



a kind of long or a novelette. Novel is an invented prose narrative longer than a short story usually dealing with a few characters and aiming at unity of effect and often concentrating on the creation of mood rather than plot (Webster by Merriam). Characteristically developing a single central theme and limited in scope and number of characters (Webster's New World College Dictionary).

Most of people who love reading spend their time by reading a novel. Sometime they need to learn more to understand text what they read because the language of text that we read in a novel is not easy and simple, it uses the brief word and lyrical sentences. There are many different interpretations of people in the world. So, to make understanding the true meaning of the text in a novel, we need to analyze the text of the novel. Sometimes we need to look at features inside the language or we can call it formal links that refers to facts inside language. We can do this through knowledge of our grammar in some text. In this case, the way we recognize whether sentences are correct or incorrect is different. Misunderstanding might occur in reading and comprehending some texts since they have different way to recognize sentence whether is correct or incorrect.

This study deals with discourse analysis. Discourse analysis is academic discipline which studies about how language is used in real condition or situation and to analyze the discourse. The data of discourse analysis are text and context. The purpose of the discourse analysis is to get information which has relation with situation and condition in society. Discourse analysis also has many aspects to consider. One of the aspects is formal link which can be defined as interconnection of some parts (sentence) in text.







speech "Going Home Here". So from this study can known of the suitability and the context and content of the speech the president to meaning to be conveyed by the speaker can be conveyed properly.

Cook stated that in order to account for discourse, we need to look at features outside the language: at the situation, the people involved, what they know and what they are doing. These facts enable us to construct stretches of language as discourse; as having a meaning and a unity for us. The way we recognize correct and incorrect sentences is different. We can do this through our knowledge or grammar without reference to outside facts (Cook, 1989:14).

The study of Formal Link also was conducted by UmamiKulsum(2007) English Literature:Study of Formal Links used in English Reading Texts of National Examination of Senior High School. This study is focused on analyzing formal links in English reading section of National Examination 2007 edition. Formal links is a fact inside language or features that operate within sentence. The writer used the descriptive qualitative research.

In the present study, the writer chooses a novel because the writer has an experience of stumbling in problems in understanding literary works such as novel and some students sometimes cannot understand what the author means in the novel. Considering to the reason above, the writer needs to strengthen the importance of this study which discusses formal links in "*The Old Man and The Sea*" novel.

In conclusion, the writer describes the sentences in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* through Cook's theory of formal links.







