

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses background of the study, statement of research questions, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Language has an important role in human life as a tool to communicate with other people. When we can communicate, we can convey thoughts and feelings with other. Communication itself can be done by two or more people. When people meet each other, they build conversation which contains any topics they talk. Conversation is a process of exchanging opinion or feeling. Conversation forms such as greeting, asking, answering, and others always be conducted by humans as social creatures.

A conversation happens if the aspects of the conversation are fulfilled such as participants, topic, and setting. In a conversation, participant can be classified at least into the first speaker and listener or the second speaker. The participants often share information and exchange any ideas and these activities can be called as a conversation. Santander (2014) explained that conversation has basic structure namely transferring from current speaker to the next speaker at transition place and competition spaces. Therefore, the speaker cannot speak in the same time because they must wait the turn to speak.

As the exchange of ideas, a conversation has also some kind of turn-taking strategies. Turn taking is used in every conversation like interview, talk show, ordinary conversation, and etc. Turn taking strategy is important to be used because it involves the process of building contribution, responding to the previous comment from the speaker, and turning to different speaker. The speaker and listener should balance in taking the turn in order to give successful conversation. The speaker has an important role to manage the turn while they are speaking to avoid misunderstanding. According to Dewi (2018), turn-taking strategies is how participants manage and alter their roles when they become speakers and listeners. It is the way the participants taking the turn, holding the turn, and yielding the turn in conversation.

One of the conversations which contain turn-taking strategies is on talk show. Talk show has become one of conversations that has many turn-taking strategies. For example, the way of the host opens and closes the show, the way of the host starts conversation with a guest star. From their conversation, the speakers use some strategies to take the turn to speak.

The Late Show is one of the shows that applies turn-taking strategies. This talk show is one of the popular programs in YouTube channel because it has 8,05 million subscribers. The concept of this talk show is very entertaining by combining jokes. This talk show describes the host namely Colbert as parody of conservative pundits which focuses on discussing and satirical current events, especially in U.S Politics. Moreover, this talk show is naturally done by host and guest without scenario. Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in the Late Show is

one of the episodes that talk about nation and world right now. This episode also becomes one of the popular episodes with 6,1 Million viewers. This episode is interesting because of its very inspirational guest star. She was Michelle Obama who was the First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. The conversation supports turn taking strategies between Michelle Obama and Colbert. The conversation contains arguments in each question from the host. The conversation is very nice. It can be seen how Colbert asking and responding to the Michelle Obama and also they bring the talk show to get the goal of that program. Michelle Obama as the second speaker takes the turn to speak when the first speaker end his speaking. For example,

- SC : Well, you um you say, you know? um from the moment happened of the day uh he was elacted person then stay to the next person. You did not stay for the personal that night ?
- MO : He'em, he'em (noding)

From the conversation above Stephen Colbert applied verbal filler on holding the turn strategy by saying 'well' and applied filled pause on holding the turn by saying 'um/uh'. Then Michelle Obama responded by noding only.

This study is conducted to find out the types of turn taking in conversation between Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show* and explains the way turn taking strategies used by Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show*.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

Based on the background of the study above, the researcher formulates the research questions as follow :

1. What are types of turn taking strategies found in conversation between Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show* ?
2. How are turn taking strategies used by Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show* ?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on the research questions above, the objectives of this research are :

1. To find out the types of turn taking used in conversation between Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show*
2. To explain the turn taking strategies used by Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show*

1.4 Significance of the Study

The results of this study are expected to have several benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical significance

The results of the research can add insight to specific knowledge in the field of conversation analysis, in particular for turn-taking strategies.

2. Practical Significance

This study is expected to enrich and develop knowledge of people and the result of this study can be used as reference for readers who want to conduct a research about turn taking strategies.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study belongs to Conversation Analysis field which focuses on turn taking strategies. This study aims to explain the turn taking strategies used in talk show between Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert in *The Late Show* program. The theory proposed by Stenstrom (1994).

This study focuses on turn taking strategies used by Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert. In this study, the researcher takes part of talk show because in that talk show there are repeated turn taking strategies applied. The researcher only takes the conversation between Michelle Obama and Stephen Colbert as the participants.