

## CHAPTER IV

### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer is going to deal with the discussion of the deixis in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. By concerning to it, the writer is able to answer the research problems which stated in the chapter one of this study. This study focuses on verbal text that shows person, time, place, social and discourse in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. All of them will be discussed as the following below.

#### **4.1 The types of deixis applied in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel**

In this part, the writer analyzes the verbal texts in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel based on Levinson's theory of the deixis. There are five types of deixis. They are person deixis, time deixis, place deixis, social deixis and discourse deixis. All of them will be explained as the following below.

##### **4.1.1 Person deixis**

It is referring to the participants role in the speech event in which the utterances delivered. It concerns to person. Usually, It conducts to the pronoun. Here are the tabling of the person deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which provided as the following analysis below.

### Data 1

Ive got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since I didn't have dinner last night, I have to make sure I get something to eat. ( Page 7, Line 1-4)

This sentence explains that how hard the character I gets something to eat in daily life. To reach it, working something a must. Seeing the sentence above, the word I is Person deixis. It is included as the singular pronoun of the first person deitic element in which referred to Dave Pelzer. He was the pension of American Air Force who had taken- part in operation of Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm and the popular authors who had got any achievements.

### Data 2

I dip my hands back into the scalding rinse water. It 's too late. She catches me with my hands out of the water. ( Page 7, Line 6-7)

The sentences clarify that Dave is doing his obligation in order to get something to eat from his mother by washing the dishes. How cruel his mother is. Regarding the example above, it can be seen that the underlined bold words are Person deixis. My hand refers to Dave' hands in which classified as the possessive adjective of the subject pronoun of I. Whereas, It is categorized as the third singular pronoun of subject pronoun in which refers to the activity that is done by Dave. It is washing dishes. In addition, She as the third singular pronoun of subject pronoun is indicated as Dave's mother, Mrs. Catherine

Roerva who is very cruel. And the last one, **Me** is identified as the complement pronoun of the first singular pronoun.

### **Data 3**

I act timid, nodding to **her threats** . “ Please,” I say to **myself**, “ just let me eat. Hit me again, but I have to have food.” ( Page 7, Line 13-14)

Two sentences above can be understood that how afraid Dave to his mother is. To get food, dave might do the home job and sometimes have hitting of his mother. Identifying the word **her threats** and **myself** “ are the part of Person deixis. The word **her threats** is classified as possessive adjective of the third singular pronoun of She in which refers to Dave’s mother, Mrs. Catherine Roerva. In other hand, the word **myself** is the subdivision of reflexive pronoun of the first singular pronoun of I. It is dedicated to Dave own himself.

### **Data 4**

Because I am so late, I have to report to **the administrative office**. **The grayhaired secretary** greets me with a smile. Moment later, the school nurse comes out and leads me into her office, wehere **we** go through the normal routine. ( Page 8, Line 20-23 )

As the responsible student, dave should come to administrative room to report that he was late to prove his responsibility. In that place he meets with other staff of administrative such as secretary and nurse. As the obligation of school nurse, she should do her responsibility as her job as well as she can. Explaining

the underlined bold words are classified as the Person deixis. The word **the administrative office** in the example above is categorized as the complement pronoun of the third singular pronoun. Next, the word **the grayhaired secretary** represents as the subject pronoun of She in which categorized into the third singular pronoun. It also refers to woman whose hair colour is gray. And the word **we** here is represented as Dave and school nurse in which included into the subject pronoun of the first plural pronoun.

#### **Data 5**

I've been in **his office** more than any other kid in school. **He** looks at the paper, as the nurse reports her findings. He lifts my chin. ( Page 9, Line 32-34)

The sentences above explain that Dave is one of the student who often comes to the Mr. Hansen room as the principal of his school. As the best principal, having been well to the condition of his students is a must. It is applied by him with asking the school nurse' report of dave's condition. Clarifying the underlined bold words above are indicated as the Person deixis. The word **his office** is possessive adjective of the third singular pronoun of He. It represents to Mr. Hansen' office as the principal of Dave's school. Whereas the word **He** is classified as the subject pronoun of the third singular pronoun. It represents to Mr. Hansen as the principal of Dave's school.

#### **Data 6**

Upon entering the room, all the students plug **their nose** and hiss at me.

( Page 10, Line 21-22)

This sentence gives the information that the reaction of Dave’ s classmates who insult him because of his bad smell.The word **their nose** is the person deixis. It is the possessive adjective of the third plural pronoun of They. It is indicated to Dave’s classmates.

