

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of some subchapters, namely background of the study, statement of problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of The Study

Language is a tool of people to communicate with other. There are several ways to use language in communication that are using body language, gesture, eye contact which include in non verbal communication and verbal communication (when the language is used by using word or sentence). When there are two people or more communicate , it is usually called conversation. Yule (2010) stated that conversation is an activity in which two or more people take the turns at speaking. Therefore, normally conversation is the activity of two or more people who talk about something.

Conversation is functioned to express the idea, share information or ask-answer the question between speaker and hearer in the conversation. Both of them must have cooperation each other to get the conclusion of the topic discussion. In maintaining smooth conversation, speaker and hearer must know when they take, yield or hold the floor in conversation. It is usually called Turn Taking. Therefore, the participants of conversation should know the rules of turn taking correctly to get the smooth conversation.

According to Sacks (1974:696), turn taking is the feature in exchange system of speech such conversation. Normally, in conversation there are different positions of participant which are as the speaker or listener. When one person of conversation speaks, there are other participants listen to the speaker. The participant must know the right time when they speak and when they listen. They will know when they take the floor by hearing the current participant speak completely. Therefore, the conversation run well during the participant takes the rules correctly.

In applying the turn taking in conversation, there is phenomenon which is reputed brings the problem. It is named interruption. There are many people think that interruption is disturbing and must be avoided from rules of turn taking in conversation. When the listener disturbs the current speaker it brings the failing of turn taking. However, Liddicoat (2007:93) stated that interruption is problematic, therefore the speaker needs to do some action to respond the listener interrupt. Interruption is not simply a problem of violation conversation. In addition, interruption not always as the dominance functions. It possible brings positive communicative act in conversation.

Based on the statement above, the interruption can brings the positive communicative act in conversation. From its function, the participants have to be aware with the situation of the conversation. They need to understand when or how to interrupt the speaker talk. The participants who want interrupt have to select the right time to interrupt the current speaker. Therefore, the participant need knows about the interruptions strategies to get successful conversation.

Interruptions not only happen in daily communication but also occur in casual or formal talk such talk show, political interview or other program. Talk show is one of television or radio programming which there is someone (or group of people) as guest which is guided by Host. The most topic of that talk show is real story that happens in both of participants (whether guest star and host). Usually they talk about the experience biography or skill of the guest star. From the uttering explanation about the guest star biography or other topic, it possible happens that guest star and host do interruption. Based on this, the writer choose the David Letterman Show as the source of the data of this study.

Talk show of David letterman is named "Late Show with David Letterman. This talk show was existed in 1993. The characteristic of this talk show is humor talk show. There was achievement of this talk show that nominated as *Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series* for 16 seasons. In the first time the award of talk show happens in 1993, thus it is gotten again in 1997, and always gets in every year after got in 1977. The host of this talk show is David Letterman. He is one of popular figure especially as host in United States. Therefore, it is as the reason of the writer interests to analyze this talk show.

In talk show, host is the center of attention in talk show. He/she has great influence on the talk show. If the host does not have the expertise to communicate properly, the talk show that is guided by host will be not run well. It brings some problem of his/her talk show such Interruption. However the sequence of the event is prepared before, it will be possible that host or guest star will do the interruption in their talk show. From on the description of interruption

and talkshow it becomes the interesting topic for the writer in her study to identify and analyze kinds and strategies of interruptions of that talk show. Example of Interruption in Talk show of David Letterman as follow:

Guest star	:	and I was like fine and every couple of takes, they would open the trunk and I would get loud a sip of water and a cracker	{	and a
Host	:		}	and a cracker,
Guest star	:	and so		

Related to the example above, the host (David Letterman) interrupts the guest star with give agreement or restatement of the guest star statement.

Based on the previous studies of this study, the analysis of interruptions is taken from TV series and Movie and in the Present study the writer tries to analyze talk show as source of the data. Thus in the previous studies, the researchers focus on the types and function of Interruptions. In present study the wrier focuses on the categories and strategies of interruptions. In the focusing of its interruption is analyzed as the next study of the previous studies. How the participant of conversation can select the best way if he/she interrupt the current speaker/participant in conversation.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

Based on the issues presented in the background of the study above, there are some questions that need to be answered through this research, those are:

1. What kinds of interruptions used in David Letterman Show??
2. What strategies of interruptions used in David Letterman Show?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

Based on the statement of problems, the objectives of the study are:

1. To explain the kinds of interruption used in David Letterman Show.
2. To describe the strategies of interruption used in David Letterman Show.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically this study is hoped to give contribution for further study both of in analyzing the same of source data or using the same theory. Beside it, this study is expected to give the information about interruptions whether in its kinds or strategies are used in talk show. This study can also become the reference for the further researcher to analyze the interruption. Interruption is one of important things in conversation such in knowing the strategies how the participant interrupts the speaker talk. Therefore, the speaker and listener must give attention related to interruption in order to get the smooth conversation.

While the practically, this study helps speaker and listener to understand in using the kinds and strategies interruptions correctly that are applied in conversation especially Talk show. Besides it, this study improves everyone who does conversation in understanding how use the interruption. Thus, it also hopes give awareness for all people who join in conversation that the interruption does not only bring the negative act for conversation but it also gives the positive function in getting smooth conversation.

1.1 Scope and Limitation

This research analyzes about the kinds and strategies of interruptions which are applied in David Letterman Show (Late Show with David Letterman). Related to its Scope and limitation of the study, this is conducted in Discourse analysis especially in kinds and strategies of interruptions as the scope of this study.

There are many talk show videos that exist in YouTube. Therefore, the writer limits the video of David Letterman becomes two episodes which are used as the source of data in this study. The title of the video that is made as the source of data is “Late Show with David Letterman. The first episode of talk show is “Jennifer Aniston on David Letterman Show which is published on 10 May 2017 and the second episode is “Jim Carrey has fun with Letterman” which happens on 17 April 2017. The utterances are taken from the Guest and Host in that Talk Show, especially the utterances which contain kinds and strategies of interruptions.