

4.2 Discussion

In this part, the researcher provides two sub categories of the discussion based on the findings. Firstly, the researcher concern with the result of language functions found and mostly used in the *Death of a Salesman* drama. Secondly, the researcher concern with discussion about the context of situation on the conversation that has relation with the topic of the research.

This present study has related topic with the previous studies, which are investigated the functions of language although conducted by different proposed theory, research problems and object of the study. The study conducted by Machmudha (2015) was closely related to this present study since it has similar theory of study, which is done by Jacobson's theory (1960). The study done by Machmudha (2015) is only focused on indentifying the types of language function and mostly used by Alicia and dr.Rosen in *A Beautiful Mind* movie. The result of her study revealed there are five functions of six functions based on Jacobson found in the movie. The referential function is mostly used by Alicia and dr.Rosen in *A Beautiful Mind* movie.

However, this present study was extremely different with the previous study because the researcher analyzes and describes the language function with interpretation of context based on Hymes' theory and uses drama as the object. The result of this study demonstrated that language functions found in *Death of a Salesman* drama are emotive, conative,

referential, phatic and metalingual based on Jacobson's theory. The types of language function that mostly occurred in Linda's utterance is referential function. Linda mostly used the referential functions in her daily communication with Willy, Biff and Happy in order to change them to be positive thinking to each other in their daily lives. With referential function, Linda can explain and describe what has actually happened, so that they can understand and be respecting each other. Therefore, it was very important to Linda to make a good verbal communication with referential functions because with explaining, informing and describing Linda can be easier to control her husband and children.

Meanwhile, the researcher concludes that the poetic function is not found in Linda's utterances. As the stated by Holmes, poetic function refers to utterances focus on aesthetic features of language. In this case, Linda does not use aesthetic features because she has to use clear communication in order to avoid misunderstanding with her family especially with her husband who suffers stress.

The finding also revealed that language usage is always influenced by social factors or situational context that refers to the component of interaction such as the setting, the participant, the end or purpose, the act sequence or chronological, the key, the instrument, the norm and the genre.

By all of these, the researcher concluded that is important to use language by notice its specific functions along with the context which is influenced the language usage in order to have a good communication with