Here is providing the table of person deixis in which to make easy understanding. It is shown as following below.

**Table 1. Person deixis**

No	Type of deixis	Data	Sentences
1	Person deixis	1	<u>I</u> ’ve got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since <u>I</u> didn’t have dinner last night, <u>I</u> have to make sure <u>I</u> get something to eat. ( Page 7, Line 1-4 )
		2	I dip <u>my hands</u> back into the scalding rinse water. <u>It</u> ’s too late. <u>She</u> catches <u>me</u> with my hands out of the water. ( Page 7, Line 6-7)
		3	I act timid, nodding to <u>her threats</u> . “ Please,” I say to <u>myself</u> , “ just let me eat. Hit me again, but I have to have food.” ( Page 7, Line 13-14)
		4	Because I am so late, I have to report

			to <b><u>the administrative office.</u></b> <b><u>The grayhaired secretary</u></b> greets me with a smile. Moment later, the school nurse comes out and leads me into her office, where <b><u>we</u></b> go through the normal routine. ( Page 8, Line 20-23)
		<b>5</b>	I've been in <b><u>his office</u></b> more than any other kid in school. <b><u>He</u></b> looks at the paper, as the nurse reports her findings. He lifts my chin.( Page 9, Line 32-34)
		<b>6</b>	Upon entering the room, all the students plug <b><u>their nose</u></b> and hiss at me. (Page 10, Line 21-22)

#### 4.1.2 Place deixis

Place deixis (spatial deixis) is the spesification of locations in the speech event. Placedeixis also concerns to concept of distance because it refers to where therelative location of people or things is being indicated. Here are the tabling of the place deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which providedas the following analysis below.

### **Data 1**

March 5, 1973, **Daly City, California** – I'm late. I've got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since I didn't have dinner last night, I have to make sure I get something to eat. ( Page 7,Line 1-4)

The sentences above explain that in when the story was begun,taken place and what case was happened by Dave Pelzer as the author of this Novel that told about his own lives.Regarding the underlined bold words above are indicated as the spesific place or location in which the certain event happened. In other hand, it is also categorized as the place deixis. The two words, **Daly City, California** are the spesific place in which Dave pelzer lives with his family. The word **Daly City** refers to part of cities in California. Whereas, the word **California**is one of the big cities located in USA.

### **Data 2**

Mother 's running around yelling at my brothers. I can hear her stomping down the hallay towards**the kitchen**. ( Page7, Line 4-6)

These sentences inform that the condition of Dave's mother calls her children by screaming in while going to the kitchen.The word **the kitchen** is the Place deixis in which points to spesific location of event happened. It refers to kitchen in which located in Dave's house.

### Data 3

There are only a few bits of cereal left in **a half of bowl of milk**, but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. She has done that before. Mother enjoys using food as her weapon. She knows better than to throw leftovers in **the garbage can**. ( Page 7,Line 23-27)

The sentences above tell that Dave tries to get a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl of milk of his old brother for breakfast after finishing his daily job. In while, he might to finish his eating as fast as possible before his mother changes her to throw leftovers in the garbage can as her habit. Seeing the underlined bold words above are classified into the place deixis in which explains the specific place of something. The word **a half of bowl of milk** refers to cereal place. Whereas the word **the garbage can** is the dustbin in which located in Dave's house.

### Data 4

Minutes later, I'm late in **the old family station Wagon**. Because I'm so late with my chores, I have to be driven to **School**. ( Page7,Line 29-30 )

The sentences above argue that Dave is in hurry going to his school by passed the old family station Wagon because of his late. Looking at the underlined bold words above are identified as place deixis in which refers the specific location. The word **the old family station Wagon** indicates as the common place for Dave in which he usually passes when going to the school. Whereas the word **School** refers to Dave's school.



### **Data 5**

Again she smiles and takes a clipboard from **the top of cabinet**. She flips through a page or two, then bends down to show me. “ Here “ she points to the paper, “ you said that last Monday. Remember ? ( Page 8,Line 28-31)

The sentences above explain that the school nurse tries to ask Dave about something related to him. It is about his condition in which his part of body are injured.Regarding the underlined bold word above is identified as the Place deixis. It is **the top of cabinet** in which refers to the document case or cupboard of the school nurse.

