

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains the things which have to do with the topic of discussion, namely The Use of Register in Basketball Match. It includes the background of the study, the reason of choosing the topic, the statement of the problem, the objective of the study, the significance of the study, and the systematization of writing.

1.1 The Background of the Study

Language, as a means of communication, has an important role in daily life. It is in line with Sapir's opinion, saying that language is purely human and non instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbol (1921: 8). It means that language is a means of expressing ideas, emotions, and desires of human being. Accordingly, it can be said that language is an important means of communication.

Sociolinguistics is an important study about language phenomena. Sociolinguistics is a branch of linguistics which studies the ways in which language is integrated with human society, with reference to such notion as race, class, sex, and social institutions. Sociolinguistics also concerns with language varieties. Language variation is variety of language as a set of linguistic items with similar social distribution (Hudson, 1980: 24). This statement clarifies that language variation exist because of social divisions. The members of a social group in society use their own variety of language. In society social group between

speakers based on age, socio-economic, class, occupation or profession, differentiates one group of people from another group in terms of the language they use. It means that a group of people, who have some social classes, use their own specific language to speak among the members of their group. For instance, people who belong to basketball team, often use basketball terms in making communication within them. One of language varieties is known as register. A register is a variety of language defined according to its use in social situations.

Register is a variety of language that is based on the use of language. Someone can express his or her idea that has little similarity in the different situation by using the different variety. This variety of language is covered by register. It is similar to Boey's statement (1975: 113), he states that:

There are not only varieties of English associated with the country of origin or the user of the language but also varieties differentiated by the different uses to which the language is put. When varieties of language are distinguished by their uses, they are called registers.

In short, it can be said that register is a variety that refers to the use of language, while dialect is a variety that refers to the user of language.

Register is one of the language varieties. According to Hartmann and Stork as quoted by Alwasilah (1972: 194), register is variety in language use for a specific purpose, as opposed to a social or regional dialect (which is varied by speakers). Registers can be found in subject matter, such as sport language, business language, literary language, poetry language, etcetera.

The study on the use of basketball registers in *Internet* is chosen as the topic of this study because basketball registers are familiar for many people, especially for those who like basketball. In fact, most of these people do not

understand the meanings of those basketball registers well. In other words, most of these people do not know how to use each of the basketball registers. These problems make the researcher feels challenged to do a research on the problems in order to get some alternative solution of the problem.

Moreover, people sometimes have some misinterpretations and misunderstandings on the use of basketball registers. Consequently, this research is still regarded as a relevant study both for the researcher and the learners.

1.2 The Statement of the Problems

Due to the topic of the study, namely the use of register in basketball match, the researcher decided two problems to discuss. They are as follows:

1. What are the kinds of basketball registers commonly found in Internet?
2. What are the meanings of basketball registers commonly found in Internet?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

According to the problems discussed, this research is aimed to solve the two problems as stated above, namely:

1. To describe the kinds of basketball registers commonly found in Internet.
2. To explain the meaning of basketball registers commonly found in Internet.

1.4 The Scope of the Problem

Sociolinguistics is the study of the ways people use language in social interaction. Here, the researcher only wants to analyze the register which is a part of sociolinguistics. A register is a variety of language defined according to its use in social situations, for example, business language, sport language, literary

language, et cetera. Those may be broken down into poetry language, football language, basketball language and many more. In this research, the researcher discusses only register in sport. Specifically, the register in sport intended here is basketball register.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

Generally, the researcher hopes that this research may give the readers valuable information about the use of basketball registers in Internet. Theoretically, it is hoped that the result of this study can help the readers to increase their knowledge on the use of basketball registers. Practically, the result of this research may stimulate other researchers to do some other researchers on the same topic.

1.6 The Source of Data

The researcher chooses Internet as the source of data because the writer often searches the news especially basketball news in Internet. Besides, Internet is very familiar outstanding in society. Furthermore, the researcher chooses internet because the basketball events is published internationally. The source of this thesis is the news from Internet especially in www.nba.com/fantasy/ and www.nba.com/news/.