

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents 1) background of the study, 2) statement of the problems, 3) objectives of the study, 4) significance of the study, and 5) scope and limitation of the study. Those sub chapters are required to inform this scientific study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Human is a social creature who need other human to survive. Communication among human is important to make an interaction easier. Language is the human way to deliver something in their mind to other people. Language can be an ordinary language that is uttered by normal people, or sign language which is used by mute and deaf people.

A communication among human using language can be called as conversation. There must have more than a person in making conversation, and there must have a speaker and listener. The speaker speaks something, the listener assumes what the speaker said. Assuming the utterances that the speaker says to listener is presupposition.

Yule (1996) presupposition is divided into 6 types. Those are existential presupposition, factive presupposition, non-factive presupposition, lexical

presupposition, structural presupposition, and counterfactual presupposition. For better explanation check this following example out.

- a. He stopped smoking. (He used to smoke)
- b. They are late again. (They were late before)

In this case, those examples are lexical presupposition, the speaker's use of a particular expression is taken to presuppose another (unstated) concept.

The researcher also used the projection problem as the next theory. Yule (1996) stated that the presupposition of a simple sentence will continue to be true when that simple sentence becomes part of a more complex sentence. The meaning of some presupposition does not survive to become the meaning of some complex sentences. For better explanation check this following example out.

- Nobody realized that Kelly was ill. (=p, sentence)
- Kelly was ill. (=q, presuppose)
- I imagine that Kelly was ill. (=r, what the listener thinks)
- I imagined that Kelly was ill and nobody realized that she was ill.
- (=r & p, complex sentence)

In an example above, the technical analysis may be straight forward, but it may be difficult to think of a context in which someone would talk like that.

There are several reasons why the researcher chose to analyze presupposition. The first reason why the researcher chose to analyze presupposition because sometimes people do not realize when they use presupposition before uttering that they want to deliver to others in their daily conversation. By analyzing this topic, hopefully people get better understanding

about presupposition. The other reason, the researcher focuses to analyze all types of presupposition that can be found in a story book because it is a rare to analyze pragmatics presupposition theory in a story book.

Meer (2016) stated that there are some kinds of a story books, those are short story, novelette, novella, and novel. Short story has 3.500 – 7.500 words, novelette has 7.500 – 17.000 words, novella has 17.000 – 40.000 words, and novel has more than 40.000 words.

Based on Meer's statement, the researcher chose to analyze a novelette entitled *The Legend of Lady Long Neck*. The novelette story is about a horror, a lady long neck asked to kids (the main character) to help finding her final place, and killing her husband who hanged his wife's neck, Victoria. The novelette has 66 pages, and approximately has 7.500 – 17.500 words. Another reason of why the researcher analyzed *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* is because this novelette is a good story. Goodreads (2016) shows this novelette has 3.99 of 5 stars. Flame of the Forest (2016) the novelette was created by James Lee. He has made so many books. Those are two single books entitled *The Young Immortal*, and *Howl*. The other books are the two books series, *Mr Midnight* and *Mr Mystery*. *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* is one of the books in Mr Midnight series. Mr Midnight is famous and successful horror series and the books even outsold Harry Potter in Singapore and Malaysia. The sales have exceeded 3 million copies, and making James Lee Asia's the first children author.

The theory used by the researcher to analyze presupposition on *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* is presupposition proposed by Yule (1996). The

previous studies have been done by Adra Mufidah Paradieta (2015), Yahya (2013), and Tri Utami Widyawati (2014). Adra Mufidah Paradieta (2015) analyzed about presupposition in a movie, and Yahya (2013) analyzed about presupposition in a novel. Tri Utami Widyawati (2014) analyzed about presupposition and deixis in a speech. Hence, in this analysis the researcher analyze presupposition in a story book, novelette.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problems

Based on the background of the study, this study focuses on a question related to the types of presupposition in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee:

- 1) What are the types of presupposition uttered by a speaker in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee?
- 2) What are the projection problems for presupposition in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee?

1.3 Objective of the Study

In line with question above, the purpose of this study is divided in an answer:

- 1) To explain the meaning of presupposition in each sentence that uttered by a speaker in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee.

- 2) To explain the projection problems for presupposition in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee.

1.4 Significance of The Study

The study is expected to be able to provide theoretical and practical benefits. Theoretically, the study is expected to give contribution to study of presupposition in linguistics works, especially in pragmatics. Practically, the result of the study can be used by other students to appreciate and analyze the oral sentence in a story book from the meaning.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is presupposition proposed by Yule (1996), application of the theory in analyzing sentences in novelette, especially in *The Legend of Lady Long Neck* novelette by James Lee. The discussion of the study is limited on the meaning that uttered by 10 characters which is found in the source of data.