### **Data 6**

At arms length she hands my test to me, but before I can take my seat in **the back of the class** by an open window, I’m summoned back to **the principal’s office**. The entire room lets out a howl at me- the reject of the fifth grade.( Page 10,Line 23-26)

The sentences above inform that Dave has test on and because of his late, he should sit behind the class and come to principal’s office.Looking at the underlined bold words are indicated as the Place deixis. The word **the back of the class** refers to Dave’s desk in which located behind the class. Whereas the word **the principal’s office** refers to Mr. Hansen’s office.

Here is providing the table of place deixis in which to make easy understanding. It is shown as following below.

**Table 2. Place deixis**

No	Type of deixis	Data	Sentences
2	Place deixis	1	March 5, 1973, <u>Daly City, California</u> – I’m late. I’ve got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since I didn’t have dinner last night, I have to make sure I get something to eat. (Page 7, Line 1-4)
		2	Mother ‘s running around yelling at my brothers. I can hear her stomping down the hallay towards <u>the kitchen</u> . (Page 7, Line 4-6)
		3	There are only a few bits of cereal left in <u>a half of bowl of milk</u> , but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. She has done that before. Mother enjoys using food as her weapon. She knows better than to throw leftovers in <u>the garbage can</u> . (Page 7, Line 23-27)

		4	Minutes later, I'm late in <b><u>the old family station Wagon</u></b> . Because I'm so late with my chores, I have to be driven to <b><u>School</u></b> . (Page 7, Line 29-30)
		5	Again she smiles and takes a clipboard from <b><u>the top of cabinet</u></b> . She flips through a page or two, then bends down to show me. "Here " she points to the paper, " you said that last Monday.Remember? (Page 8, Line 28-31)
		6	At arms length she hands my test to me, but before I can take my seat in <b><u>the back of the class</u></b> by an open window, I'm summoned back to <b><u>the principal's office</u></b> . The entire room lets out a howl at me- the reject of the fifth grade. (Page 10, Line 23-26)

#### 4.1.3 Time deixis

It encodes to the temporal and spans of the time in which the utterances spoken and written. It concerns to the time. It can be a day, night, week, month, year and season. Here are the tabling of the time deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which provided as the following analysis below.

### **Data 1**

**March 5, 1973**, Daly City, California – I'm late. I've got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since I didn't have dinner last night, I have to make sure I get something to eat. ( Page 7,Line 1-4 )

The sentences above inform that March, 5, 1973 is the time in what Dave starts his struggling of life to survive of his mother violences. The underlined bold word above, **March 5, 1973**, is categorized as time deixis in which explains the specific time of events or speech event happened. It refers to the time in which Dave is to struggle for his life survival.

### **Data 2**

**Today** it's Lucky Charm. There are only a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl of milk, but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. ( Page 7, Line 23-25)

The sentences above clarify that the breakfast of that day will be the lucky charm. It is kind of the cereal. As usual, Dave will get something to eat after doing the home job and he gets only a few bits cereal left of his old brother. The underlined bold word above, **Today** is time deixis. It is identified as the breakfast menu schedule that day.

### **Data 3**

**Minutes later**, I'm late in the old family station Wagon. Because I'm so late with my chores, I have to be driven to School.( Page,Line :29-30)

The sentences above tell that the time in what Dave goes to school after finishing his works in the home. He was late, so he has to hurry going to school. The underlined bold word above, **Minutes later** is included as the time deixis. It refers to the stretches of time in when Dave finishing his works and going to school.

### **Data 4**

I have forgotten my crumpled lunch bag, which has always had the same menu for **the last three years**- two peanut butter sandwiches and a few carrot sticks.( Page 8, Line 10-13)

The sentences above discuss that Dave forgets to bring his place of food in which the contains are same for the last three years.The underlined bold word above, **the last three years** is time deixis. It explains the time in when Dave get the same food of his lunch for three years lately.

### **Data 5**

I look into her swollen red eyes. She still has a hangover **last night's stupor**. Her once beautiful, shiny black hair is now frazzled clumps. ( Page 8, Line 15-17 )

The sentences above explain that Dave compares his mother condition now and before. It can be seen from her mother in which has been different because of her bad habits, drunk. The underlined bold word above, **last night's stupor** is the part of deixis. It is time deixis. It refers to the time in when Dave's mother did the drunk.

### Data 6

The grayhaired secretary greets me with a smile. **Moment later**, the school nurse comes out and leads me into her office, where we go through the normal routine. ( Page 8, Line 21-23 )

The sentences above clarify that one of the staff in Dave school, the secretary greets him because of his late and after that, the school nurse asks him to check him up. The underlined bold word above, **Moment later**, is classified as the time deixis. It refers to the time of the school nurse coming to check Dave up.

