

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes and explains the basic consideration, research questions, objective of research, scope and limitation of the research, reason for choosing the topic, and the significance of the research.

1.1 Basic Consideration

“To say that somebody is polite would mean that this person shows possession of good manners and consideration for others. The term “politeness” nowadays carries a negative connotation, for being polite is associated with saying things which one does not really feel or believe in” (Alaoui, 2011, p. 7). However, it is an important part of social and culture. In fact, impoliteness sometimes happened in the process of speaking with the other people. It can be found in some situation when people speak with the other even as in formal or informal speaking. However, they occasionally unconscious that because, their interlocutors did not make it as a problem. The speakers sometimes leave it out.

Even though people leave out the impoliteness speaking, as a student especially English Department student should recognize this. For the reason that speaking impolite sometimes give some cost to the other. Therefore, we are supposed to know how to avoid the impolite speak in order to speak politely with the other and also to know that we have to recognize the knowledge about speak polite.

In the other hand, some experts of linguist proposed some research about how to speak polite. In this case, one of the famous theories was proposed by Geoffrey Leech who stated that politeness concerns a relationship between two participants whom they may be called ‘self’ and ‘other’. In dialogue, ‘self’ will normally be identified with speaker and ‘other’ will typically be

identified with hearer; but speakers also show politeness to third parties (Leech, 1983, p. 131). It means that politeness in speaking connect two people who called as self and other that show politeness each other and the third person.

Besides that, politeness principle is the act of speech which we should know when we talk each other. The politeness is divided into six maxims such as tact maxim, generosity maxim, approbation maxim, modesty maxim, agreement maxim and sympathy maxim (Leech, 1993, p. 82). We might use the maxim as act applying in society and the important things is why we should learn this politeness principle. At times, as a student in university also do conversation which use impoliteness speaking. If we know politeness principle with its maxim, we might know if we speak polite or not. Besides that, discern this maxim aid people to minimize cost to the hearer or else maximize benefit to the hearer.

Based on the fact and theory above the researcher is interested to research politeness principle as the reason to show the kinds of violation that people did when they speak and to explain how to speak polite with the other. In this case, to show the violations there are two sources to find out the data regarding the violation of maxims politeness that are written text and oral text. The example of written text are novel and short story that can be used to find out the data analyze maxims politeness, while oral text is directly spoken by the speaker. This oral text can be resulting from television and radio (as cited in Dwi R. DJuuna, 2012). In this case to find out the data regarding the violation of maxims politeness, this research uses novel because the context in the novel is more interesting. In addition, novel has many dialogues which drawing in one piece then the dialogue or story in a movie or else the other text. This research is able to find various data of maxims politeness in that novel as the data to explain the maxims politeness and the violation of its maxims.

Accordingly, this research focuses on the violation of approbation and agreement maxims politeness that are founded in Lee's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, for the reason that in this novel there are some violations of that maxims politeness which automatically exist, because it used in unity with the situation in that utterance occurs. In addition, it is a novel about racism and law with American old style using language that show the behavior of the American society especially Maycomb County in relation to 1950 which admired with their polite attitude include their speaks. So that, this research is conducted to regard the violation of maxim politeness entitle "The Violation of Approbation and Agreement Maxims in Lee's Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*" use pragmatic analysis.

The example of the violation of maxims politeness in the novel illustrated bellow:

Data violation of maxim approbation

Jem : "Why don't you come over, Charles Baker Harris?"

"Lord, what a name."

Dill : "'s not any funnier'n yours. Aunt Rachel says your name's Jeremy

Atticus Finch."

(*To Kill a Mockingbird*, Part One, Chapter One p. 4)

In this situation showed Jem's and Dill's speak. Jem called Dill's full name and feel strange with his name, it shows because Jem's statement "Lord, What a name" which means he ridicule dill's name. These case shows that Jem is not maximize praise of Dill. In the other hand, Dill also did the same thing with Jem. Dill also ridicule Jem's name. He tells that Jem's name is funnier than him. It shows that Dill as well not minimize dispraise of Jem. It can be concluded both Jem and Dill are impolite because they ridicule each other. In maxims politeness it is called as violation in approbation maxim.

