

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter includes background of the study, research problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of the Study

Language is a system of communication used by many people in the world to communicate. People cannot live individually. They need to communicate with other to share what they want. People use language to communicate with other people in many setting to express their feeling and to develop their idea.

Language is also a system of communication by written or spoken. Halliday and Hasan (1976, p. 1) stated that text is a unit of language in use. The word text is used in linguistics to refer to any passage, spoken or written. It means that language is not only used in conversation or spoken but also in written such as newspaper, texts, etc.

The researcher is interested to conduct a study on cohesion devices because the song lyrics are persuasive text that can effect the listener's emotion. Halliday and Hasan (1976, p. 6), stated that cohesion is divided into two, the first is grammatical cohesion and the second is lexical cohesion. Grammatical cohesion consist of reference, substitution, ellipsis and conjunction while lexical cohesion consist of reiteration and collocation. In this research the researcher will analyze

the cohesion device especially lexical cohesion used in the lyric of Ed Sheraan's songs.

Lexical Cohesion is a group of words which is lexically cohesive when all of the words are semantically related; for example, when they all concern the same topic (Halliday and Hasan: 1976). Furthermore, lexical cohesion which consists of reiteration and collocation is very essential in order to get deep understanding about songs.

Ed Sheeran, Edward Christopher Sheeran, MBE (born 17 February 1991) is an English singer-songwriter, guitarist and record producer. He was born in Halifax, West Yorkshire, and raised in Framlingham, Suffolk. In early 2011, Sheeran independently released the extended play, No. 5 Collaborations Project. After signing with Asylum Records, his debut album, + (read as "plus"), was released on 9 September 2011 and has since been certified seven-times platinum in the UK. The album contains the single "The A Team", which earned him the Ivor Novello Award for Best Song Musically and Lyrically. In 2012, Sheeran won the Brith Awards for Best British Male Solo Artist and British Breakthrough Act.

Ed Sheraan's songs are chosen in this study because Ed Sheraan's lyrics are written by himself. Ed Sheraan shows his talent by writing about interesting topics in his songs such as his dream, his family, his father and his journey in love. Here, the reseracher provides an example of lexical cohesion that found in the verse of Ed Sheraan's song lyrics on *Divide Album*.

“One friend left to sell clothes

One works down by the coast

One had two kids but lives alone

One's brother overdosed

One's already on his second wife

One's just barely getting by"

The example above is taken from the verse *Castle On The Hill* lyrics. The bold words "One" is the example of lexical cohesion. These words are categorized into repetition. The researcher is interested to conduct a study on cohesion devices especially lexical cohesion because the song lyrics are persuasive texts that can effect the listener's emotion. Considering the reason, it is very important for the researcher to conduct this research which only focus on lexical cohesion found in the lyrics of Ed Sheraan's songs because the listener might have a different interpretation about cohesion devices especially lexical cohesion found in Ed Sheraan's song lyrics on *Divide Album*. This study tries to give a clearer insight about Lexical Cohesion in Ed Sheraan's song lyrics on *Divide Album*.

In line with this study, there have been a number of valuable studies of lexical cohesion (Lestari 2009; Rohim 2010). Those studies discuss cohesion devices in different subject and theory. Therefore, this study is very important to be conducted.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the researcher intends to answer these questions:

- 1). What are kinds of lexical cohesion found in the lyrics of Ed Sheraan's songs on *Divide Album*?
- 2). How does the contribution of type lexical cohesion in the lyrics of Ed Sheraan's songs on *Divide Album*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Referring to the research problem above, the objectives of the study are:

- 1). To identify the kinds of lexical cohesion used in the lyrics of Ed Sheraan's songs

2). To describe the contribution of type lexical cohesion in the lyrics of Ed Sheraan's songs on *Divide Album*?

1.4 Significance of the study

The result of the study will give both theoretical and practical contributions. Theoretically, the result of this study is expected to be useful and meaningful to the discourse analysis study. Practically, it is expected that this study will be useful for the students of University of Trunojoyo Madura especially English Department Students. This study can be used to obtain some information about kinds of lexical cohesion used in song lyrics. The last, this study contributes to the next researcher for supporting the following studies especially in the study of lexical cohesion.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the study

Based on the theory that is applied in analyzing the text, the scope of this study is the theory of cohesion devices proposed by Halliday and Hasan (1976). Cohesion devives itself is divided into two, those are; grammatical and lexical. This study only focus on Lexical Cohesion. Moreover, this study is limited on the data found in Ed Sheraan's song lyrics on *Divide Album*. The data might be in the form of words, phrases and sentences that contain cohesion device that exist in Ed Sheraan's song lyric on *Divide Album*. So that, the discussion of the study is focused on Lexical Cohesion found in the data.