Chapter I

Introduction

This chapter explains about basic consideration, research questions, aims of research, the scope of research, and significances of research.

Basic Consideration

Compound words are the words consist of two words in free morpheme of morphology. Matthews (1974, p.82) state compound words are words that formed from two or more units that are themselves words. Compound words are part of morphology. Morphology is structure of words in language. According to Hamawand (2011, p. 1) morphology is a branch of linguistics concerned with the form meaning relationship between the subparts of composite words in the lexicon. It means that morphology is part of linguistics that discussing about word has a meaning similar to compound words have a meaning. Therefore, based on the explanation above, it could be concluded that compound words as a branch of morphology.

In addition, with compound words people could combine the two words become one word that very simple. For example, in *traffic-cop* the head is *cop*, which is modified by *traffic*. These compound words are called endocentric compounds, because these words have a head and modifier. The words *traffic-cop* is also called compound nouns, because *traffic* is noun and *cop* is noun. Why is the written of *traffic-cop* is using hyphenated? The reason is compound nouns can be written as a single word, as a word with a hyphen, or as two words (Lieber, 2010, p. 43). It is partly a matter of style. There are no clear rules about this. Thus, it depends on the words in the dictionary.

Based on the explanation above, it is also called endocentric compounds and compound nouns. Endocentric compounds are the types of compound words, while compound nouns are the processes of compound words. According to Delahunty & Garvey (2004, p. 10) endocentric compound is compounds that stand for a subtype of what the head represents. It means that endocentric compounds are compound have a head in the words. Linguists distinguish three types of compound words based on the different semantic relations between the head and modifier such as endocentric compounds, exocentric compound, and copulative compound or coordinative compounds, while the process of compound words are divided into three such as compound nouns, compound verbs, and compound adjectives.

Furthermore, sometimes compound words used by people in doing speech, movie, novel, poem, and social media. The reason is the words that would they speak or write need compound words to arrange their sentences. Nowadays there are some people using compound words in speaking and writing. For example in speaking, they would use compound words if they did speech in front of the people, because compound words are important in English if they need these words. Some of people using compound words if they did speech in front of people, although there are some people did not know about the meaning of the words because it is have compound words. For example, there are some politicians using compound words on their speech. Speech is the act of delivering a formal spoken communication to an audience.

Moreover, there is a researcher did analysis of compound words namely Ningsih, in her research the title is *Types and Processes of Compound Words used in Headline News Column in "The Jakarta Post" News*. In her research, she analyzed the types and the processes of compound words in headline news. She was using percentage from the types and the processes of compound words, which she was counting all the types and the processes of compound words in headline news and got the total of percentage from the types and the processes of compound words.

In contrast, in this research, the researcher would analyze compound words in Obama's speech, which the researcher analyze the types and the processes of compound words. However, in this research, the researcher would classify and identify some compound words into types of compound words. After the researcher get the data from types of compound words, and then the researcher would did analyze the processes of compound words. In this case, the researcher would see the types of compound words that constantly appear in Obama's speech. Therefore, it is contrast with the researcher before, because in Ningsih skripsi, she analyzed in Headline News Column in "The Jakarta Post" News, but in this research, the researcher analyzed in Obama's speech.

Moreover, in collecting the data, the researcher easy to got the data and collect the data from Obama's speeches, because the data would be taken from the White House official website. On the other hand, sometime people who listens Obama's speech are difficult to understand his words, because he is English native speaker and his speech also using compound words. Thus, they who did not know compound words they would use the dictionary to find out what the meaning of the words. Actually, using compound words on speech could also give advantages to us. The reason is it could give some information about compound words to us.

Therefore, the researcher chooses to analyze compound words in Obama's Speech, because the researcher wants to find out the types and the processes of compound word in Obama's speech. In addition, why the researcher chooses Obama? The reason is when Obama doing speech in front of people there are so many compound words in his speech that could be analyzed. Moreover, there is no student yet in English Department who conduct compound words in Obama's speech as the data research. Therefore, there researcher choose Obama's speech as the data research. The other reason is sometime the lecturers of English Department use Obama's speech in learning process particularly in listening subject, thus when the

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students did not know about compound words, they could read this research. There are some examples of compound words in Obama's speech such as everybody, pathway, citizenship, etc. In addition, Obama is also famous people in around the world because he is president of United State. Thus, the researcher chooses Obama.

President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. He was raised with help from his grandfather, who served in Patton's army, and his grandmother, who worked her way up from the secretarial pool to middle management at a bank. His daughters are Malia and Sasha and his wife is Michelle Obama. He went on to attend law school, where he became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. Upon graduation, he returned to Chicago to help lead a voter registration drive, teach constitutional law at the University of Chicago, and remain active in his community. He was elected the 44th President of the United States on November 4, 2008, and sworn in on January 20, 2009.

Based on the description above, the researcher would like to carry out a research under the title *An Analysis of Compound Words in Obama's Speech*.

Research Questions

In this research, the researcher have two questions:

- 1. What are the types of compound words that produced in Obama's speech?
- 2. How are the processes of compound words in Obama's speech?

Aims of Research

This research has some aims:

- 1. To find out the types of compound words that produced in Obama's speech.
- 2. To identify the processes of compound words in Obama's speech.

The Scope of Research

This research is only focused in compound words in Obama's speech. In addition, it is also focused on the types of compound words and the processes of compound words. Moreover, the researcher will get Obama's speech on White House website on November, which on November consists of five speeches. Therefore, the researcher will analyze five Obama's speeches on White House website. The reason is the researcher wants to find more about compound words in Obama's speech.

Significances of Research

There are some significances of this research. They are divided into two parts such as theoretical and practical significance.

Theoretical significance.

Theoretically, the result of this research can be a reference for the development of compound words study particularly of the students in State University of Gorontalo who want to learn more about it. In this research also can help the students to understand more about the theory of compound words, types of compound words, and the processes of compound words which is constantly occurs to the English department students in Gorontalo.

Practical significance.

Practically, this research can be a reference for students who want to study more about compound words. The students of State University of Gorontalo can see how the researcher analyzing the types and the processes of compound words in Obama's speech. Therefore, if there are students want to know more what is compound words itself, they can study in this research, because this research can help the reader to understand definition of compound words, the types of compound words, and the processes of compound words. This also will give some information about compound words in Obama's speech.