcher conducts a research in the field of syntax. Phrase is one of the fields of syntax. Phrase is divided into some types such as prepositional phrase, verb phrase, adjectival phrase, adverbial phrase, and noun phrase. The researcher only discusses noun phrase. One of the functions of noun phrase is appositive. In this research, the researcher analyzes appositive noun phrase.