

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents some subchapters. They are background of the study, statement of the research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study, scope and limitation of the study. Each part in the subchapter explains about this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

Language is an essential tool of communication. People use language to express their ideas, feeling and emotions. In everyday life, the language plays a very important role as a means of communication. People who consider that language cannot be separated from them. Through language people can get information and know which happen in other parts of the world.

Many people use more than one language in communication. The phenomenon of people having more than one code (language) is called bilingualism or multilingualism (Wardhaugh, 1986, p.101). Sometimes, the people use more language to communicate with the society. In other words they use more than one language to express their ideas, feelings and emotions. Actually, the majority of people speak more than one language (Brown and Attardo, 2005:88). In the globalization era, people have become bilingual or even multilingual.

Along with the development of technology, communication tool that is currently popular is the social media on the internet with called Whatsapp, which is an application that is used to communicate using internet data. One of the Whatsapp groups named "English in Focus" is a group created by Ahya Averrosy Fiqa begin 3 October 2017. The purpose of this group is to deepen English and to improve our skill in English. It is very interesting to analyze the use of the code switching on this whatsapp group. In

conversation, they have to use English in their comments or conversation, yet sometimes they use Indonesian language as their mother tongue. It is noticeable for them to speak mixed language and they also switch back and forth between two more languages.

Ahya Averrosy Fiqa was graduated from non-formal course of BEC Pare, Kediri. After that, Ahya continue study in UNISULLA (Sultan Agung Islamic University) Semarang to take English Education. He makes a group on Whatsapp called "English in Focus" to study together about English. But, this group is not using full English. Some of them use Indonesian language too. Therefore, The conversation in the group occur code switching.

Based on (Hoffman, 1991) explains that code switching can occur quite frequently in an informal conversation among people who are familiar and have a shared educational, ethnic and socio-economic background. Then, Wardaugh said that there are two kinds of code switching. First, situational code switching that occurs when a language which is being used by a speaker changes according to the situations in which the speakers speak one language in one situation and other language in another situation. Second, methaphorical code switching that occurs when the speaker changes the topic of their conversation. Therefore, the phenomenon of code switching in this group is interesting to examine.

As a social network, member in the "English in Focus" group come from different social and regional backgrounds as well as diverse languages. In this group there are multilingual societies. Members of the Whatsapp group come from various regions. As a result, on whatsapp group "English in Focus" found code switch in the conversation.

Code switching is an events that often occur in the community, especially in a multilingual society. Hymes (1974) defines that a code-switching as a common term for alternative use of two or more languages, varieties of a language or even speech styles

(p.103). In linguistics, code-switching occurs when a speaker alternates between two or more languages, or language varieties, in the context of a single conversation.

Code switching is different from code mixing since people who switch or mix codes use more than one language in their utterances. To give an explanation about the distinction between code switching and code mixing, Ralph Fasold (1984) (as cited in Chaer and Agustina, 2004, p.115) explains that one criterion that is sometimes offered to distinguish switching from mixing is that the grammar of the sentence determines the language. By this criterion, if a person uses a word or phrase from another language, he has mixed not switched. But if one sentence has the grammatical structure of one language and the next is constructed according to the grammar of another, a switch has occurred. But, the writer often finds code switching in the conversation or comment in a Whatsapp “English in Focus” Group. For example:

A: “Good Evening Guys..How are you?? Don’t you have problem in English?”

B: “Yes, I have in Pronunciation, I have so many problems.”

A: “Me too.”

C:” I have problem in grammar.”

A: “What is that?”

C: “*Pokoknya yang berhubungan dengan grammar.*”

A: “*Lha iya...apa itu?*”

Source: taken from Whatsapp group “English in Focus”

From this example above, the researcher is interested to analyze code switching used on social media in Whatsapp group. Beside that, to know the factor of code switching. The researcher hoped this study useful for other who want to know about the use of code switch. Code switching is phenomena, which is not only occur in society, but in the social media on

Whatsapp. Therefore, the writer wants to analyze the use of code switching on WhatsApp Group “English in Focus”.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problems

Related to the background of study above, some question are formulated as follows:

1. What are the types of code switching in the Whatsapp group “English in Focuss”?
2. What are the factors of code switching in the Whatsapp group “English in Focus”?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

Based on the statement of research question above, this study is intended:

1. To find out the types of code switching in the Whatsapp group “English in Focus”.
2. To find out the factors of code switching in the Whatsapp group “English in Focus”.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Dealing with the previous discussion, this study has some benefits and gives significance in both theoretically and practically. The researcher wishes that after reach this research, the society will know what is code switching, types code switching and what is the factor of the code switching itself. Through this study, it can be the way to give more information about using and the factor of code switching in conversation or comment in the Whatsapp group.

Theoretically, this study can contribute to linguistic science in the field of linguistics, especially sociolinguistic studies. Practically, this research is expected to be used and developed as a reference to the next similar research.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of Study

This research is limited to find out the types and the factor of code switching in the Whatsapp group “English in Focus”. The scope of this research deals with sociolinguistic, which focused on the code switching in the whatsapp group “English in Focus”. The limitation of this research is the utterance English-Indonesian and Indonesian-English of the

members in the whatsapp group online. The writer selected the utterances which containing code switching.