Here is providing the table of time deixis in which to make easy understanding. It is shown as following below.

**Table 3. Time deixis**

No	Type of deixis	Data	Sentences
3	Time deixis	1	<b><u>March 5, 1973</u></b> , Daly City, California – I'm late. I've got to finish the dishes on time, otherwise no breakfast; and since I didn't have dinner last night, I have to make sure I

			get something to eat. (Page 7, Line 1-4)
		2	<b><u>Today</u></b> it's Lucky Charm. There are only a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl of milk, but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. (Page 7, Line 23-25)
		3	<b><u>Minutes later,</u></b> I'm late in the old family station Wagon. Because I'm so late with my chores, I have to be driven to School.(Page 7, Line 29-30)
		4	I have forgotten my crumpled lunch bag, which has always had the same menu for <b><u>the last three years-</u></b> two peanut butter sandwiches and a few carrot sticks. (Page 8, Line 10-13)
		5	I look into her swollen red eyes. She still has a hangover <b><u>last night's stupor.</u></b> Her once beautiful, shiny black hair is now frazzled clumps. (Page 8, Line 15-17)

		6	The grayhaired secretary greets me with a smile. <b><u>Moment later</u></b> , the school nurse comes out and leads me into her office, wehere we go through the normal routine.  (Page 8, Line 21-23)
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#### 4.1.4 Discourse deixis

It focuses on the way of the utterances signal whether a word, phrase, clause and sentence relate to the text. Its function is to interpret and understand the discourse both written and spoken. The deitic word of it can be demonstrative words such this, that , those , these etc and so on. Here are the tabling of the discourse deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which providedas the following analysis below.

#### Data 1

There are only a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl of milk, but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. She has done **that** before. ( Page7, Line 23-26)

The sentences above tell that Dave only gets the a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl milk for having breakfast after finishing his usual job in the house. Sometimes , he does not get it because of his mother mind. So, he should be wise to respon his mother attitudes.The underlined bold word above, **that** is classified



as the discourse deixis. It is one of the deitic expression of discourse deixis. It refers to dave's mother mind.

### **Data 2**

The nurse tells me that I'll be fine and ask me to take off my clothes. We have been doing **this** since last year, so I immediately obey. ( Page9 , Line 4-6)

The sentences above inform that the school nurse tries to check dave up. She asks him to take off his clothes in order to get easier of checking process. The underlined bold word above, **this** is categorized as the discourse deixis. It refers to the process of checking.

### **Data 3**

Some years later, when I was old enough to read, I found one of my fortunes. **It** said, " Love and honor thy mother, for she is the fruit that gives thou life ". ( Page 16 ,Line 28-30)

The sentences above give the information that, Dave is given by his mother a fortune cookies in which its caption is the messages. But , on that time Dave can not read and he do hopes that he is able to read and know the content of the message. The underlined bold word above, **It** is classified as the discourse deixis in which refers to the fortune cookies caption.

#### **Data 4**

Back then our house was full of pets- cats, dogs, aquariums filled with exotic fish and a gopher tortoise named “ Thor”. I remember the tortoise best because Mom let me pick a name for **it**. ( Page 16, Line 31-34 )

The sentences above inform that Dave has many pet in his house such as cats, dogs, fish and a gopher tortoise. From those pets, the impression pets for him is a gopher tortoise in which named by Thor.The underlined bold word above, **it** is Discourse deixis in which refers to gopher tortoise.

#### **Data 5**

That summer Mom taught each of us to swim in a small, trenched hole in the river. That summer Mom taught me how to swim on my back. She seemed so proud when I was finally able to do **it**. ( Page20, Line 13-16)

The sentences above inform that Dave’s mother teach swimming to dave and his family part in Johnson’s beach. His mother is happy when she saw dave is able to do swimming.The underlined bold word above, **it** is categorized as the discourse deixis in which refers to swimming.

#### **Data 6**

The bluejays scolded the other birds, and a warm breeze blew through my hair. Without a word, we stood watching the fireball like sun as **it** sank behind the tall trees, leaving bright blue and orange streaks in the sky.( Page20, Line 20-24 )

The sentences above tell that Dave’s family enjoys to the panorama around of the jonhson’s beach by seeing the kinds of bird and enjoying the sunset. The underlined bold word above, **it** is classified as the discourse deixis in which refers to the sun.

