

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first chapter of this study consists of some sub-chapters. They are background of the study, statements of problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and the scope and limitation of the study. All of the sub-chapters are so important to be explained here since they help the readers to understand the study deeper.

1.1 Background of the Study

Linguistics is a direct study of humankind and ought to be the most humanistic of all disciplines that suggests recognition of the need to eliminate or minimize error, especially in texts. The term "text" is sometimes used to refer exclusively to a unit of written language larger than the sentence. There are levels of error in applied disciplines of language such as syntactical errors, semantical errors, morphological errors and ect.

Text errors appear from misapplication of the 'lexical-grammatical' rules of the language or misselection of using affix. Such an example of inflectional affix can be seen in a study conducted by Santi, Dewi Asmala and Adi, Wiruma Titian, (2016);

*"Data 21: "After this happened, Istana was in love with this man and she **sudden** pay of amount money for him to buy the tool of stove." (p:39)"*

There is one error word found in the above sentence; **sudden**. **Sudden** is derivational suffix error. It needs suffix **-ly** to attach in it and becomes **suddenly**. It contains two morphemes **sudden** and **-ly** and changes category from adjective to

adverb. Because of that, affix is important to study, in order to know the most basic elements of word formation to communicate effectively.

Affix is needed to support human's communication, orally and writtenly. Because of that, human has to understand the types, the functions and the semantic categories of affixes before using it. Besides, affixes are able to convey literal meaning which exist in various unique language forms. When human know the smallest part of word formation, it can make human's communication be more effective.

The subject of this study is affixation. The writer decides texts which contain affixes to become the sources of data. The writer chooses one of Newspapers, namely *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers as the source of study. The writer chooses *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers because this newspapers is one of Indonesian Newspapers which is written in English. In 2016, *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers is one of the Top 100 newspapers in Asia by web ranking (<https://www.4imn.com/topAsia/>). At the time, *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers get rank position in number 69th. The languages used in its articles are also well edited. So, that they become the good examples of how people make sentences. This is the reason why the writer is interested to analyze affixations in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers.

There have been two previous studies related to this subject. They were conducted by Nura, Chilvia S. (2016) and Maghfiroh, Z (2016). Both were concerned on analyzing the types of affixation. Unfortunately, none of them

discussed comprehensively affixation in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers by using Lieber's (2009) and Plag's (2003) Theory. That's why this study is conducted.

1.2 Statements of the Research Problem

Through this research, the writer seeks to address the following questions below:

1. What are the types of affixations used in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers?
2. What are the semantic categories of affixations used in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on the statements of research problems, the purpose of the study are:

1. To explain the types of affixations used in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers.
2. To explain the semantic categories of affixations used in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers.

1.4 Significance of the Study

The writer hopes that this study would give positive contribution to the readers who read thesis. The first contribution being expected is the academic contributions. The writer hopes that the output of this research would give understanding on affixation, especially to the students of English Study Program. The writer also hopes that this study would be used as an additional reference for the future researchers.

The second contribution being expected is on practical field. Practically, this study helps the readers to understand well the usage of affixation and they can apply it in their daily communication or writing. This study also helps some writers who

want to write a book. They can use affixation in their works correctly and improve the words become more various.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is in the field of Morphology focusing on affixation especially on the two theories. They are Lieber (2009) and Plag (2003). Furthermore, the limitation of this study is on affixes used in *The Jakarta Post* Newspapers: Dec 11th, 12th And 13th 2018 Editions

