

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

In our daily life, as human beings we need to communicate to one other. We speak thousands of words to keep in touch with people. If there is a communication, there will be a language. That is why, a language has a close relationship with communication. The use of language by human beings involves the production of words. There are many kinds of word; one of them is an adjective. In *Basic English Grammar*, Azar states that adjective is a modifier that has grammatical properties of comparison (1989:109). Adjectives are usually identified by special derivational endings or by special adverbial and noun modifiers that give a little different meaning.

Sometimes we find more than two adjectives which are joined together in a sentence. It would take a certain analysis to explain the order of adjectives, for instance, we say "little brown house" but not "brown little house" or we say "red Italian sport cars" but not "Italian red sport cars". We can see from the example that the order of adjective is complicated. It takes a lot of practices before that order becomes instinctive, because the order often seems quite arbitrary.

This research discusses adjective word order in English. Based on the phenomenon of arranging adjectives which is so complicated, this topic is chosen to be discussed. This phenomenon seems to be challenging to discuss

scientifically in a research. So that, the researcher wants to analyze the problems of adjective word order more deeply.

1.2 The Statement of the Problems

In connection with the analysis of adjective word order, the researcher formulates some problems of study:

1. What are the kinds of adjective used in English?
2. How are the adjectives arranged in English?

1.3 The Objective of the Study

After discussing the topic of analysis of adjective word order in English, the researcher has some objectives as follows:

1. To reveal the kinds of adjective in English.
2. To describe adjective word order which is used in English.

1.4 The Source of Data

The researcher needs the source of data to support this research. The data are taken from English novel which is entitled "*Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone*" written by J.K Rowling published in 2004. The novel is used as a source of data because it has a lot of data concerning adjectives word order in English sentences. Besides that, it is one of the famous novels in the world.

1.5 The Scope of the Study

In order to get a detailed understanding about the topic of the discussion, the researcher needs to limit the scope of the problem. In this thesis, the researcher will discuss adjective more deeply. The problems of adjective are related to syntax. Syntax deals with the interrelationship of words. In this research, the researcher only discusses the adjective word order as the main analysis, including the characteristics, the functions, and also the orders of adjective which usually appear in a noun phrase.

1.6 The Significance of the Study

It is hoped that the result of this research may contribute some valuable things for the readers. That is why, they may get a good understanding on the arrangement of adjectives. As a result, this research can improve the reader's knowledge about the adjective word order. Besides, this research is also an attempt for the researcher to apply some of linguistics theories. Finally, the result of the study is intended to stimulate other researchers to do further research on the same topic.