

CHAPTER V

DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the discussion related to the result of the data analysis and the interpretation of the analysis to answer the research question of the study. Specifically, this chapter focused on the description of the most frequently used verbs in news article.

A. The Most Frequent Verbs Used in News Article

The knowledge about the most frequent verbs that used in news article is definitely important for a teacher and the pupils too, as good as it can be used to consider or select about the most appropriate verb type based on their need in delivering information or ideas or news. In this study, the researcher used a corpus analysis toolkit, AntConc, in analysing the data to count the number of tokens, word types, and the frequency. The reason why the researcher used this tool because of according to Anthony (2004) this is a freeware application, thus making it deals for individuals, schools or colleges with a limited budget, and run both Windows and Linux/Unix based systems. It supported the researcher analysis in finding the data of the study in an easy way.

In this study, after generating the verbs frequency list, the researcher divided the top 150 verb list into several categories. The researcher used Beth Levin's (1993) English verb classes in categorizing the verbs. He divided verbs into forty nine

categories based on its semantic classes. Actually there are two classes of verbs in English, as stated by Thomson and Martinet (1986: 73) that verbs are including the auxiliary verbs and ordinary verbs. Auxiliary verbs contains to be and other auxiliaries, and ordinary verbs includes all verbs except auxiliary verbs that typically express action, state, or other predicate meaning. While, Levin's verb classes doesn't include auxiliary verbs into his categorization. Therefore, in this study the researcher didn't give attention to the auxiliary verbs although it has a high number of frequency.

The result of the study found that verbs of communication is the most frequent verbs used in news articles with a number of percentage 18.64%. The verbs of communication that mostly used here is the word forms of *say*, *tell*, *report*, *announce*, etc. The verbs of communication is functioned to communicate or deliver an information. As the original function of news article is to communicate or explain the idea of the information, it can be conclude that verbs of communication become frequently appears in news article because of it is used to transfer the idea or the information to the readers. As Klavans & Kan (1998) that the verbs are clearly contribute information in a report. Thus, the use of communication verbs become the most frequently appears because it describe how the information conveyed to the readers. As for instance the use of verb *report* in the sentence "*The Dubai-based Gulf News reported on Wednesday that the defendant ... will also be under probation for three years after prison*" was used to describe how an information about the what happened to the defendant being conveyed by the writer from the Dubai-based Gulf News to the readers in this

sentence. It shows how a fact or an information is transferred by the writers to the readers.

The use of communication verbs also often found appears as quotes that was given by the subject or witnesses or other participants of the events. Verbs of communication often comes with direct or indirect quotation sentences which were given by someone involved in the events that told in the news article. For instance, the use of verb *say* in the sentence ‘*"I'm still alive," he said.*’ from the article about Anti-Kremlin Russian journalist's death in Ukraine was faked. The sentence described how the comments of the subject of the faked death, that is the journalist, about the report that stated he was death. In other words, it shows how the writer describe the subject’s statement to support the truth of the information given in the news articles.

Besides, verbs of communication also found that it shows how the sources of the information is given in the news article. As stated in the previous sentences that communication verbs often appears as quotes, some of the quotes not only gave the comments of the event participant but also it showed how the information or the fact came from. For example, the use of verb *say* in sentence “*Croatian police say two migrant children have been wounded when....*” and in the sentence “*... police said Thursday that a 24-year-old Eritrean asylum-seeker attacked a 35-year-old man with a knife...*” In these two sentences can be seen that from the quotation also described how the information comes from. Both quotations tells that the incidents of the wounded of two migrant children and the attacked of Eritrean asylum-seeker was informed by the local police. In other words, the verbs of communication also

used to indicate the sources of the information given in the news articles in order to make an accurate information.

From the statements above can be concluded that from this present study, the researcher found that the verbs of communication was frequently used in news articles. The reasons why this kind of verbs often appears in news articles because it is used to communicate the information or the facts to the readers. Beside, verbs of communication also found in quotation sentences as a comment from the event's participant, such as the subject, witnesses, or other official participants, to make the information being informed become more interesting for the readers. Then, from the quotation sentences also found that some of them tells how the information came from. In other words, it showed the sources of the information to make sure that the facts being informed is accurate. These finding was extremely different from the findings of Reimerink's study (2006) of verbs in research articles. From her study was found that communication or speech verbs was rarely appears, while Existence verbs often appears in each sections of the articles. It is understandable because the different function between news article and research article. Research article tells more the findings of the research, thus why verbs of existence become more frequently used there.

Regarding that corpus study is a language research field that recently developed, the researcher faced several difficulties in conducting the research. There were two difficulties that give more impact to the researcher in conducting this study. Firstly, corpus study is rarer topic used in language research than the other ones, so the researcher tried harder to find the references related to the idea of

using corpus in language research. Secondly, the analysis of this study was conducted by using computer based software, especially corpus based freeware AntConc. Before conducting this research, the researcher had ever known how to use this kind of software. Hence the researcher hardly learned how to use the freeware correctly to find the accurate finding from the research data. But, after conducting this corpus study, the researcher realized that corpus is very useful for foreign language learning. By using corpus, learning foreign language could be carried out effectively and accurately by using language in the real context that presented in the corpus. The researcher argued that corpus can be used to learn how to use particular words and grammatical patterns in different practical language in an easy way, as it can use corpus software and many data of corpus can be accessed freely. Therefore, corpus study can be predicated as an easy, effective, and also efficient way in learning foreign language for the learners.