

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Background of Study

Language is related to the characteristics of human being. It is needed to communicate one another. Language and socialization are the symbol of interaction that can change the world. Language should have certain patterns which we call structure. The structure of language is various. It depends on the point of view from where we look at the language. H.A Gleason states that there are two components of spoken language.

Language operates with two kinds of materials. One of these is sound. Almost any set of noise that the human vocal apparatus can produce is used in some way in some language. The other is ideas, social situations, and meaning. (1955: 2)

It is clear that the components of spoken language are of two kinds, namely spoken language and written language. The components of spoken language are sound and meaning. While, the components of written language are meaning and form.

Magazine is a kind of written communication that is gives explanation about anything related to the transformation of the message from the writer to the reader, which can bring the essential information. The *Time Magazine* articles will be the objects of the analysis. The meaning of such articles may be difficult to understand, so the writer would like to analyze this object.

Syntax is a branch of linguistics. The study of syntax concerns with words, phrase, sentence and syntactical construction. Syntax is the study of external structure of word. It means that the smallest units to be arranged are words.

Structure of modification is a structure consisting of a head and modifier. A head is a base of the construction. Where as, the modifier is the attribution of the construction. So, a head and modifier cannot be separated in composing the structures of modification.

The reason of choosing this thesis entitled “The Analysis of The Structures of Modification in English” is that syntactic structures of modifier are quite complicated and difficult to study. Therefore, the writer chooses this topic for object of study.

## **1.2 The Statement of The Problem**

In this thesis entitled “The Analysis of The Structures of Modification in English”, the writer formulates two problems to solve, they are as follows:

1. How are the structures of modification used in articles of the *Time* Magazine published in May 2005?
2. What are the kinds of the structures of modification used in articles of the *Time* Magazine published in May 2005?

### **1.3 The Objective of Study**

The purpose of this study is to get the answers, for those problems statement above, they are:

1. To describe the use of the structures of modification in articles of the *Time Magazine* published in May 2005.
2. To describe the kinds of the structures of modification used in articles of the *Time Magazine* published in May 2005.

### **1.4 Source of Data**

The writer chooses the *Time Magazine* as the source of data, because the *Time Magazine* frequently uses great deal of the structures of modification. In addition, the *Time Magazine* is one of newspapers, which is well known over the world.

The *Time Magazine* consists of many examples of attractive articles and the writer also finds many data about the structures of modification that will be analyzed. The data are taken from the *Time Magazine* from May 2 2005 up to May 23 2005.

### **1.5 Scope of The Problems**

In analyzing the data, the writer makes a limitation about the topic. The writer uses this limitation to avoid a complicated discussion about this research concerning the topic chosen. In this case, the writer conducts a research in the field of syntax. In detail, the writer analyzes the structures of modification.

### **1.6 The Significance of the Study**

It is hoped that the result of this research may contribute something valuable for the readers, especially English learners, so that they would have a good understanding on the use of the structures of modification in English construction. Theoretically, this study is expected to improve the learners' knowledge about the structures of modification. Furthermore, the result of the study is intended to stimulate other researchers to do a further research on the same topic.