

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Spoken language is used by people to make a good interaction with other people, because it can make clear and direct conversation. In a spoken language, some people can get a success and also failure to interact with others. People have to pay attention to the way how they speak, otherwise, they can have a problem in their interaction with each other. Sometimes, people can make others uncomfortable with the conversation they make. In this case, using suitable spoken language in a situation is really needed for other people can get insulted because of the improperness in spoken language. Therefore, spoken language becomes valuable for building good relationships with other people in the society since it is impossible for people not to deal with conversation.

There are always more than one person in a conversation. Normally, in a conversation, when a person talks, the other will just listen and then there will be a turn for him to speak. Traugott & Pratt (in Tiono & Ansori, 2005) stated that ‘in a conversation, there is at least one and not more than one party talking at a time and then there will be another turn for the listeners who reply or answer the speaker. This action is called turn-taking’. Moreover, Coates (in Tiono & Ansori, 2005) also stated that ‘turn-taking is the time when the speaker and the listener change their role whether becoming a listener or a speaker. In other words, there are ‘no gap’ and ‘no overlap’ between speakers’. At last, Wardhaugh (in Tiono &

Ansori, 2005) said they sometimes do not have the right turn-taking, as a result there are turn-taking irregularities.

Sometimes, people just do not realize that it is impossible for two persons talking at the same time in a conversation. Sometimes, listeners cut other speaker's words and they just do not understand that the speaker can get offended for their words are cut or stopped immediately. In this case, it is known as an interruption. Zimmerman & West (in Dewi, 2004) stated that 'Interruption happens when the second speaker cuts the first speaker's words without giving the chance to finish it. It is called overlap when the second speaker interrupts the first speaker, the last words from the first speaker are extended beyond the second speaker's first word'.

Commonly, there are some conditions that make a turn-taking irregularities occur in a conversation, besides the speaker's patience itself. The first condition is because the speaker wants to go to the main point of that conversation. It cannot be denied that in a daily conversation, sometimes, people spend too much time just for one thing. They tend to prolong the conversation without going to the main idea of what they want to say. Consequently, this condition makes the interlocutor cut off their words to get to the main point of the conversation by making a turn-taking irregularities to the speaker's words.

The second condition deals with the topic of the conversation. It means that the people who make the turn-taking irregularities want to stick to the topic of the discussion. They do not want to waste their time only for something that does not have any correlation with the topic that they discuss. This condition makes

them tend to cut off speaker's words. In fact, the irregularities itself happens because in some occasions in conversation, people tend to ignore the rule of conversation. However, making an irregularities is considered to be something rude as well as impolite, whatever conditions they argue, since there are some rules in conversation to make it become an appropriate communication.

In this study, the writer chooses to investigate the turn-taking irregularities in conversation between host and guests in talkshow namely "The Ellen DeGeneres Show". The show is chosen because in 2013 according to the Internet Movie Database (2014), the show is the most outstanding talk show in 2013 and won Daytime Emmy Awards in U.S.A.

This study uses eight episodes in the show which the guests are actor and actress. The male guests are : Daniel Radcliff, Mike O'Malley, Jack Black, and LL Cool J. Then, the female guests are Jessica Alba, Wanda Sykes, Julianne Moore, and Demi Lovato. The writer believes that the guests are predicted will violate the turn-taking in conversation with the host namely Ellen.

Ellen has interesting personality, she is funny and it makes her show enjoyable. Furthermore, she brings humour in her conversation with her guests and always discusses a topics which is related to her guests's experiences. In every episode, the guests who are invited on "*The Ellen Degeneres Show*" is actor or actrees. Most of them have a good relation with Ellen as the host. Thus, both of Ellen and her guests can cause a desire to lead the conversation and the turn-taking irregularities will occur in their conversation. For example :

Julian : Yeah.. yeah.. very creepy yeah...
 Ellen : I mean, really this woman is
 Julian : | she's insane.
 Ellen : Yes, she is insane.

(Source: The Ellen Degeneres Show: Season 13, Oct 7th, 2013)

The conversation above shows that the guest namely Julian cuts Ellen's words. When Ellen is still speaking '*I mean, really this woman is..*', immediately Julian does interruption by saying '*she's insane*'. It means turn-taking irregularities has occurred in their conversation because Julian wants to complete Ellen's statement.

There are few previous studies related to turn-taking irregularities. The previous studies mostly analyzed turn-taking irregularities in film and debate such as what has been conducted by Jennyfer (2005), Meilinda (2003) and Hartono & Gunawan (2012). All of them use similar theory of turn-taking irregularities which is proposed by Ronald Wardhaugh. The previous studies concern in turn-taking irregularities conducted in group conversation.

Therefore, the writer on this study is interested analyzing turn-taking irregularities in interview conversation on talkshow '*The Ellen Degeneres Show*'. The writer takes the data on '*The Ellen Degeneres Show*' because he does not find other writers who analyze turn-taking irregularities in talkshow especially in the university where the writer studied.

1.2 Statement of The Problem

Through this study, the writer emerges the following questions:

- 1) What types of turn-taking irregularities are conducted by male and female guests on *‘‘The Ellen Degeneres Show’’*?
- 2) What reasons of turn-taking irregularities are used by male and female guests on *‘‘The Ellen Degeneres Show’’*?

1.3 The Objectives of The Study

- 1) To investigate the types of turn-taking irregularities which occurred in conversation between host and guests interactively on *‘‘The Ellen DeGeneres Show’’*.
- 2) To analyze what reasons of turn-taking irregularities used by the guests on *‘‘The Ellen Degeneres Show’’*.

1.4 The Significance of The Study

Theoretically, this study is expected to give understanding to the readers about turn-taking irregularities and the reasons of turn-taking irregularities in a real conversation, especially the conversation in the interactive dialog in *‘‘The Ellen DeGeneres Show’’*. The writer hopes that this study helps the readers to get further explanation about the use of turn-taking irregularities in a conversation.

Practically, in this study the writer tries to provide the reader about the example of the impact on turn-taking irregularities in conversation. This study also be able to become an alternative way for the readers in creating a successful

interaction with other people by paying attention to irregularities that probably occur unintentionally in conversation.

1.5 The Scope and Limitation of The Study

The scope of this study is conversational analysis. The limitation is on turn taking irregularities. Specifically, this study is focused on turn-taking irregularities in eight episodes of *“The Ellen DeGeneres Show”* which is conducted by the guests, they are: Daniel Radcliffe, Mike O’Malley, Jack Black, LL Cool J, Jessica Alba, Wanda Sykes, Julianne Moore, and Demi Lovato.