

## Chapter 1

### Introduction

#### 1.1 Basic Consideration

Language is sound which produced by mouth and formed by word and sentence. Sentence is group of words which can understand by people. The one study about sentence is morphology. Morphology is study about how to build a sentence. Sentence in morphology was formed by free and bound morpheme. Free morpheme is a morpheme which can be stand alone like word *talk*. This morpheme has meaning which can be understood by the people. Whereas bound morpheme is a morpheme which cannot stand alone like suffix *-er*. This morpheme has no meaning, and it can't be separate with free morpheme to produce a word which has meaning.

Word in English language usually changes in the form and meaning. the change of word in English I mean that the changes of word from one words classes to another word classes like the changes of words in adjective to adverb where adjective *kind* adding with suffix *-ly* *kindly*. The process of this change called derivational morpheme. The change of word in English also occurs in affixation. Where the basic words were changing by adding prefix *un-* in the front of word like *unforgettable* adding suffix *-ing* in the end of the word like *singing*.

The changes of words in English language not only happen in affix, but some models of word change in English language occurs in tense aspect of verb where in

irregular verbs sometimes there are two words with totally change in writing and pronunciation like word *go* *went*.

When I see the changes of words in English language, I am interesting to observe the phenomena of word changing, and discussing through analysis about characteristic of word including some branch of morphology.

The branch of morphology which discussed more deeply about the changes of word called morphological structure of word. Discuss about morphological structure of word show that the changes of words can be based on affixation, blocking, compounding, blending, backformation, and suppletion.

In some morphological structure of words above, in this research, I limit the scope of research on suppletion in English language. This suppletion is rarely to be observed in the other researching. That is my suppletion focus on study concerning to English language can be regarded in morphology.

Thus, we can state that suppletion is change of two words which have same meaning but different in writing and pronunciation. According to Mel' uk's (as cited in Hippisley, 2001, p.1) "Suppletion is a relation between signs X and Y such that the semantic difference between X and Y is maximally regular while the phonological difference is maximally irregular". For example: *good* *better*

Theory above explains that the meaning of sign x and y are code as symbol for two words which has same meaning but different in semantic sense, like good (x) and better (y). In semantic, the sense of meaning word "better" is most good then

word “good”. In code x= good and y=better has same meaning but different in pronunciation because there is no relation sound between two lexemes.

I thought that suppletion has never occurred in English language without unsure which support the building of suppletion. So, to find out the answer of where is suppletion I must be finding suppletion phenomenon. Suppletion phenomenon is the matter which bringing on the form of suppletion.

Based on the explanation above, it is very useful to do depth analysis about suppletion phenomenon with using descriptive analysis approach in English language with the title of “*Descriptive Analysis of Suppletion Phenomenon in English Language*” in terms of findings the form, characteristic and phenomenon of suppletion in English language.

## **1.2 Research Question**

1. How is the form and characteristics of suppletion in English language?
2. What are the phenomena of suppletion in English language?

## **1.3 Scope and the Limitation**

I think, suppletion can be occurred in several parts of speech like. But in this research I only concentrate on the form and characteristic of suppletion in adjectives, verbs and nouns. After that I will do an analysis about the case of suppletion phenomena in that class of words.

## **1.4 Reason For Choosing this Study**

The reason for choosing this study because is:

1. I would like to do an analysis about one unsure of morphological structure of words
2. I would like to prove the presence of suppletion which has in morphological structure of words by given the explanation about how the form and characteristic of suppletion with observe the suppletion phenomenon in English language.

### **1.5 Objectives of Research**

The objectives of this research are:

1. To describe the form of suppletion in English language
2. To describe the criteria of suppletion in English language
3. To describe how the suppletion occurs in English language by observing the phenomena which bringing on.

### **1.6 Significance of the Research**

The significance analyses of this research are:

1. To introduce the readers about suppletion in English language
2. To carry on my knowledge about morphology especially in morphological structure of word in suppletion.
3. To arouse interest of the readers to know and learn about the unsure of English language.

