CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provided fundamental ideas of analyze the difference sentence structure portrayed between Meccan and Medinan surahs of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation. It consists of background of the study, research problem, research objectives, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key term.

1.1. Background of the study

Tree diagram has becomes an interestingfield to be investigated of many researchers in the past decade. Therefore the development of research on tree diagram develops constantly. A series of the research have been analyzed the tree diagram as their study on undergraduate thesis (Yun, 2009), book (Haryati, 2015), newspaper (Nani, 2003), magazine (Muhammad, 2012), corpus (Dukes, et.al, 2013), language spoken (Timothy, 2014) and journal research article (Qiang, 2010). Tree diagram is important to understand by assigning an individual tree diagram to each rule and can help to get understanding of ambiguous sentences. Muhammad (2012) said that an ambiguity occurs when a word, a phrase, a sentence can be understood or interpreted in more than one meaning. In another word can say that ambiguity occurs because a word a phrase or a sentence has unclear meaning. Thus, a sentence can be proved to be grammatically appropriate with the help of structure description.

Tree diagram consist of some contexts such as types of sentences, phrases, clauses, and word classes. Some other researchers have already done their study in various focuses of tree diagram, such as pronoun (Timothy, 2014), sentence (Nani, 2003), adverb (Muhammed, 2013), structures (Muhammad, 2012), noun phrase (Haryati, 2015), and types of sentences(Chandni, et.al, 2014). This present study has similar focuses as Chandni, et.al (2014) on analyze tree diagram focused on the types of sentence. The previous study has one object to be analyzed while this study present study aims at filling these gaps by comparing tree diagram in Qur'an English translation by Muhammad Habib Shakir between Meccan and Medinan surahs that focused on types of sentences and sentences elements. Types of sentence are: simple sentence, compound sentence, complex sentence, and compound complex sentence, while the sentences elements are: word, phrase, and sentence.

A sentence consists of various types of word classes and phrases which relates with how the researcher writes the work. In this case, tree diagram can be used to analyze on literary works such as a novel, a short story, a play, a song, a book, and other literary works. There is still limited research that took literary work as the object of tree diagram. However, some of the researchers have already analyzed tree diagram on some literary works, they werea play (Yun, 2009), abook (Haryati, 2015), a newspaper (Nani, 2003), and a magazine (Muhammad, 2012). To enrich the literary work, this present study takes the different object from the previous study, which is Qur'an English translation of Meccan and Medinan surahs. The specific objects of the research are 7 surahs of Meccan and 7 surahs of Medinan.

As the title suggest, this study analyzed tree diagram on Qur'an Arabic language that had been translated to English language. Some researchers analyze tree diagram in different focus of language. Yun (2009) the student of University of North Sumatera, analyze tree diagram using English language. Besides, Mohammed(2013) student of University of Malaya compareArabic language and English language using tree diagram theory. Then, it was continued by Chandni, et.al, (2014) on their research which was take Punjabi language as the subject.Furthermore, Timothy (2014) analyzed tree diagram on Nigerian language that focus on 'Ahan' language spoken on government. Following Yun (2009), this present study analyzed tree diagram on Qur'an English translation by Muhammad Habib Shakir. Qur'an English translation by Muhammad Habib Shakir is chosen because the words choices on translating were identified on dictionary nowadays. In addition, Muhammad Habib Shakir well known as translator of Qur'an into English language published by TahrikeTarsile Qur'an. Thus, the researcher wants to use Shakir's Qur'an translation to know what the difference between Meccan and Medinan surahs.

Meccan and Medinan surahs had been analyzed by Muhammad and Munir (2008), Pakistan's researchers. In their research, they used statistical profile and frequency distribution of ayats. They focus onMeccan, Medinan, and mixed surahs on Qur'an using the word-size and word-length. They also discussed the dispersion and shapes of word-size and word-length of Meccan and Medinan surahs at other compositions of Surras as introduced by Quran Mufassirs and scientists.Based on finding and discussion, Muhammad and Munir (2008) found the constructional characteristics of the two types of surahs in the Holy Quran. He also discussed the dispersion and shapes of word-size and word-length of Meccan and MadniSurras at other compositions of Surras as introduced by Quran Mufassirs and scientists. From the explanation above, this study have similarity with the previous study by Muhammad and Munir which takes Meccan and Medinan as the data of the research. In addition, this present study found the differences between Meccan and Medinan surahs of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation using tree diagram by describing the sentence structure portrayed in tree diagrams on Meccan and Medinan surahs of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation.

This present study also has the similarity with some previous research on using tree diagram as the theory (Nani, 2003: Chandni, et.al, 2014: Yun, 2009: Qiang, 2010: Muhammad, 2012: Haryati, 2015: Timothy, 2014: Dukes, et.al, 2013). This study used tree diagram theory because there has not been research in the undergraduate thesis that discuss about tree diagram using Qur'an English translation by Muhammad Habib Shakir. Thus, this study was the first study that focused on analyzing and comparing between Meccan and Medinan verses which was focused on types of sentence and its elements in Qur'an English translation by Muhammad Habib Shakir.

1.2. Research Problems

Based on scope that was states previously, the problems to be analyzed in this thesis proposal are as follows:

- 1. How are the verses structure portrayed in tree diagrams found on Meccan and Medinan surahs of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation?
- 2. What are the differences between Meccan and Medinan verses of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation?

1.3 Research Objectives

To answer the previous questions, there are two objectives of the study aimed:

- To describe the sentence structure portrayed in tree diagrams found on Meccan and Medinan verses of Shakir'sQu'ran English translation.
- To find the differences between Meccan and Medinan verses of Shakir's Qu'ran English translation.

1.4 Significant of the Research

Based on the background of study above, this research gives contribution to the lecture, to the student and to the reader, especially on syntax approach. The lecturer can be used this research for their reference to teach in linguistics especially about analyzing tree diagram on literary work. While for student, they can use this research in understanding and applying tree diagram that focus on analyze literary works or other studies. In addition, this research can be helped to understand the different types of sentences and finding the differences between Meccan and Medinan surahs on Shakir'sQu'ran English translation.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research is focused on 5 Meccan surahs and 5 Medinan surahs on Shakir's Qur'an English translation. The 5 Meccan surahs are "Asy-Syams", "Al-Balad", "Al-A'la", "At-Thariq", and "Al-'Adiyat", whereas the 5Medinan surahs are "At-Thalaq", "At-Taghabun", "Al-Munafiqun", "Al-Jumu'ah", and "As-Saf". The researcher limits the analysis on the types of sentence and its elements. Types of sentence are: simple sentence, compound sentence, complex sentence, and compound complex sentence, while the sentences elements are: word, phrase, and sentence.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

The tree diagram also known as hierarchy diagram is the analysis of sentence down to word it would also be possible to stop at phrase level, or to go beyond word level and indicate the morphological structure of each of the words (Herman, 2004: 10).

Qur'an (Arabic:) is the Muslim sacred scripture, believed to be revealed by God to Prophet Muhammad through Jibril (Gabriel) during 23 years; the Prophet recited it to a group of his companions and scribes of revelation wrote it down under direct and constant supervision of the Prophet (Muhammad,2008).

Medinan surah is the term given to the verses or ayahs of the Qur'an were revealed in Medina or lowered after migrated of Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina. A letter can consist of verses revealed in Medina as a whole, but can also be partially lowered in Mecca (Muhammad,2008).

Meccan surah is name of verses or ayahs that down before migrated of Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina(Muhammad,2008).

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