

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains the things which have to do with the topic of discussion, namely the use of English football registers. 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 human daily life. It is in line with Labov's opinion, saying that language is a form of social behavior (1976: 183). It is used by human beings in a social context, communicating their needs, ideas, and emotions to one another. 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 linguistic 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. Variety of a language is any system of linguistic expression governed by situational variables, such as regional, occupational, or social class factors. The term is sometimes used more narrowly, referring to a single kind of situational distinctive language. One of varieties of language is known as register. A register is a variety of language defined according to its use in social situations. More

specifically, register is variety of language based on the subject matter. For example, legal language, literary language, sport language, business language, et cetera. Those may be broken down into prose language, poetry language, soccer language, baseball language, automotive language, et cetera.

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), saying that there are not only varieties of 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 dialects is variety that refers to the user of language.

Furthermore, Hartman and Stork as quoted by Alwasilah (1972: 194), state that register is variety in language used for a specific purpose as opposed to a social or regional dialect (which is varied by speakers). Register as a variety of language is based on the use of the language. Registers can be found in subject matter, such as legal language, literary language, sport language, business language, et cetera.

The following examples clarify the discussion above:

- (1) With the eyes of the world on his precocious young shoulders once more, under-pressure *striker* Wayne Rooney knew that the time had come for him to deliver (I / P).

There is one word which contains football register in the sentence above, namely *striker*. In football, the word striker is also known as centre forward, forward, and attacker, and formerly inside forward. This is the player on a team in football in the row nearest to the opposing team's goal, who is therefore principally responsible for scoring goals.

(2) Portsmouth *goalkeeper* David James is refusing to talk to Sky Sports until 2 December - because that is when he was told by engineers that his home satellite system will be fixed (11 / P).

There is one word which contains football register in the sentence above, namely *goalkeeper*. In football, a goalkeeper dives to stop the ball from entering his goal.

1.2 The Reason of Choosing the Topic

The study on the use of English football registers in *internet* is chosen as the topic of this study because English football registers are familiar for many people, especially for those who like football. In fact, most of these people do not understand the meanings of those football registers well. In other words, most of these people do not know how to use each of the football register. These problems make the researcher feels challenged to do a research on the problems in order to get some alternative solutions on the problems.

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

1.3 The Statement of the Problem

In line with the topic of the study, namely the use of English football register, the researcher finds two problems to discuss. They are as follows:

1. What kinds of football registers are found in *internet*?
2. How are those football registers used in the sentence?

1.4 The Objective of the Study

In line with the problems as stated above, the researcher determines two aims of this study, namely:

1. To show the football registers found in *internet*.
2. To describe the use of those football registers.

1.5 The Scope of the Problem

Sociolinguistics is the study of the ways people use language in social interaction. Register as a variety of language based on the usage of the language is part of sociolinguistics. A register is a variety of language defined according to its use in social situations, for example, legal language, literary language, sport language, business language, et cetera. Those may be broken down into prose language, poetry language, soccer language, baseball language, automotive language, and many more. In this research, the researcher discusses only register in sport. Specifically, the register in sport intended here is soccer or football language.

1.6 The Significance of the Study

Generally, the researcher hopes that this study may give valuable information about the use of English football registers to the readers, especially for the students of the English Department, University of Widya Mandala Madiun.

Theoretically, it is hoped that the result of this study can help the readers to increase their knowledge on the use of English football registers. Practically, it may contribute other researchers something valuable to be used as a reference for further research on the same topic.

1.7 Source of Data

The writer chooses the data from internet because the writer often search the news especially football news in internet. Besides, internet is very familiar in society. Furthermore, the writer chooses internet because it is published internationally. The source of this thesis is the news from internet especially in BBC Sport and Wikipedia starting from 15 October 2006.

1.8 The Systematization of Writing

This thesis contains of five chapters. The contents of each chapter are describe as follows:

1. Chapter I: This chapter contains the background of the study, the reason of choosing the topic, the statement of the problem, the objective of the study, the scope of the problem, the significance of the study, and the systematization of writing.

2. Chapter II: This chapter describes some theories which are used in supporting the analysis. Further, it covers some short understandings about football registers, language, sociolinguistics, and semantics.
3. Chapter III: This chapter presents some methods of research applied in conducting the research. It involves the kinds of research, data collecting procedure, and technique of data analysis.
4. Chapter IV: This chapter reveals the data analysis which describes the meanings and the uses of football registers found in *internet*.
5. Chapter V: This chapter shows the conclusion of the data analysis.