

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides subchapters that include the background of the study, research questions, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Conversation is an effective activity to convey messages between each other. Through conversation, people can connect with their communities and exchange ideas. Typically, discussion in conversation involve two or more people. Liddicoat (2007) states that a discussion typically involves two or more people and is a natural way for people to create or connect with one another (Socialize). Conversation between people happen naturally. To keep the conversation moving smoothly, participants in a discussion need to know when to listen to one other. People need to show respect for the speaker by paying attention when they are performing their roles. People who are acting as listeners or speakers need to focus intently. The conversation can be done with language, voice, gestures, and hand touch according to each person's way. Conversation can occur anywhere and anytime. Conversation are often found directly and indirectly. Indirectly conversation can occur in the neighborhood, while indirect conversation can occur such as on social media. One of them is social media with a YouTube account application with a variety of content, for example communication in podcasts.

In a podcast, podcast owners or host are invited as guest stars to tell stories such as artists, public figures, actors, and so on. Usually, conversation on podcasts discussed various themes such as education, exciting stories, news, entertainment and topics that are currently being discussed in society. A person invited as a guest star can convey his/her message or opinion with the host as desired without any settings in the communication. The host asked various questions according to the topic being discussed. However, not all communication goes smoothly. Some conversational phenomena are shown when having a conversation between the podcast owner and the guest star. One of these phenomena is the interruption phenomenon which often occurs in conversation.

Interruption is defined as the taking of a turn by people speaking while the previous speaker has not completed the context of the conversation (Sack et al., 1974). Interruptions in conversation happen spontaneously and unplanned. Interruptions happen naturally when someone agrees or disagrees, clarifies, changes the topic, and so on. A person who interrupts does not realize that what he/she is doing is a phenomenon of interruption in a conversation. In another view, interruption is interpreted as a violation of a conversation. This is because it relates to a person's right to complete their turn in speaking. Sometimes, people interrupt a conversation when they also want to express their opinion without looking at the right moment. Thus, interruption is considered to be negative due to the lack of politeness. It is seen from how someone interrupts an ongoing conversation rudely and does not pay attention to the right turn. A person who interrupts is called a disrupter by their disregard for the other person's right to speak and their tendency to dominate. According to Hutchby (2017), interruption is a moral category in which the new speaker is accused of violating the rights of another person to speak. Although, there are no rules in a conversation, the act of interruption is also not justified. According to Tannen (1994), when the speaker has not handed over the turn to the other, the new speaker tries to seize the turn even though the conversation is in progress. In fact, Liddicoat (2007) also says that the speaker who is doing his turn needs to respond with some actions in dealing with interruptions that become a problem in conversation.

Furthermore, interruption can be positive with the aim of expressing support to help the speaker. Based on Larasati (2014), the offense in speech is only covered as the definition of interruption. Interruption has other functions that can benefit both the speaker and the listener. It also functions as a form of cooperation between each other. It is not only aimed at mastering the conversation. Interruption cannot be seen from a negative or positive side because someone who interrupts has a purpose in conveying their message and is natural in conversation. One of the examples of interruption in conversations that occur in everyday life is when chatting from one or several people discussing the a topic.

A : ... and being clean of fear is just a really critical aspect **[of enjoying this life.**

B : **[I agree with you.** I agree, to overcome your fear is like, it should be a goal of everyone.

In the conversation, the utterances said by first speaker (A's) and second speaker (B's) show agreement in interruption. This is because (B's) agreed with what (A's) said by saying "*I agree with you*". Although (B's) interrupts, (B's) indicates that he/she agrees with A's statement. Thus, (B's) as the second speaker shows support for A as the first speaker.