Maxim politeness becomes an interesting topic to be discussed, because it describes how the utterance can be called polite or less polite based on the maxim which proposed by Leech. It also can guide people to understand the politeness itself. Besides that, in this research the

researcher interested to analyze the two maxim of politeness, they are approbation maxim and agreement maxim. Because, the both maxims always appear from the utterances in the novel. Also the both maxim represent the violation of politeness case which often showed by people in daily live for example ridicule, humiliate, abuse verbally and disagreement with someone.

In addition, this research is expected to be useful for the readers who interested in reading an American novel. It is useful to help reader understand the dialogue in a novel with the politeness aspect because novel not only contain meaning but also contain some rule of attitude includes how to speak polite.

1.2 Research Questions

This research contains a main problem to observe. The main problem of this research is the violation of approbation and agreement maxims of politeness in the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In order to be able to observe how the violation in this novel, here are the questions of this research:

1. What are the utterances that violate the approbation maxim in the text of Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
2. What are the utterances that violate the agreement maxim in the text of Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
3. What are the aspects that make the utterances violate the approbation and agreement maxims?

1.3 Objective of Research

The objective of this research is to describe the violation of approbation and agreement maxims which can be found in "To Kill a Mockingbird" novel. In this case, the researcher would like to describe:

1. The utterances that violate the approbation maxim in the text of Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*
2. The utterances that violate the agreement maxim in the text of Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*
3. The aspects that make the utterances violate the approbation and agreement maxims

1.4 Scope and Limitation of the Research

This research focuses on finding and analyzing the utterances that violate the approbation and agreement maxims in the text of Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The researcher uses the novel as the object to collect some utterances which is containing the violation of maxims politeness. The novel is not analyzed based on literary theory. It just use as the object to collect some dialogue and utterances.

The researcher analyzes the two types of maxim from the sixth maxims politeness by Geoffrey Leech. For the reason that, some dialogue in this novel bring some data which is violate the approbation and agreement maxims. Besides that, these two maxims choose because it shows the impolite speak of human when they ridicule and disagree with the other.

The theory which used to analyze the violation is the maxim politeness principle theory by Geoffrey Leech. The theory are consists of six maxims they are Tact Maxim, Generosity Maxim, Approbation Maxim, Modesty Maxim, Agreement Maxim and sympathy Maxim. It force good if student or reader know about the principles.

1.5 Reason for Choosing the Topic

The reason for choosing the topic is in some situation there are problems to understand dialogue in a novel, especially if the dialogues contain some maxim, so it would be useful to identify maxims in the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The reason for choosing this novel is to show the reader about some utterances in American style when they speak with the other and also guide reader to know that the dialogue on novel also contains some data to be analyzed in linguistic side. The researcher chooses Lee's novel because the novel is an American novel which is shows the behavior of American society in about 1950. One of the behaviors that show

in this novel is how to show politeness in speak to the other but in case, there is some impoliteness show from the utterances that the speaker shows in this novel.

Moreover, the researcher chooses the topic because the approbation and agreement maxim politeness were always appear from the utterances in the novel. Also the both maxim represent the violation of politeness case which often showed by people in daily live for example ridicule, humiliate, abuse verbally and disagreement with someone. Thus, if readers know the politeness principle especially the approbation and agreement maxim they can discern the rule of its maxim. Besides that, this research also can help people to understand and minimize the violation of maxim politeness especially on the both maxim.

In addition, the topic was choosing because the time to collect and analyzing the data is undersized and the location to collect the data is achieved. Besides that, the document and the data are available on library, book and article in the internet. So that, the factors above build the topic is facilitate to observe.

1.6 Significances of the Research

Each research expects contains the advantage while in theoretically and practically (Sugiyono, 2012, p. 291). In this case, this research provides two contributions as theorist, practice and academic functions.

1. *Theoretically*, the researcher hopes that the result of this research helpful and gives benefit to linguistic field, especially in pragmatic learning because in a novel also we can found some dialogues which are contain with meaning and the meaning can be analyzed by the pragmatic approach especially through maxim politeness principle theory. Also the researcher hopes that the research offering additional knowledge for those who intend to get the records and act research with the similar topic.

2. *Practically*, for the readers of English novel, the researcher hopes that it can help them to deeply understand the content of the novel. In addition, it can assist people to speak polite with the other and help reader to understand and minimizing the violation of both maxims.