

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

This research deals with the use of gerund phrases in the weekly magazine *Time*. There are three points of analysis here, namely the functions of gerund phrases, the components of gerund phrases and the transformational processes of gerund phrases found in the *Time* magazine. The total number of gerund phrases, as the data of this research is 48 gerund phrases in 40 sentences.

Based on their functions, gerund phrases may perform all the functions that are capable of fulfilling. Gerund phrase may act as subject of verb if it acts as the agent of the verb, or it is identified by complement. As object, gerund phrase follows a verb or a preposition. As subjective complement when it completes predicate and refers back to the subject. As appositive when it follows and further explains another noun phrase. The way to know the function of gerund phrase is by keeping in mind the characteristics of gerund phrases in relation to their function, in which gerund phrase is commonly followed by the words being modified or completed.

The analysis of the data shows that the gerund phrase is composed of the gerund and prepositional phrase, noun phrase, adverb phrase, et cetera, which function as the complement or modifier of the gerund and several gerund phrases that follow the article *the* as premodifier of the gerund phrases. The subject of gerund phrase may be found in another part of sentence or it may be implied. The subject of gerund phrase may be unspecified, so in gerund phrase transformation it should be deleted.

Moreover, the percentage of the use of gerund phrases based on their functions are as follows: gerund phrase function as object of preposition are 32 (66%), as object of verb are 8 (17%), as object of preposition are 7 (16%), as subjective complement are 1 (1%), and as appositive are 0 (0%).

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