

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is a means of communication. Besides, language is one of the most important things in the conversation of human behavior. Practically, there are two forms of language usage. The first form deals with spoken language, while the second one deals with written language. Nowadays, English tends to be a very important language. Consequently, many people are studying English as a first foreign language or a second language. Moreover, in studying English they find a term called linguistics, that is, a scientific study of language.

Next, linguistic study involves phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. Phonetics is a study of speech sound as sound, without regard to its function as signaling unit of language. Morphology is study of morphemes and their different forms and of the way they combine into words. Next, syntax concerns with the study of interrelationships of words. Meanwhile, semantics is the study of the meaning of the words. Accordingly, syntax is said to be grammar-the formal study of language, since both deal with the arrangement of words to form structure of phrases, clauses and sentences. This thesis deals with syntax. Syntax is chosen because it has a great number of problems of sentence constructions.

In modern grammar, there are two approaches for the analysis of syntactic structure. The two approaches are structural grammar and transformational grammar. Both are based on different conception of what a sentence is. Structural grammar emphasizes on physical arrangement of elements within a sentence whereas transformational grammar concerns with the process by which basic sentences are changed and rearranged into larger sentences. Both interpret the way complex structures are used in sentence (Frank, 1972 :231).

From this point of view, it emerges the fact that phrasal verb is thought to be a problem. It means that, studying English phrasal verb tends to misinterpret and misuse because one of phrasal verb has several meanings and the combination of elements of phrasal verb very are complicated. On the other hand, phrasal verb is very important knowledge in grammar.

Relating to the background, the topic of discussion concerns with phrasal verb in English and Indonesian. The problems in this thesis deal with the structure, the similarity, the difference of English and Indonesian phrasal verb. Concerning phrasal verb, the researcher of this thesis would like to analyze English and Indonesian phrasal verb found in the text of magazine.

In connection with two approaches, the writer chooses "*A Comparative Study of Phrasal Verb in English and Indonesian*" as the title of the thesis. Structure of phrasal verb which is derived from the expansion



of verb is discussed in this thesis. The expansion relates to structural grammar.

## **1.2 The Statement of the Problems**

1. What are the structures of English phrasal verb?
2. What are the similarities and differences between phrasal verb in English and that in Indonesian?

## **1.3 The Objectives of the Study**

1. To describe the structures of English phrasal verbs.
2. To describe the similarities and differences between phrasal verb in English and that in Indonesian.

## **1.4 The Scope of the Study**

It is necessary to limit the scope of the problem in order to get a detailed understanding about the discussed topic. This research will concern in studying syntax. The verb is the most important part of speech, so studying verb in English is very important. In this study, the writer does not analyze all of verbs, but only focuses on phrasal verb. Phrasal verb itself is part of verb. This thesis will discuss about the phrasal verb in the structure, the similarities and differences as a main topic.

### 1.5 The Source of Data

The writer needs such a source of data. To get the data, the writer takes certain population. The data are taken from *Holland Horizon* magazine published in 2003. The magazine is chosen because it has a lot of data, that is, phrasal verb. Besides that, it is one of the popular magazines which use two languages, that is, English and Indonesian.

### 1.6 The Organization of the Research

The organization of the research is as follows:

Chapter I : INTRODUCTION consists of The Background of the Study, The Statement of the Problems, The Objectives of the Study, The Scope of the Study, The Source of Data, and The Organization of the Research.

Chapter II : UNDERLYING THEORIES consists of the meaning of Syntax, Meaning, Verb, Preposition, Adverb and Adverbial Particle.

Chapter III : METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCH consists of Kinds of Research, Population and Sample, Technique of Collecting the Data and Technique of Data Analysis.

Chapter IV : ANALYSIS consists of analysis of data.

Chapter V : CONCLUSION.