

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will describe background of the study, statement of research problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study and the scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of The Study

Language is a tool to communicate for human. Each country has its own language, for example: China has Chinese, Greece has Greek, Spain has Spanish, England has English, and so on. Rachman (2011) emphasized that Indonesian people mostly used three kinds of language, namely native language (e.g. Madurese and Javanese), national language (Indonesian), and foreign language (e.g. English, Japanese and Arabic) when they have to communicate with others from other country.

Every language has similarities and differences for example English and Japanese. One of the aspects of the similarities and differences between English and Japanese could be in their morphological aspects, syntactical aspects, phonological aspects, and so on. Therefore, a contrastive analysis can be conducted.

According to James (1980), “contrastive analysis is not comparative activity but it is a contrastive activity. It contrasts a pair of languages in order to show not only the differences but also the similarities of the two languages” (p.3).

A contrastive analysis is a branch of linguistics that contrasts two kind of differences languages. It is not similar to comparative. Comparative analyzes the differences only but Contrastive analyzes both the differences and the similarities of the two languages.

A contrastive analysis has ever conducted by Diana Wahyu Kurniawati (2013) entitled “A Contrastive Analysis of Imperative Sentences between English and Javanese Language”. In her study, the languages contrasted are English and Javanese. The study focuses on the matter of imperative sentences between

the two languages. The result of the study shows that there are some similarities and differences between the imperative sentences of the two languages.

On the other hand, in this study, the languages contrasted are English and Japanese. Japanese itself has already spread widely in Indonesia especially through teenagers from many platforms such as cartoons (anime) and games. Therefore, a few of the teenagers start following what they like and imitate it, for example form the way the speak (occasionally using Japanese) and get dressed (cosplay) that make society calls them Weeaboo.

Based on the phenomenon above, the writer is interested in analyzing Contrastive Analysis between English and Japanese and focusing on noun phrase structure. The writer choose noun phrase structure because the writer hopes this thesis will help someone who wants to learn Japanese or vice versa to understand the English and Japanese by the way noun phrases constructs. The analysis of both English and Japanese will be easier conducted by using Contrastive analysis approach which comparing the similarities and differences of those languages.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background of the study which has been described, some problems are stated as follows:

1. What are the similarities of noun phrases structure between English and Japanese in *Genshin Impact* teaser videos?
2. What are the differences of noun phrases structure between English and Japanese in *Genshin Impact* teaser videos?
3. What are the possibility of difficulties by English learners in learning Japanese noun phrase and vice versa?

1.3 Objective of The Study

Based on the research problem above, there are some efforts that the writer wants to achieve. Those efforts are stated as follows:

1. To identify the similarities of noun phrases structure between English and Japanese in *Genshin Impact* teaser videos.

2. To identify the differences of noun phrases structure between English and Japanese in *Genshin Impact* teaser videos.
3. To identify the obstacles by English learners in learning Japanese noun phrase and vice versa.

1.4 Significance of The Study

Theoretically, this study increased the understanding of English and Japanese noun phrases structure. Practically, this study could give some knowledge in analyzing the similarities, differences and structure between English and Japanese noun phrases.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

This study focused on the analysis of noun phrases structures syntactically. It analyzed the syntactic category only. It did not analyze the grammatical function and semantic role. It focused on the noun phrases of each sentences. The data that was analyzed is characters' dialogs and monologs in *Genshin Impact* teaser videos which consists of English and Japanese utterances.