

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is going to describe some descriptions of the study which will be discussed more as the following chapters. They are Background of study, Statement of the Problem, Objective of the study, Significance of the study, Scope & Limitation and Definition of the key term. All of them will be described and explained as the following below :

1.1 Background of the Study

As the developing science and technology in this world, there are many things can be provided as well as we want. Then, everything can be done as fast as possible. It can not be well-developed as nowadays without some helping elements. One of them is a language. Kreidler (1998: 19) defined language as a utility that can be used for creating an interaction and allow us to communicate with other people in our daily activity wherever we are, such as in public place, an institution include education or not, tourism object, family, etc. Language is what a particular members of society speaks (Wardhaugh, 2006). Language is also a system of communication in speech and writing by people of a particular country (Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary 2011: 247). In addition, it can be concluded that language is the communication tool to communicate each others. The discipline of language studies is called as Linguistics. It is divided into several parts. They are ;

phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and so on. They are the unity one which can not be separated each others.

Language as the way to express our mind can be presented into any kind of subjects. One of them is literary works. It can be poetry, prose and novel. Novel is defined as the wide writing varieties of extended-prose fiction (The penguin dictionary of literary term and literary theory 1998 : 560). In the other hand, a novel is the story which is written longly (Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary 2011: 298). Novel as the literary works is different than other works. It can be seen from the language used. It is extremely complicated because most of the literary works use the implicit meaning which needs to be interpreted well in order to get the goal of the context used.

A Child Call "It" Novel is one of the popular novel which is written by Dave Pelzer. He was the pension of American Air Force who had taken- part in operation of Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was active in Juvenile Program at every corner of California Country. He had got some achievement noble prize by American Presidents , Ronald Reagan and George Bush. In 1990 , he got award as one of ten Outsanding Young Americans. He also joined of the social register alumnus who had huge and famous members ; John F Kennedy , Richard Nixon , Anne Bancroft , Orson Welles , Elvis Presley , Wait Desney and Nelson Rocke Feller. On november 1994, he also got award of Outsanding Young Persons of the world in Kobe – Tokyo – Japan as the only one of American participants. He got that award because he was the ambassador of the children violences who had been strong and survival facing the problem in

children violences. He appreciated to bring the fire olimpiad in 1996 as the inspirational ambassador. Dave also wrote some books such as the lost boy as the second of trilogy series of this novel and closing series by the book named, A man named Dave. In other hand, he always went out to do travelling with his son , Stephen in spare time and lived in his home with his beloved wife and his turtle in Racho Mirage , California.

The writer chooses this Novel to be analyzed in the research because of some factors. The first is true story. This novel talks about the author's life which happened when he was child. It mostly talks about the one of his courage to survive from his mother's abuse. The second is inspirational story which inspires to the readers. It can be called as the inspirational story because the author as his mother's abuse victim can survive his life patiently wherever and whenever he was. However, unlike the other works, *A Child Call "It"* Novel offers some cases such as the way language used by writer to explore the Novel's content. To avoid misunderstanding of the context used in the Novel, having been well-known to Pragmatics is really important.

Pragmatics is the discipline of language study which focuses on the meaning in context. Pragmatics is the study of speaker meaning in context (Yule, 1996 : 3). Then, Morris (1983 : 6) defined it as the study of interpreter's meaning. In addition, Richard (1985:67) described that Pragmatics is the study of language used in context and situation during doing the communication. It is also strengthened by Leech (1981: 70) that it is study of meaning in which the speaker and hearer are as the role to interpret in communicative situation. Therefore, it can

be concluded that pragmatics is the study of language meaning in context that is used. In the other hand, understanding the context used of the utterances is not really easy. Having been familiar with every part of the context used is a must. It can be observed from the Deixis.

According to Levinson (1983 : 9) Deixis is a word which its reference always moves or changes depending on the context. It is also stated that deixis is a part of pragmatics that has connection with certain word or sentence that changes because of the context. The change of context in sentence is often caused by the change of situation including personal, time and place. It is also added by Levinson (1983 :54) that it focuses on the system in which languages encode or grammaticalize features of context and interpretation of utterances. Deixis also is used to denote language element which immediately refers to situation (Rankema 1993 : 76). Further, it can be concluded that it is a subpart of the pragmatics which concerns to the meaning of language whether a word, clause, sentences etc in context that caused some factors such as person, time , place, situation, discourse and other issues. In other hand, the writer decides it in this research because it is one of the ways to understand the whole contents of the novel.

As the other writers have done in doing the research, having been aware of the previous studies is really important to get more qualified in the research. There are some writers who wrote in the same field. Faricha (2007) discussed Deixis used in the National Section of the Jakarta Post. In addition, Faizah (2008) discussed Deixis in Surah Adkhuhan. Moreover, Udin (2009) discussed deixis of the advertisement in Magazine. But, this research has the differences with those

previous studies in which becomes the specific characteristic of the research. It can be seen from data source used in this research. It is *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which becomes the inspirational story because the author as his mother's abuse victim can survive his life patiently wherever and whenever he was.

Underlying the theoretical and practical reasons used, the writer emphasized to a study of the deixis in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. This study deals with the verbal text that shows person, time, place, social and discourse in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. So, to elaborate and answer the statement problems, the writer uses Levinson's theory.

1.2 The Statement of the Problems

Seeing to the Background of study, the writer attempts to provide the research problems as the following :

1. What are the types of deixis and its interpretation applied in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel?
2. What is the dominant of deixis used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel?

1.3 The Objective of the Study

As the stated following research problems above, the objectives of the research can be seen as below :

1. To describe the types of deixis and its interpretation applied in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel.
2. To describe the dominant of deixis used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel.

1.4 The Significance of the Study

By doing this research, the writer does hope that this study would have some benefits, both theoretical and practical values. Theoretically, the outcomes of this study are expected to give input in developing the study and analysis on linguistics studies. In the other hand, the writer expects that it will give the new comprehensions and understanding about the kinds of the deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. Practically, this study is expected to give the encouragement addition for everyone who is interested in this study and it also will be the alternative reference or the supporting complement of the research that has been done.

1.5 The Scope & Limitation

Regarding to the statement in research problem, the writer is going to focus on the type of deixis in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel by using Levinson's theory. He states that deixis is the referring expression conveyed by certain words, phrases, clauses and sentences based on the context showing the aspects of person, time, place, social and discourse. In other hand, the writer limits this study only on chapter one and two of the *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"*

“Novel by having certain data of each deixis types ; 6 for person deixis, 6 for place deixis, 6 for time deixis, 6 for social deixis and 6for social deixis. It is conducted to get the easier analyzing and understanding to the types of deixis in which applied in the novel as the object of this study. Moreover, both of the chapter are able to represent the analysis of deixis in which provides the kinds of deixis in the *Dave Pelzer’s A Child Call “ It “* Novel.

1.6 Definition of the Key Terms

Here, provided some terms to help this research proposal ; The deixis in *Dave Pelzer’s A Child Call “It”* Novel.

Deixis : The referring expression conveyed by certain words, phrases, clauses and sentences based on the context showing the aspects of person, time, place, social and discourse.

Dave Pelzer : The pension of American Air Force and activist in Juvenile Program at every corner of California Country.

A Child Call “It” : The novel which is written by Dave Pelzer as the true story of his lives.