

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This study conducts an analysis of grammatical cohesion on news articles published by the Jakarta Post. This section consists of background of the study, statement of the research problem, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Humans are one of God's creatures who use language to communicate. Language is the first tool to interact in social life. Language is very important to be used in daily activities in order to get information. As humans, also needs an interaction with other people by communicating to convey an idea or message. Therefore, humans usually convey through the speaker to the hearer. Humans also express their idea through language. An expression can be interpreted as a grammatical rule in a language. Without language, humans will be difficult to express their expression in daily activities. So, the writer views that language is indeed a medium to express a main idea.

Humans can understand a structure in a sentence is one of the ways a person's success in communicating. Someone is considered successful when he is able to communicate well through oral or written. Grammar is grammar is a good sign because someone is able to communicate well. Grammar also has its own problems related to the quality of writing. Writing also needs to be coherent where one sentence is connected to another sentence. In addition, the sentences written must have clear in meanings and do not make the reader more confused when reading them.

In writing news articles, novels, short stories, or others, ideas have an important role in that. Ideas are needed in writing to explore the ability to get interesting ideas

in making a work. Writing also requires a good grammatical arrangement. Grammatical is a language teaching that controls the standard use of language or words in a sentence. One of the ways to get a good in use grammatical is by how we use the ideas. In using the idea there is a cohesion.

Cohesion is a discourse theory that connects sentences. Besides that, there is cohesive device which has a role as a conjunction by connecting between sentences or paragraphs in the idea of the text. The purpose of cohesive is to make it easier for the readers to understanding the meaning of a text. There are two types of cohesion, that are lexical and grammatical cohesion. The focus here is only discussing on analysis of grammatical cohesion in *the Jakarta Post* news articles. All of the types of cohesion are to make the language clear and interesting in use.

Cohesion is the similarity or combination of grammatical forms that form of a discourse. According to Halliday and Hassan (1976), cohesion is a basic word in a text where when the cohesive essence is understanding by the reader. In this research, the writer wants to analyze about grammatical cohesion in the news articles published by *the Jakarta Post* media. The writer wants to find and explore about the use of grammatical cohesion in the news articles in Jakarta post. Cohesion that connects one sentences to another. The writer chooses a grammatical cohesion to analyze because the writer wants to know about the use of grammatical rules and elements that have been arranged in news articles in *the Jakarta Post* media.

Grammatical is the meaning of sentences conveyed based on other grammatical word order while cohesion is a sentence that connect with other sentences. Grammatical cohesion is the way how grammatical structures enclose sentences limitations in the text. According to Halliday and Hasan (1976), grammatical cohesion has four kinds. There are reference, substitutions, ellipsis, and conjunction. In every single type of grammatical cohesion have the definitions. Not only the definition but also each type has a different character to stand as

grammatical cohesion. Here is an example of grammatical cohesion in general and also the explanation. This example is not including from the data but from another text:

(At the shoe store)

Daughter : Dad, what do you think about this shoes?

Dad : Oh dear, I think **that** is too colorful for you. Would you try **this**?
(showing another shoes he is holding)

From the example above, there is one of the examples of grammatical cohesion that occur in the text. The word “**that**” refers to the shoes that the daughter at the store that is presented within the text. Hence, it could be categorized as reference of exophora. Second, the word “**this**” refer to the exophoric reference (another shoes that the father is holding which is not presented in the text).

When talking about language, there is a language used in newspapers, magazines, and also news which is written through the articles. This part will discuss news or news in articles. News is an information about something that is conveyed in writing, social media, and television or radio broadcasts. There is also news which delivered by word of mouth to the many people. The information which delivered in the news is like a discussion that is still warm to discuss or still viral in this era. As we know, the information in the news can be in the form of health, natural disasters, social, lifestyle, society and others. One of the news articles written by the writer is news published in the Jakarta post.

The Jakarta post is one of the newspaper media which the contents are wrapped in English. This newspaper company is located in Indonesia. The office of the company is located in central Jakarta. In the Jakarta post it contains news articles that review information that has its own meaning for the reader. The news articles published in the Jakarta post are news such as culture, business, sports, and others. The readers of this newspaper can start from Indonesian people who are educated

and have broad insight. Not only the society but also there is foreign people who participated in reading the news. Therefore, the Jakarta post has many awards for being one of the most famous English newspapers in Indonesia.

Every day, *the Jakarta Post* publishes news articles to be presented to the readers. Most of people like to read news articles in online media, because They are easy to visit the site of news articles and only need to open the site of the Jakarta Post then choosing news articles to be read. It also increases our insight because the news articles presented, there are many benefits for the readers.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problem

Based on the author's explanation above, research on *An Analysis of Grammatical Cohesion in The Jakarta Post News Articles* that will discuss in the following issues. The research questions are formulated as follows:

1. What are the types of grammatical cohesion use in *the Jakarta Post* news articles?
2. What is the function of grammatical cohesion in *the Jakarta Post* news articles?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on the statements of the problems above, the objectives are:

1. To identify and explore the definition of each type of grammatical cohesion in *the Jakarta Post* news articles.
2. To find out the function of grammatical cohesion in *the Jakarta Post* news articles.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically, in conducting this study the writer focuses on the analysis of grammatical cohesion in ten news published by *the Jakarta post*. This study can provide important and useful value in the development of educational science. Other benefits of the study can increase linguistic knowledge especially in how to know the type of grammatical cohesion and also how to use in news text published by *the Jakarta Post*. The writer wants to the reader to find the purpose of the study carried out and based on the topic of grammatical cohesion. On the other hand, this study helps the readers to know that there are many texts that have the potential to be analyzed using various methods. This study also gives an understanding of the use of English language in daily activities. Moreover, this study helps other researchers to be inspired and interesting in the same topic.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

In this section it is explained that to avoid a broad explanation, so in this study focused on ten news of *the Jakarta Post* news articles based on grammatical cohesion. Grammatical cohesion has four types. It consists of ellipsis, substitution, reference, and conjunction. Furthermore, in this study the data is only limited in the sentences that contain grammatical cohesion it occurs in the data taken from *The Jakarta Post* newspaper printed on 2022 until 2023. In that year the text in the news has some similarities and connections in the data to be analyzed. The most important thing is that all texts have concepts related to the topic to be analyzed using the theory from Halliday and Hasan.