



disagreeing, the use of modal auxiliaries, shifting responsibility, stating objections in the form of question, the use of *but*, repeating an utterance by a next or the same speaker, and non-mitigated disagreement.

Furthermore, disagreement strategies are influenced by various factors, such as opportunity scale, indirect scale, power, and social distance (Leech, 1983). For this research, the writer focuses on social distance because it is one of social factor that play in the object of this study. According to Holmes (2001) social distance concern about the participants' relationship. Besides, this scale is useful in emphasizing how well the participants know each other, namely intimate relationship (high solidarity) and distant relationship (low solidarity). Moreover, Locher (2004) says that people who do not know each other will have certain expectation about their conversational partners' selves to give an impression about the people. Social distance can also happen in family, for example social distance between father and mother and their children which may be close or distant.

For the object of this study, the writer chooses a film entitled *Meet the Fockers* to be investigated because the film represents disagreement which happen between father and son with different social distance. Moreover, the writer chooses Greg, the main character in *Meet the Fockers* as the subject. The film tells about Greg, a 34 years old male nurse, who wants to marry his fiancée. However, before marrying his fiancée, his fiancée father wants to meet his family first as the requirement to get a license to wed from his fiancée's father. In this movie, it is illustrated that Greg is very afraid of his future father-in-law and also has a burden

to give good impression as future father-in-law order to get permission to marry his fiancée.

Since that the fathers have higher power than their children, the power of either Greg's father or Greg's future father in-law is higher than Greg. However, there is difference concerning social distance between relationship of Greg and his father and relationship of Greg and his future father in-law. The relationship of Greg and his father is expected to be closer than relationship of Greg and his future father in-law since his future father in-law still can be considered an outsider by him.

The writer chooses men as the object of this study because men value disagreement more disagreement than women (Holmes, 1995 as cited in Locher, 2004). It means that men produce more disagreement than women do. The writer also chooses father-son relationship because in every father and son relationship, there will always come disagreement, regardless their personalities and involved intellect (Conroy, 2009). Different from mother-daughters relationship which is constantly close from time to time and seems to bind women together across generations, father-son relationship changes time to time depending on the age period of the son. As children, sons idolize and want to so much to please their fathers to receive their father's approval and acceptance, and then they experience a period of having lots of conflict with their father which makes them feel angry or even fear of their father in their teenager ages (William, n.a). This relationship then evolves when the sons become young adults, although distance still is exist emotionally and they may even ignore each other. This relationship begins to





