

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of some subchapters, namely background of study, statements of research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation of the study. Those are important to be explained because they will describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of Study

People cannot be separated from the process of communication. It means that people are social beings, so they cannot live alone. In other words, they can't live by themselves. In their lives, people need to communicate and interact with others through communication. In communication process, people can change their minds, thoughts, ideas, feelings, and intentions. They can also deliver information or advices to others.

In conducting communication, people need a tool or medium to express their intentions. The one important thing of the tool is language. Language has a lot study about, one of them is pragmatics. Pragmatics is concerned with the study of meaning communicated by speaker and interpreted by listener (Yule, 1996). It means that pragmatic is a study about utterances especially speaker's utterance.

Pragmatics has a lot of subdivisions, one of the most interesting theory in pragmatics is speech act. Speech act is the action or intent that a speaker accomplishes when using a language, the meaning of which is inferred by hearer (Fromkin, 2003). The speaker uses language through spoken to the hearer than the hearer interprets the speaker's utterance.

Austin (1962) in his book *How to Do Things With Words* defined speech act as the actions performed in saying something. Speech act theory says that the action performed when an utterance is produced can be analysis on the three different levels. These are Locutionary act, Illocutionary act and Perlocutionary act.

In this study, the writer deals with illocutionary act. Illocutionary act is the act which is committed by producing an utterance; by uttering a promise, a promise is made; by uttering a threat, a threat is made (Renkema, 1993). Illocutionary act is utterance which is performed with the intention of producing a further effect. The speaker shows the intention of the spoken to the hearer than the hearer defines the intention of the speaker.

The writer is interested in illocutionary act because illocutionary act is used by all of people in daily activities. Illocutionary act becomes the main central to linguistics in elements of communication. People do not aware of illocutionary act which they use to communicate in everyday life. The writer hopes that people know more detail about illocutionary ac for using appropriate illocutionary act in their utterances of conversation.

Actually, illocutionary act is used not only in daily activity but also in movie. Movie has a lot of dialogue between the characters to speak with each other. In this study, the writer analyses illocutionary act in movie entitled *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial*. The writer would like to know illocutionary act that performed in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie. The writer also analyses illocutionary act in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie to look for the intended meaning of each utterances that are uttered by the characters of this movie.

The writer's reason for choosing this movie to be analyzed is that the movie is unique one with the puzzle of mystery. This movie tells about Thomas and his friends who can survives from Maze and escape from mysterious and powerful organization known as WCKD. Then, they meet Mr. Janson who can protect them from WCKD but actually he lies to Thomas and other. Thomas knows about it and decides to escape from that area. They want to meet Right Arm to help them from WCKD. (IMDb)

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial can be an example of illocutionary act in a movie. *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* was released in latest 2015. *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* is the second movie of The Maze Runner. This movie is directed by Wes Ball in United States. This movie also has been two nominations in People's Choice Award 2016 as categories of Favorite Action Movie and Favorite Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie. (IMDb)

Example of illocutionary act in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie, when Thomas's mother says "Thomas, do not be afraid". Thomas's mother wants Thomas be brave, the situation will be okay so Thomas may not be afraid. Thomas's mother uses directive for showing her utterance. This utterance is included into competitive function of illocutionary act. This utterance shows the demand of Thomas's mother. She demands Thomas be brave and doesn't be afraid of this situation.

Another example of illocutionary act which is included into representative type of illocutionary act. Mr. Janson utters "I could tell the world out there is very dangerous". He believes that the situation of the world in this movie is so dangerous for them. So he states his belief to other to protect them from danger. This utterance describes collaborative function. This utterance expresses the speaker (Mr. Janson) asserts his belief. He asserts to others that the world is so dangerous for us.

1.2 Statements of Research Problems

The problem of this study is illocutionary act that is used by actors in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* Movie. Based on the introduction above, the writer emerges the following questions:

1. What are the types of illocutionary act that are found in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie?
2. What are the functions of illocutionary act that are found in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie?

1.2 Objectives of Study

After formulated some questions above, the writer intends to:

- 1) Explain the types of illocutionary act that are found in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie
- 2) Explain the functions of illocutionary act that are found in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie

1.3 Significance of Study

Theoretically, this study is important since it can give more information and knowledge about illocutionary act especially the types of illocutionary act and the functions of illocutionary act in people. The writer hopes that this study can give more understanding about the types and the functions of illocutionary act that can be used for daily life.

Practically, the writer hopes that the result of this study can be useful for people. For teachers, it can be used as additional materials or teaching speech act especially illocutionary act. Besides that, this study would give benefits to the readers who interested in this field to obtain deeper understanding in speech act; *The Study of Illocutionary Act in Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial Movie*. This study also can be reference to people especially University Students who deal with illocutionary act

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is Pragmatics especially in speech act. This study concerns with speech act in general and focuses on the conversations of illocutionary act that are used by Actors in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie.

The writer limits the analysis only the conversations that contains illocutionary act used by the main character in *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trial* movie.