

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is one of the most important things in human life. A language, as a means of communication, needs learning before we are able to understand and produce it well. The statement above is supported by Fromkin and Rodman who state that a language, then, consists of all the sounds, words, and possible sentences. When you know a language, you know the sounds, the words, and the rules for their combination (1992:11).

Furthermore, Sapir states that language is purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, and desires by means of voluntarily produced symbols (1921:8). This definition shows that there are many terms that are communicated by language. Someone can show his / her feeling to someone else. Besides that, we could get information from him or her by using language. Because of its usefulness, many people try to study a certain language. Many linguists make some researches or discussions about language. They focus their researches and discussions especially on linguistics. Linguistics, as the scientific study of language, describes the language widely. Linguistics has some branches that can be used in studying language, such as : morphology, phonology, syntax, and semantics. Every branch has its own goal and characteristics. Dealing with the title that is chosen, morphology is an appropriate branch that can be used in

analyzing the data of this research. Morphology is a branch of language that studies the way of the arrangement of morpheme to construct a word.

Word Coinage deals with morphology. Akhmajian (1984:55) states that morphology is the sub field of linguistics that studies the internal structure of words and the relationships among the words. In this research, the writer analyzes about word coinage. It is a process of the forming of a new word out of the existing ones. The process of word coinage includes compounding, acronymy, blending, back-formation, abbreviation, and word from name.

In this research, the writer focuses the word coinage in boxing match as boxing is a popular sport that has large number of audiences. In boxing match, there are so many new words that have special meaning. Hopefully, this research can help the boxing lovers to know the word coinage in boxing match deeper.

1.2 The Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, this research has two problems that will be discussed in this research. They are as follows:

1. What are the kinds of word coinage on boxing match found in internet?
2. What are the meanings of the terms resulted from word coinage on boxing match found in internet?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

The purpose of this research is to find the answer of the problems. Those purposes are as follows:

1. To describe the kinds of word coinage on boxing match found in internet.
2. To describe the meanings of the terms resulted from word coinage on boxing match found in internet.

1.4 The Scope of the Study

It is important for the researcher to limit the study in this research because it makes the discussion more specific. The writer uses the limitation to avoid a complicated discussion related to the topic chosen. In this case, the writer conducts a research in the field of morphology. Specifically, the writer only analyzes about the word coinage in boxing match.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

Generally, it is hoped that this study can give valuable information about the use of word coinage especially on boxing match. Besides, the writer hopes that the result of this study can help the readers to increase their knowledge in the use of word coinage on boxing match. Theoretically, this result of the research can stimulate other researchers to do further researches on this topic more comprehensively.