

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### Background

Nowadays, English has been representatively used people in the world in every sides, such as work, education, tourism, and etc. English is also a language that is used as basic language for information media either used in written or electronic items. It also has important role in informing knowledge from abroad to domestics.

Consider the role of english is needed internationally, and in Indonesia, it is taught from kindergarden up to university. The students have been taught either in formal or informal situation. Moreover, in Indonesia, most linguists conducted english research as their reference so the researcher wishes to make an english research as the object of research.

In this research, the reseacher chooses directives speech act as the subject of this research. Directive speect act is a term that is used as one of speect acts. It is a speech act that is used by a speaker to opponent to do an activity based on a direction. Another term of directive is imperative act that is also meant as imperative sentence that is used as a command which hopes there is an act from opponent. According to Thomas (1993:96), directive speech act is a linguistics term that is used pramtically, and imperative term is structurally used in a sentence, but not used for communication. Therefore, between directive and imperative, they have difference in its meaning.

The linguists argue that directive speech act pragmatically has several types, they are imperative, directive, interrogative or exklamative construction. For example:

(1) Finish it at home!

(2) I want you to finish this off at home!

Both sentences have same meaning that is commanding to finish the task at home, but they have different sentences. The first sentence is an imperative sentence that states a command, and the second sentence is a term of declarative. It shows that this sentence has several types in communication. This variety is obviously related with politeness.

In utterance, it is necessary to pay attention the opponent. It is intended for respecting those who speak with us. To respect our politeness to other, we should maintain our language in communication. Furthermore, the difference of standing sentences that is used to inform directive speech act also influence to the difference of politeness strategy. The commanding construction of directive speech act which has high and strong demand will show low politeness. While declarative, interrogative, and exclamative have low demand degree and high polite degree.

The appearance of directive speech act with different way is also determined by speaker's authority to the other. The speaker will see background, context, situation and speech event condition, and the aim of doing speech act. Such a person who has high position occasionally be capricious to his subordinates in commanding. However, a person who has low position will be selective to choose the appropriate words so they seem polite to other.

Based on the reality, in enlightening english directive speech act, the author holds to pragmatics by considering the function of language as communicative tools. The data that is used in this research deals with Nanny McPhee film. It is a fictional comedy film that is particularly published for children and families. This film has no sexual and crime events so it is good for children. Although this film is not having reward more than others, it is nominated as child comedy film in Grammy Award. This film gives good learning for children. It stories about a family that has naughty children, and some caretakers are difficult to care of them. To change

this unwell situation, there is new caretaker who is named McPhee. She is bad old woman who has magic, and she will come to those who has problem with their children. She just teaches five things to her children, they are going sleep if commanded, waking up if commanded, getting dress if commanded, listening and saying help and thanks.

Furthermore, the author chooses this film because there are some of directive speech acts that are found in this film so it is suitable for being research data. There are some examples of directive speech acts become representative data that found in the film. They are:

a. *Stop fighting!*

Context: the utterance is expressed Tora to Crissie and Eric to stop fighting. This speech appeared because Eric and Crissie fought when playing in the room. Eric cut off the head of Teddy doll. However, Eric does not want to back it to Crissie so Tora who is their brother tries to separate them in fighting.

b. *You must read it and find out*

Context: this utterance is said McPhee to Evangeline. McPhee sees Evangeline reads a book and asks her to accomplishing in reading the book so she will know the end of the story.

Both sentences are the part of representative directive speech act that is found in the film. For the (b) sentence, it is declarative sentence which is in order to acknowledge for the opponent to read the book, and try to look for the end of the story. Meanwhile, the (a) sentence is a command that is expressed by Tora to separate Eric and Crissie when they fought. He pressured them to not fight each other.

This utterances are representative expressions that emphasize the film has several directive speech acts. If it is related with the plot of the story, this film is mostly giving

description about the McPhee responsibility for caring children, and it is automatically facing the children characters; some are naughty, some are good, and any characters. Moreover, to change children character, we should guide them to do anything well, in this case, we can do everything through command or asking them for doing something. This perspective makes me sure that there are several directive speech acts could be found in the film. Therefore, the title of this research could be formulated to be “English Directives Illocutionary Acts in the Dialogue of Nanny McPhee Film”

### **Research Questions**

Based on the basic consideration, the researcher formulates research question as follows:

1. What are the types of English directive illocutionary acts that are found in Nanny McPhee film?

### **Research Objectives**

The research objectives of this research is to describe the types of English directive illocutionary acts that are found in Nanny McPhee film

### **The Significances of Research**

It is expected that this present research theoretically could contribute to readers' knowledge about directive speech acts, including its types and politeness. Meanwhile, practically, this research expected that it is giving contribution to education in pragmatics. Moreover, this research covers the politeness as the subject of this research so this research could give description about representative politeness as possible as found in our daily. The film is only reflection of human life that could be example for us to differ which is good and which is not good.