Interruption between any human being in a conversation does not only occur when someone do it in our daily lives. However, without realizing it, the action of the interruption phenomenon often occurs in everyday life. This is because interruption can also be seen or witnessed in video programs such as podcast videos on YouTube that feature conversations between two or more people. In these talk shows, the act of interruption must occur between the podcast owner and the invited guest on the podcast. Some podcasts feature videos that talk about different topics of interest for a wide audience to enjoy and access. Some of these topics can be about sharing experiences, education, entertainment, and so on. Many men or women have podcasts and are invited guests on podcasts. some podcasts may contain one or two owners and one or more invited guests.

One of the famous youtuber podcast account owners is Jay Shetty. Jay Shetty is a famous youtubers with his account "*Jay Shetty Podcast*". He is a storyteller, podcaster, and former monk with a youtube account that has more than 2 million subscribers. Jay Shetty has uploaded 366 videos on his Youtube account with his videos having been watched millions of times. His video views have also reached one milion views.

In Jay Shetty's podcast show, he always invites someone to talk about something interesting related to the invited guest. One of the invited guests in Jay Shetty's podcast is a woman named Reneé Rap. In their conversation, the way of speaking between Reneé Rapp and Jay Shetty shows the occurence of interruption and how these interruption are carried out in their conversation. They discuss how

Reneé Rap dealt with a bad experience in her past and tried to get back on her feet with a podcast entitled *Reneé Rap OPEN Up On Traumatic Past: "I Was Missing For Seven Hours"*. This topic is related to Reneé Rap as one of the famous American actresses and singers with the struggles she has done during her life journey. In Jay Shetty's account, he uploaded the podcast on September 4, 2023 with a "like" feature of more than 5,000 viewers. Then, the data is easy to analyze and supports the existence of interruption in a conversation.

Based on the problem above, it is interested in studying interruptions taken from the object of study using conversations in youtube videos that occur in Jay Shetty's podcast on the title *Reneé Rap OPEN Up On Traumatic Past: "I Was Missing For Seven Hours"*. In the conversation, they discuss a personal issue that happened to Reneé Rap as a famous singer with traumatic past and mental health journey. In the podcast, their talks can be motivational for the audience and they talk for a long time about it. The conversation between Jay Shetty and Reneé Rap analyzed based on interruptions that occur in their conversation and how their expressing the interruption.

1.2 Research Questions

This study is about an analysis of interruptions in a conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty in the youtube video "*Jay Shetty Podcast*". The questions relate to the interruption that occurs during the conversation. The questions are formulated as follows.

1. What are the types of interruptions in the conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty in Jay Shetty podcast?
2. What are the purposes of interruption speeches used in the conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty in Jay Shetty podcast?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

1. To explain the types of interruptions in the conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty podcast.
2. To explain the purposes of interruption speeches used in the conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty in Jay Shetty podcast.

1.4 Significance of the Study

There are theoretical and practical significance. Theoretically, it is hoped that this study can enrich the repertoire of conversation analysis studies and for future researcher to understand the benefits of the theoretical basis of interruption used as a support in analyzing this study. In addition, the researcher hopes that this study provided knowledge about the existence of interruptions widely through the conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty which contains types of interruptions as well as the purposes of interruption speeches in a conversation.

Practically, this study can contribute to helping readers, especially English department students at Trunojoyo Madura University. When they engage in conversations, they became aware of their knowledge about interruptions in the form of various types of interruptions. Then, they can find out the purposes for interrupting as a reason for interruptions in conversations. Therefore, this study can be applied directly to improve conversations when interacting with each other by paying attention to good turn taking patterns.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study focuses on the types and purposes of interruption speeches in conversations between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty using a discourse analysis approach. In analyzing the conversation, the researcher focuses on the types of interruption related to the theory of Ferguson (1977). Then, it finds the purposes of interruption speeches shown by Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty speakers based on Kennedy & Camden (1983). The limitation of the study is conversation between Reneé Rap and Jay Shetty entitled *Reneé Rap OPEN Up On Traumatic Past: "I Was Missing For Seven Hours"* in Jay Shetty podcast to a duration of around one hour on September 4, 2023.