

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The discussion in this chapter includes background of the research, research problems, objectives of the research, significances of the research, scope and delimitation of the research, and definitions of the key terms.

#### **A. Background of the Study**

Human activities and interactions can not be separated from language. language is used a means of communication either to give or to get information. Language has an important role in the society, Soeparno (2002) stated that there is no society without any language and there is no language without society. Thats why we need to master language to keep communication with others. Many experts have discussed and explained their finding about human language. A study which scientifically discusses about human language is called linguistics.

Linguistics as a scientific study has a large range of discussion. Based on the object of discussion, linguistics can be broadly broken into two categories or subfields of study: micro linguistics and macro linguistics. According to Soeparno (2002) micro linguistics is the study about language itself without any relation with other study. It focuses on internal language structure. Micro linguistics itself has some subdivision, they are Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, and Lexicology. While macro linguistics is the study about the language and its relationship

with external factors such as society, culture, and context. Some subdivision of macro linguistics are Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Pragmatics, etc.

In learning language, start from the basic is most important thing. This means that we have to know which one is the main part of the study. Although linguistics has a large range of discussion, it is assumed that the main study of linguistics is a study about internal structure of language. In other word, micro linguistics is an important basic in learning language. Syntax is a central component of human language which study about sentence structure in detail. According to Van Valin (2001) Syntax as the one of micro linguistics subdivision deals with how sentences are constructed, and users of human languages employ a striking variety of possible agreements of the elements in sentences.

Language has often been characterized as a systematic correlation between certain type of gestures and meaning. Yet, it is impossible for the native speakers of language to memorize all the phrases and sentences of a language. If they simply memorized all the sentences of English, they couldn't understand a sentence they had never had a chance to commit to memory because they never heard it before. So that by analyzing the sentence structures, it will ease in understanding sentences or phrases that we never heard before.

Discussing about language, nowadays, English become the most popular language in the world. English become a familiar language used in

education, business, technology, and information field. The importance of English in information field can be seen from many information media that publish information or some issues by using English. Besides that, the use of English in information field is due to the coverage sources is large. They do not only come from national sources but also international. The existence of information itself is very useful for us. There are many advantages by getting information such as; it can enrich our knowledge and make us more aware about some issues appear in our environment even the issues in abroad.

The way of publishing the information is various. This is one of the effect of technology development which is running fast. Regarding to technology development, the information about some events or issues, then we call it as news, can spread widely and fast. We can get an actual news from many sources such as television, radio, newspaper, and magazine Based on the way publishing, we know that news is not only reported in spoken language but also in written form. But nowadays, By using internet service, anything can be done including to get information or read the issues appear around the world.

The news which is published by using internet service can be called as online news. In Indonesia, The Jakarta Post is one of news publisher that publishes its news online under the website address [www.thejakartapost.com](http://www.thejakartapost.com) beside printed edition. Taking full advantage of the unlimited space available on the Web, The Jakarta Post.com provides

featured articles and special coverage that may not appear in the printed edition. As the name suggests, it also offers breaking news and a wealth of information in Indonesia. news in The Jakarta Post provide the most actual information gotten by its reporters that not only come from Indonesia but also from other country. This is the special coverage that may not appear in the printed edition.

The information in the news will be more meaningful if we understand and be able to interpret the message in it. One of important things in understanding a text is by analyzing the sentence structures as conducted by Azizah (2013) Student of English education department of STAIN Tulungagung has conducted research under the title A Study on Structure of Modification Used in Jakarta Post Headline. The purpose of this previous study is describing the types of structure of modification as well as its frequency of occurrence in Jakarta post headline

Considering the phenomenon above, This research will try to open the readers' mind that we can not avoid using syntactic structure in our daily language. This study is different with such previous studies. The writer analyzed the four syntactic structures (structure of modification, structure of predication, structure of complementation and structure of coordination) and their variation of components forming such structures. Because of that, the writer takes courage to write the thesis entitled **“Syntactic Structures in The Jakarta Post News Article”**.

## **B. Statement of Research Problems**

Related to the background of this study, the research problem can be formulated as follows:

1. What types of syntactic structures in The Jakarta Post news sentences?
2. What componential variety form the syntactic structures employed in The Jakarta news sentences?
3. How is the frequency of components forming each syntactic structure in The Jakarta Post news?

## **C. Objectives of the Research**

Based on the formulation of research problems, the objectives of this study are :

1. To find out the types of syntactic structures used in The Jakarta Post news sentences
2. To find out the componential variety forming syntactic structures employed in The Jakarta Post news sentences.
3. To find out the frequency of component forming each syntactic structure in The Jakarta Post news sentences

## **D. Significance of the Research**

By conducting this study, the writer expects it will give contribution both theoretically and practically.

- Theoretically, this study will be able to strengthen the existed theory stated by some experts about syntax especially which is related to syntactic structures.
- Practically, this study will give benefit for the teacher, student, and the next researcher.

- Teacher

the writer hope this study can be used as reference or as model for teacher in teaching and learning process especially in syntax subject on how to analyze syntactic structures.

- Student

the writer hopes this study will help the student in understanding a text in English especially for those who wants to study English text in media.

- Next Resercher

For the next researcher, this study can be used as previous study. By referring this study hopefully it can inspires him/her who wants to develop syntax research.

## **E. Scope and delimitation of the Reserch**

Based on the research background, the scope of this study is focused on the syntactic structure used in the jakarta post news articles, but it is limited to The News articles was published in November 10<sup>th</sup>2020.

## **F. Difinition of the Key Terms**

There are some significant terms that are frequently used and needed to be defined in order to avoid misunderstandings in this research, and those terms are:

The term “syntactic structure” refers to the structures of syntax which include structure of Modification, Structure of Predication, Structure of Complementation, and Structure of Coordination.

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