

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses about a study of presupposition used in the *BBC English Conversation*. Then it presents statement of research problems, objective of the study, significance of the study, and The scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of The Study

Language is a means of communication between one person and another. As social creatures, people cannot live without interacting with others. Communication is very important for people to interact with other, the imparting, conveying, exchanging ideas, and provide information, such as with friends, family, and patners in the work. In communication, the speaker and the listener must understand each other and the topics covered. Sometimes, the speaker bring the topics too broad, they did not immediately say what they want to say. They look such as signaling something in their utterances. It is very important to understand their implied meaning in order to make a success conversation.

According to Yule (1996, p. 177), “When we use a referring expression like *this, he* or *shakespeare*, we usually assume that our listeners can recognize which referent is intended. In a more general way, we design our linguistic messages on the basic of large-scale assumption about what our listeners already know. Some of these assumptions may be mistaken, of course but mostly they are appropriate”.

From this explanation, the writer concludes that the expression above is known as Presupposition.

In many discussions of the concept, presupposition has two basic types in branch of knowledge. Presupposition is treated as a relationship between two propositions. Moreover, presupposition is closely related to the information that has been shared. It allows the speaker to communicate more than one presupposition with a single sentence.

In this research the writer discusses about the presupposition that found on the BBC English listening yobimi application's conversations. *BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)* is a mass media which is already widespread everywhere. It is supported by many features and various contents which promise to provide useful knowledge to everyone who uses application by the most effective tools. With only a phone, we can learn and practice English everytime and everywhere. Actually, there are many various channel- application in the BBC, such as; BBC sport, BBC news, BBC Arabic and etc.

As long as we know, over the years we have seen three main problems for English learner: boring of the materials, ineffective learning methods, and lack of time to attend classes. So that, the writer decided to create something new and meaningful for people like us by chosen this application as the main topic in this research because *BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) yobimi* will give us the best tool to become a confident English learner . It contains a lot of contents that can help beginners who want to learn English. Such as some English conversations, vocabulary quizzes game and others. In this application there is

also a choice of level. Starting from beginner, intermediate, and advance level. In addition at each level certainly there are many different features which is no less exciting. In this application there is a choice of release year, but the writer prefers the topic of conversation that was released in 2018. Because the topic is still new and interesting to discuss. The examples of presupposition which appear in this English conversation are found in these sentences:

1) *“When was the bitcoin crypto- currency first created?”* (**Record 1**)

The presupposition is “the bitcoin crypto – currency was created”. From this utterance we can conclude that this sentence is a structural presupposition type. Because the speaker uses structure to treat information as presupposed (assumed to be true) and hence to be accepted as true by the listener.

2) *“If something fluctuates, it changes in amount or level.”* (**Record 1**)

The presupposition is “It does not change in amount or level. We can conclude that this utterance is a counterfactual presupposition types. Because the If- clause in the utterance means the speaker presupposes is not true at the time of the information.

In conversation, first speaker assumes that certain information is already known by the listener although the information of the speaker does not appear directly. Because, it is not an easy way to obtain the implied meaning. The listener needs to look for the meaning of the utterances and what the speaker’s mean in the same circumstance. Therefore, this research study is relevant for this data analysis. And, it will help the readers easier understand the contribution of utterances which included presupposition.

1.2 Statements of Research Problem

Related to the description of the background of the study above, the researcher will investigate the following problems:

1. What are the types of presupposition found in the BBC English Conversation?
2. What are the contributions of presupposition to the speaker's communicative purposes?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

These objectives of the study are to answer the statements of the study above:

1. To explain the types of presupposition in the BBC English Conversations.
2. To explain the contribution of the presupposition for the speaker's communicative purpose.

1.4 Significances of The Study

This paper is presented to be functional both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the contributions of the study are expected to give more understanding and make the readers know the presupposition and the types of presupposition in the conversations. And it can be references for such a study. This study is expected to give the readers better understanding and deep explanation about presupposition.

Practically, this study can give good contribution to the reader in increasing their knowledge, especially in presupposition. The writer tries to give an

explanation about the types and the contribution of presupposition to the speaker's communicative purpose. This study aims to continue the preceding studies of presupposition and to give a wider knowledge. So that, the readers can apply presupposition in sentences well.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is pragmatics that focuses on identify and analyze types and the contribution of presuppositions. The theory used in the study is presuppositions proposed by George Yule (1996). In order to specify this study, the writer limits the research only in presupposition that found on the utterances of conversation in BBC application which is only focuses on 5 conversation topics. The writer analyzes the types and the contribution of presupposition on that conversation.