

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of some subchapters, namely background of the study, statement of the problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation of the study. They are necessary to be explained because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

Language generally is to communicate between one person and the other persons in daily life. People use language to carry out various purposes. They sometimes use language to talk about politics, criminal, gossip, economic, problem of life, and other topics.

Language is sometimes used not only for communicating but also for giving motivation. Someone who delivers motivation has to have high skill in delivering words, he or she must have the ability to choose best words to make hearer enthusiastic to hear what he or she says. He or she also must know how to use figure of speech to make what he or she says more colorful. Someone who delivers motivation to other people is called a motivator. The motivator is someone who is giving motivation or inspiration for the audiences to carry out its objectives with positive thinking. As we know, everyone speaks with different own style eventhough he or she speaks the same language. The difference of style makes the person different from one to others. This also happens to motivators.

Every motivator has different own style to deliver their motivation. There are many famous motivators in the world, one of them is Nick Vujicic. He is well known because he has high skill to deliver motivation. Physically, he has no arms and no legs. He is not perfect like other motivators but he has different style to deliver his motivation. This makes him famous. One of the differences that makes him differ is the figure of speech which he uses. Perrine (1969) states figures of speech is any way of saying something other than the ordinary way, that is language that cannot be taken literally. It means that figure of speech is a word used for a special effect in which does not have its usual or literal meaning.

Nick Vujicic is known as outstanding motivator in the world. Many people from many countries know and watch his performance. Many television programs in the world invite him to give motivation for the audiences. His motivation is based on his experience, knowledge, and skill that are able to give spirit for audience's life. Beside that, he is also able to show to the world that he can do something like other people usual do. For example swimming, playing music, surfing, play skateboard, hitting a golf ball, and the amazing one is speaking to many audiences.

Therefore, the writer analyzes figure of speech used by Nick Vujicic. The writer has watched some videos of him when he gives motivation on some stages. The writer finds many figure of speech he uses. The writer chooses one example of figure of speech used in one of his video to show that he uses figure of speech. See the following example:

"Tears clean the windows of your soul, that's why you feel good after crying".

The utterance above is a form of figure of speech. It is personification because the words “tears clean” tell that as if tears can do like human do such as cleaning. Personification is a figure of speech which an inanimate object acts as if it has human characters, qualities, and abilities. In his speeches, there are many more kinds of figure of speech found.

There are some previous studies which are conducted to analyze figure of speech, but the writer uses only two previous studies which are quite similar to compare with this study. They are *A Stylistic Approach to Harry Potter and Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling* by Mei Ying Maria L (2004) and *Figures of speech in Simon Cowel criticism on American Idol Season 7* by Michael Armand Santoso (2008). Both of previous studies use theory of figure of speech proposed by Perrine. They focused on analyzing figure of speech used by characters in a novel and a commentator.

The writer on the other hand aims to discover the figure of speech uttered by a motivator. The motivators are able to inspire everyone by using words only and they utter various inspiring words. It means that what they are uttering is pure of their own words. In this study, the writer chooses one of phenomenal and outstanding motivators who always speaks fluently and confidently on his each performance. He is Nick Vujicic.

1.2 Statement of Problems

1. What types of figures of speech are used by Nick Vujicic?
2. What are the functions of the figure of speech used by Nick Vujicic?

1.3 Objective of the Study

In line with the statement of the problem, the objectives of the study are:

1. To explain the types of figure of speech which are used by Nick Vujicic.
2. To explain the functions of the figure of speech used by Nick Vujicic.

1.4 Significances of the study

The writer expects this study gives knowledge and understanding for the readers about figure of speech used by Nick Vujicic. Beside that, this study gives theoretical and practical contributions. Theoretically, this study gives more knowledge about figure of speech for readers especially for a motivator who speaks in front of public. Practically, it gives benefit not only to student of English Department but also all readers. This study gives knowledge to the readers and help them to interpret speech that is used by Nick Vujicic and other motivators on the stages. Readers are also able to apply figure of speech not only when they want to give motivation but also when they communicate with other people in daily activities.

1.5 The scope and limitation of the study

The scope of this study is stylistic. It focuses on the figures of speech which are divided into twelve types, namely, (1) Metaphor, (2) Simile, (3) Personification, (4) Apostrophe, (5) Synecdoche, (6) Metonymy, (7) Symbol, (8) Allegory, (9) Paradox, (10) Hyperbole, (11) Understatement, (12) Verbal Irony. The limitation of this study is the utterances that are uttered by Nick Vujicic that contain figures of speech. The writer also limits the sources of the data on three videos. The three videos are (1) No Arms, No Legs, No Worries; (2) Overcoming Hopeless; (3) Love Without Limits-Bully Talk. The data are all utterances in the three videos which contain figure of speech.