

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives brief explanation of the background of the study, statement of the research problems, the objectives of the study, the significances of the study, and the scope and limitation of the study

1.1 Background of the Study

Communication is main part of life. Nobody can oppose that because it has great role in human life. Imagine what life will happen if people cannot make a communication. There will be nothing. No way to talk anything to someone, no way to build a relationship with others, no way to exchange information throughout time, and so on. As a social being interaction between one another by means of language is not avoidable. It fills every part of our lives; it gives words to our thoughts, voice to our ideas and expression to our feelings.

In daily life, everyone has conversation to communicate with other people. In conversation there are minimally two people who have some ideas to be shared or to be told. Also, in uttering ideas they need to speak each other. In expressing something, people do not only produce the utterances, but also show and perform an action by their utterances which is called as gesture. In having communication the speaker needs to make the hearer understand by his utterance in order to the message can be accepted by the hearer itself.

Language is a means of communication among people. By language, people are able to obtain a lot of experiences and information. Language is signal system which is operated by symbolic vocal sound and used by group of people for the

purpose of communication (Susanto: 2007-2008). It is used by people to communicate, to interact and to transfer their idea to the other people. Therefore, language is really important for human being.

In Indonesian style, language is one of tool through that people's culture is transmitted. It is sign of identity which has function to deliver as a people's culture repository, industry and exploits. Language can distinguish people from other creatures in this world. In other word, language is the indicator of history and self-identification. If people have no language, they will have no self-identification. Beside that, language can help them to have interaction with other people in order to no mistake each other in conversation.

There are many languages in the world. English is one of them. English is one of the most widespread languages in the world. People use it either as the first or second language. Mastering English is very important in the globalization era just like today. By mastering English, people will be easy to get wider access to spread their knowledge and information. People also will be able to make communication and share their idea with other people from all countries. People also can avoid crime modus or deception from other people in another country.

English is an international language used by many people in many countries to communicate each other. It is generally a goal of either oral or written communication. People use English to make relationship among people in different countries in the world. Besides, English is usually used as medium in the scientific and technology research as well as international trade. In addition, there are many occupations which need English as one of their language that has to be

mastered. So, by mastering English people are able to have wider network with others.

Learning English grammar is one of important case to avoid misunderstanding idea in communication because it is formed of main framework which contains of rules that must be known. In linguistics, grammar is the set of structural rules governing the composition of clauses, phrases, and words in any given natural language.

In daily conversation not only mastering vocabulary but also mastering grammar is needed by the speaker or the writer. Grammar is defined by Brown (2001) as the system of rules governing the conventional arrangement and relationship of words in sentence. But there are still many people who make grammatical error in their sentences.

There are many reasons why people found that grammar looks difficult to mastered. One of the reasons about this phenomenon is English and Indonesian language have different rules. For example English has concepts of tense for subject verb agreement, but grammar in Indonesian language does not have it. The next, English has the formation of regular plural nouns and irregular ones, but it does not happen in Indonesian language. Besides, Indonesian language does not have gender pronouns and its pronouns are not various as English of which pronouns depend on their position in their sentences.

Mutiara Biru magazine is a magazine from the famous of taxi company in Indonesia, it is Bluebird. It is used to facilitate the passengers or the guests who use the service of that taxi during their trip. *Mutiara Biru* magazine is chosen by the researcher because it is read by people from all of age circle (children until

adult), so the researcher does not want if they are misguided by incorrect sentences. So the researcher analyzed “An Analysis on Grammatical Errors in *Mutiara Biru Magazine*”. This is an example of grammatical errors which are found in *Mutiara Biru* magazine:

I stay in Jakarta about 3 years already.

The sentence is unwell form. Firstly, it indicates error because it omits auxiliary verb after subject. Secondly, because of misformation of verb. The sentence must be included in present perfect tense because the writer told his activity since 3 years ago. So the pattern is “Subject + auxiliary (have/has) + verb3”. Because the subject is first singular person, the auxiliary must be have. It can be revised to be:

I have stayed in Jakarta about 3 years already.

1.2 Statements of Research Problem

Based on the background of study above, this research aims to answer the questions below:

1. What types of error occurred in *Mutiara Biru* magazine?
2. What are factors influence the occurrence of errors in *Mutiara Biru* magazine?

1.3 Objective of the Research

After formulated two questions above, this research has two important objectives; they are:

1. To explain the types of error occurred in *Mutiara Biru* magazine.
2. To find out factors that influence the occurrence of errors in *Mutiara Biru* magazine.

1.4 Significance of the Research

1) Theoretical significance

This research is important because English is international language and needed by many people. Grammar is important subject that has to be learned by people after they memorized a lot of English vocabulary. If people master English grammar and memorize a lot of English vocabulary, they will able to speak English smoothly. The researcher hopes that this research can give contribution for people who needs reference and comprehension about grammar. Because by knowing grammar they can understand the correct sentences and also they can know what the purpose of sentence.

2) Practical significance

Because *Mutiara Biru* magazine is facility for the passengers of famous taxi company in Indonesia, it is Bluebird Taxi which is the passengers are from all of age circle from adult, young people even children so the researcher also hopes that this research can be useful for all of people especially the passengers who use service of that taxi and read that magazine. People can make sentences correctly. In addition, people can correct their sentences with grammar and their writing or speaking do not cause misunderstanding.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

In order to make this research clearer and not too wide, there are some borders that the researcher used to limit this research. The scope of this research deals with error analysis. Furthermore, the researcher limits this research on sentences which contain error occurred in *Mutiara Biru* magazine.