CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Different society may have different language use. In society, there are many varieties of language used by speaker in their community or social group. Language variety is a form that differs from other forms of the language systematically. Variety is therefore a broad term, which includes different accent, different linguistic style, different dialect, and even different language, which contrast with each other in social reason (Holmes, 1992).

Language variety can be caused by some factors such as social status, age, job or environment. For those factors we can see that different social status has different language using. Language used by upper class is different from those used by lower class. We are also aware of the fact that people who live in the same region, but differ in their social status, education and economic status, speak quite different ways. Then, different age has different language using, for example the children have different pronunciation or unperfected grammatical rule because they are still in learning or in a process of language acquisition. It is different from adult because they acquired the language (Yule, 2006).

In addition, there are many kinds of people with having different social background. They have different job, different class and different culture.

Each of these differences will influence their language used to communication. Every occupation has different language which is used in their group to shows their identity, called register. Wardhaugh stated registers are sets of language items associated with different occupational or social groups such as surgeons, airline pilots, bank managers, sales clerks, jazz fans, and computer community (Wardhaugh, 2006). Register is variety of language used to specific purpose. Register is sets of vocabulary items that are used by an individual or a group or community in certain matter and specific purpose. It supported by Halliday register is variety defined by reference to the social context. It means register has a strong relationship with the social context in particular society (Fishman, 1972).

As Ferguson stated that people participating in recurrent communication situations tend to develop similar vocabularies, similar features of intonation, and characteristic bits of syntax and phonology that they use in these situations (Ferguson, 1994). It means that Register is a variant of language that is used in the particular jobs or communities to describe the specific vocabulary associated with different occupational groups and usually cannot be understood by other people or other groups of community. It could be described as an occupational style. Register helps people to express their identity at a specific time or place and how they seek to present their self to others. Different social interaction also becomes the factor of the different register in using language. Such as the different language which is used by computer community, a language which is used by lecturer in the class or a

language which is used by photographer community. They seem to have different register in their communication.

In this study, the writer wants to analyze some registers found in the movie used by characters to communicate in their community. The writer analyzes about **"The Register Used by Characters in *Shooter* Movie",** the writer chooses this movie because the language used by characters is interesting to analyze and there are many register used by characters. There are many register use by them in their community. They show their identity with their language. That register as marker identity in *Shooter* community and they use their register to reinforce their identity as army. John said that the importance of language as an identity marker at group level is much more readily evident that everyone is used to accent, dialect and language variation that reveal speaker's memberships in particular speech communities social classes, ethnic ad national group (John, 2009).

In addition, in this movie there are new vocabularies that we do not know the meaning are. The data are taken from shooter movie. Moreover, I believe that there are many registers can be found in this movie used by the characters. The characters of *Shooter* movie create a communication among his partnership and his captain during doing their job. The communication that they are talking about relates to their job as army in United State. They use term to make their job easily done. The terms are not easily understood by people outside this group except United State army unit. For example

languages used by characters in Shooter movie are: TS-129, 15, yellow ribbons, and 900.

This study will be analyzed in sociolinguistics framework using register theory by Wardhaugh. Through this research, the writer tries to understand the registers which are used by characters in his community. To collect the data, the writer uses the internet to get the sub-scene of the Shooter movie to make job easily done.

1.2 Research Problems

Based on the background of study, the statement of the problem in this study are as follows:

1. What are registers used by the characters in *Shooter* movie?
2. What are the meaning of those register used by characters in the movie?
3. What are the categories of register used by characters in the movie?

1.3 Research Purposes

Regarding the outline of question above, the writer can construct the aims below:

1. To find out registers used by the characters in *Shooter* movie.
2. To know the meaning of those register used by characters in the movie.
3. To identify the categories of register used by characters in the movie.

1.4 Significance of Study

From this study the writer can increase her knowledge and apply her understanding about register in *Shooter* movie. This study give practical contribution for the linguistic lecturers to be a source in teaching about language variety especially about register, they can use this research as the example how register used by characters in "Shooter" movie. They also can know register used by characters in the movie.

It is hoped that this study can be a valuable reference for linguistic students of university who learn more about register and it is hoped that the result of this research can give information about Wardhaugh theory of register especially when they are studying about language variety. Practically, they can learn about how register used by characters in the movie, if the writer does not discuss it, most of people does not know register used by them. In addition, this research is hoped to be able to give foundation for future research who are interested in register to be analyzed deeper.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study focuses on register used by characters in "Shooter" movie. Although there are many objects in the language variety, the writer limits her discussion the used of register which get from the utterances that used by characters in doing their job.

However the writer chooses Bob Lee Swagger, Nick Memphis, Colonel Isaac Johnson, Senator Charles F. Meachum, Donnie Fenn, Senior Agent, and

FBI Director Brandt as her limit characters. Due to their dominance in using in unique words or register in the movie. In this case, the writer only focused on chosen seven subject conversation in *shooter* movie.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In order to avoid misinterpretation about the use of terms; it is important for the writer to give the suitable meaning of the key terms. Some terms are defined as follows:

1. Register:

➤ Wardhaugh stated registers are sets of language items associated with different occupational or social groups such as surgeons, airline pilots, bank managers, sales clerks, jazz fans, and computer community (Wardhaugh, 2006).

2. A Shooter movie:

➤ Shooter is a 2007 American conspiracy action thriller film directed by Antoine Fuqua. The film concerns a former U.S Marine Scout Sniper, Characters written in this synopsis is the dominant characters use register in *Shooter* movie. Then this is the synopsis of *Shooter* movie. A murder of secret mission in Ethiopia involving two best friends they are Bob Lee swagger (as a shooter) and Donnie Fenn. Both of them have a great shooting ability. They can kill from distance with a single gunshot right on the target's head. In fact, Bob must accept that he and Donnie are sacrificed in that mission. Donnie was shot by his enemy, while Bob decided to retreat from his group.

In the next day Colonel Isaac Johnson went to bob. Johnson asked for help to kill his president. Bob did not realize what he had done became boomerang for himself. The action of shooting still going on, the goal is not the president but the Archbishop of Ethiopia. Archbishop died at that time. He met with Nicholas Memphis one of the FBI agents who were on duty. Bob stole his car and he run away from that area. Meanwhile, Nic get a warning from center because he allowed Bob with his car. Bob knew that Nic was in difficult position. Johnson's subordinates were kidnap and torture Nic. In addition, Bob came to save Nic and finally Bob and Nic united to fight Johnson.

(http://www.script-o-rama.com/movie_script/a2/shooter-scrip transcript.html).