

Data 17

They walked side by side in such a way as to suggest afar off the low, easy, confidential chat of people full of reciprocity; but on closer view it **could** be discerned that the man was reading, or pretending to read, a ballad sheet which he kept before his eyes with some difficulty by the hand that was passed through the basket strap. (Chapter 1: 1)

The first data as modal verb “**could**” above is as epistemic modality. The function itself is as controlling possible action. Thomas Hardy uses the word “**could**” to show possibility that has occurred. The possibility can be seen in the data that the author gave direction possibility in looking at the one who was reading.

The data above tells us when Henchard and family came at the first time in village of Weydon-Priors, in Upper Wessex. They came to village on foot. They suggested that all people were in good talking, but in closer they guess that people talk about them. The next data is explained below.

Data 18

We walked here, and I had the firmity, and rum in it- and sold her. Yes, that’s what happened, and here am I. Now, what am I to do- am I sober enough to walk, I wonder?” He stood up, found that he was in fairly good condition for progress, unencumbered. Next he shouldered his tool basket, and found he **could** carry it. (Chapter 2: 9)

The data as modal verb “**could**” above is as epistemic modality. Thomas Hardy uses the word “**could**” to show possibility that Henchard had sold his wife and child. Henchard found the

Data 28

I'd sell mine this minute if anybody **would** buy her!" "There's them that would do that," some of the guests replied, looking at the woman, who was by no means illfavoured. (Chapter 1: 4)

The data above is the data of epistemic modality that use modal verb "**would**". There is modal verb "**would**" above have function as controlling a possible action. It occurs because of the sentence want to shows a possibility of the statement. So, in that situation Henchard possible sell his wife if here is someone wants to buy her.

The data above tells that by drunk influences too much, Henchard announced to everybody who wanted buy Susan I would sell her. Some of the guests were surprised with Henchard of saying that. It was none sense of selling his family. The second data is explained below.

Data 29

On a previous occasion when he had declared, during a fuddle, that he would dispose of her as he had done, she had replied that she **would** not hear him say that many times more before it happened, in the resigned tones of a fatalist.... "Yet she knows I am not in my senses when I do that?" he exclaimed. "Well, I must walk about till I find her.... Seize her, why didn't she know better than bring me into this disgrace?" he roared out. (Chapter 2: 10)

The data above is the data of epistemic modality that use modal verb "**would**". The modal verb "**would**" occurs because of

has offered a descriptive overview of the different epistemic adverb in the Ewe language. The third study has written by local research Susi Susilowati (2012). She has analyzed modality realized in education article in Jakarta Post. She used the descriptive qualitative as the design of her research. Whereas, the data of her research is modality and the data source of this research is written data taken from the education article in Jakarta Post. However, the scope is different from previous studies that the writer has not found about the research that took the data from the novel by using modality before. In this research, the writer has analyzed modality focus on the modal verbs that used in the Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* Novel.

Therefore, explanations above represents point of the reason that the writer wants to realize this study. The modality can be applied in any literary works such as novel especially in Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* Novel. It can be seen from the data that shows to the activities happened in the Novel. Moreover, by having been well understanding to the modality itself, we can use the modality in good way, especially in novel. In other hand, it also helps us to get easier in understanding the used of modality in the daily activity.