

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Basic Consideration**

Prepositional phrase is a group of words begin with a preposition and combination with noun, pronoun, gerund or noun clause also prepositional phrase. Usually prepositional phrase can be functioned as adjective that modifies noun or pronoun.

In addition, in a paragraph or sentence, the prepositional phrase may consist of many words depends on the object or the count of words followed the preposition in order to convey the purpose in a sentence. In addition, prepositional phrase has function not only as preposition it self but also it may adjective or adverb phrase.

Refers to this research, the students have difficulties in using prepositional phrase in paragraph. It can be found form the students' difficult in putting the prepositional phrase in a sentence or sentences, they confused how to put the prepositional phrase in paragraph, so it can make the sentence or paragraph are unable to be conducted as a complete paragraph, it can not be understood. It means that in order to write a good paragraph, the students have to put the prepositional phrase in the correct position to make the text or paragraph can be a good complete paragraph.

Prepositional phrase can be used in order to develop the paragraph writing. But in fact, some students get difficulties in using prepositional phrase in

paragraph especially narrative paragraph, the result of observation shows that the students found difficult in identifying prepositional phrase. In addition, the students, the students difficulties is placing the words as on phrase especially preposition, for the other students it is difficult to write a complete phrase as a completes sentence.

The difficulties is important to be solved because the prepositional phrase is usually used in writing a complete paragraph, the prepositional phrase can be the part of sentence or paragraph. Means that if the students have problem in using prepositional phrase in writing paragraph, it can influence to the students' ability in writing. So it can make them confuse in writing. It is important for the students to have a better ability in using prepositional phrase.

The students difficulties in using prepositional phrases is interested to be observed because most of the students have various difficulties in write it, also it is interested to be observed because using prepositional phrases is refers to how to put additional information in sentence. Based on this statement, I would like to conduct the research entitle "a descriptive study on students' difficulties in using prepositional phrase in paragraph (a study will be conducted on students of SLTP 8 Gorontalo)

### **Problem Statement**

The problem statement of this research is "to that students' describe difficulties in using prepositional phrase?"

### **Objective of Research**

The objective of this research is “to describe the students’ difficulties in using prepositional phrases in narrative paragraph”.

### **The Scope and Delimitation of Research**

The students find many difficulties in writing, but in this research, I would like to limit this research on the students’ difficulties in using prepositional phrases, in this case the prepositional phrases is limited on prepositional phrase act as adjectives, the prepositional act as an adverb. It is limited because both of these adjective and adverb phrase is the main act of prepositional phrase.

### **The Significance of Research**

This research is expected can be useful information for the students in order to give information of their difficulties in using prepositional phrase in paragraph. For the teacher, this result of research is expected can be the useful information in order to describe the students’ difficulties in using prepositional phrase.