CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter discusses the method that the writer used in this research including research approach, data source, the data research instruments, techniques of data collection and techniques of data analysis. They will be discussed below:

3.1 Research Approach

This research used descriptive qualitative research. Descriptive means describing something. The writer described and explained each types of modality in Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge. Descriptive research is a method which involves observing and describing the data. The term descriptive research refers to the type of research question, design, and data analysis that will be applied to a given topic. Descriptive research is primarily concerned with finding out "what is".

Glass and Hopkins (1984: 65) stated that descriptive research studies in which the researcher does not interact with the participant include observational studies of people in an environment and studies involving data collection using existing records. The researcher concerned on the interpretation and analysis on the object with some helps of library research. Thus, the writer applied descriptive research, because it could describe the data that had been collected.

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Qualitative would be in the data in which explained and interpreted clearly including word, phrase, clause and sentence. furthermore, Creswell (1994:1) stated that qualitative research is an inquiring the process of understanding a social or human problem based on the building a complex, holistic picture, formed of the words, reporting the detail views of informants and conducted in a natural setting.

In addition, Beverley Hancock, Elizabeth Ockleford, and Kate Windridge (2007:7) stated that qualitative research is concerned with developing explanations of social phenomena. That is to say, it aims to help the writer to understand the social world in which he live and why things are the way they are. They had agreed that it is concerned with the social aspects of our world and seeks to answer questions about: why people behave the way they do; how opinions and attitudes are formed; how people are affected by the events that go on around them; how and why cultures and practices have developed in the way they have.

In this research, the writer chose the descriptive qualitative research method because the writer tried to describe every single kind of modality in the Novel of Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge. Besides, the writer used descriptive method to analyze the data and then describe the finding to answer the research question.

3.2 Data Source

The data source of this research was the novel of Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge.

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3.3 Data

The data of this research was focused on modality word that appeared in the novel of Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge.

3.4 Research Instruments

One thing that is very important to obtain the data of the study is the instrument. It included to the writer himself, some references of the books in which the writer took, and the supporting instrument such as a computer to make an easier in analyzing the data of the research.

3.5 Techniques of Data Collection

In doing the collection of the research data, the writer used some steps. The first one was reading randomly the whole chapter one until five of Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge Novel to find out the data which was going to be analyzed. The second one was selecting the modality to know the data by underlining and bolding. The last one was collecting the related data by classifying the modal verbs that found in Thomas Hardy's The mayor of Casterbridge Novel to help the processing of data analysis.

3.6 Techniques of Data Analysis

The writer tried to analyze the data to find out the goal of the research by some ways. To answer the first question which is stated in the statement of the problem in this research, the writer provided some steps to answer. Firstly, identifying the modal verbs used in Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge Novel by underlining and bolding in order to get the easier categorizing the data in which going to be analyzed. Secondly, categorizing the modal verbs types Thomas Hardy's The mayor of Casterbridge Novel in order to get the easier classifying the data and deal with the answering of the first question stated in the statement of the problem in this research. The last one is providing the result in to the form of tabling.

Meanwhile, to answer the second question which was stated in the statementof the problem in this research, the writer provided some steps to answer. Fistly, understanding well the types of modality used in Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge Novel in order to get helping the way of doing the interpretation. Secondly, giving the interpretation to the modality used in Thomas Hardy's The mayor of Casterbridge Novel as well as possible in order to get answering the last question stated in the statement of the problem in this research. Thirdly is giving the conclusion to the data analyzing as the answer of the whole research problems that stated in the background of study in order to get the easier in comprehending the result of the goal of this study.