Here is providing the table of discourse deixis in which to make easy understanding. It is shown as following below.

**Table 4. Discourse deixis**

No	Type of deixis	Data	Sentences
4	Discourse deixis	1	There are only a few bits of cereal left in a half of bowl of milk, but as quickly as I can, I swallow it before mother changes her mind. She has done <b>that</b> before. (Page 7, Line 23-26)
		2	The nurse tells me that I’ll be fine and ask me to take off my clothes. We have been doing <b>this</b> since last year, so I immediately obey. (Page 9, Line 4-6)
		3	Some years later, when I was old enough to read, I found one of my fortunes. <b>It</b> said, “Love and honor thy mother, for she is the fruit that gives thou life “. (Page 16, Line 28-30)

		<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Back then our house was full of pets- cats, dogs, aquariums filled with exotic fish and a gopher tortoise named “ Thor”. I remember the tortoise best because Mom let me pick a name for <b>it</b>. (Page 16, Line 31-34)</p>
		<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>That summer Mom taught each of us to swim in a small, trenched hole in the river. That summer Mom taught me how to swim on my back. She seemed so proud when I was finally able to do <b>it</b>. (Page 20, Line 13-16)</p>
		<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>The bluejays scolded the other birds, and a warm breeze blew through my hair. Without a word, we stood watching the fireball like sun as <b>it</b> sank behind the tall trees, leaving bright blue and orange streaks in the sky. (Page 20, Line 20-24)</p>

#### 4.1.5 Social deixis

It concerns to the particular social holding between addressor and addressee and some other referents. In other hand, It also focuses on the social status and any aspects of language such as politeness or speaking ethical. Here are the tabling of the social deixis that used in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel in which provided as the following analysis below.

##### Data 1

She is going to take me to her brother's house. She says **Uncle Dan** will take care of me. ( Page8, Line 4-5)

The sentences above explain that Dave's mother has plan to send him to his Uncle to care him up in whose character is little same with her. The underlined bold word above, **Uncle Dan** is indicated as the social deixis in which gives information that Dan is dave's uncle or Mrs. Catherine Roeva's brother.

##### Data 2

Because I am so late, I have to report to the administrative office. **The grayhaired secretary** greets me with a smile. Moment later, **the school nurse** comes out and leads me into her office, wehere we go through the normal routine. ( Page 8, Line21-23)

The sentences above give information that As the responsible student, dave should come to administrative room to report that he was late to prove his responsibility. In that place He meets with other staff of administrative such as

secretary and nurse. As the obligation of school nurse, she should do her responsibility as her job as well as she can. The underlined bold words above, **The grayhaired secretary** and **the school nurse** are categorized as the social deixis in which both of the words refer to someone's profession who work in Dave's school.

### **Data 3**

The nurse returns in a few minutes with **Mr Hansen the principal and two of my teachers, Miss Woods and Mr Ziegler.** ( Page 9, Line 30-31)

The sentence above argues that after finishing the check up, the school nurse goes to meet the Mr. Hansen as the principal of the school and Miss Woods and Mr. Ziegler as the teacher. They meet each other in the office room. The underlined bold word above, **Mr Hansen the principal and two of my teachers, Miss Woods and Mr Ziegler** is identified as the Social deixis in which explains the partial social status of someone. It refers to status of Mr. Hansen as the principal of the school and Miss Wood and Mr. Zielger as the teacher.

### **Data 4**

**My father, Stephen Joseph,** supported his family as a fireman, working in the heart of San Francisco. ( Page 15, Line 10-11 )

The sentence above tells that Mr. Stephen Joseph as Dave's father works in the heart of San Frasisco as the fireman. The underlined bold word above, **My**

**father, Stephen Joseph** is identified as the social deixis in which clarifies that Mr. Stephen Joseph is Dave's father.

#### **Data 5**

**My mother, Catherine Roerva**, was a woman of average size and appearance. ( Page15,Line 16-17 )

The sentence above clarifies that Mrs. Catherine Roeva in whose the average size and appearance is Dave's mother. The underlined bold word, **My mother, Catherine Roerva** is identified as the social deixis in which clarifies that Mrs. Catherine Roeva is Dave's mother.

#### **Data 6**

I felt special when he winked at me and called me “ **Tiger**”. ( Page15, Line 14-15 )

The sentence above argue that Mr. Stephen Joseph as Dave Pelzer prouds of him and called him by Tiger in which he can survive as well as possible to his mother bad attitudes. The underlined bold word above, **Tiger** is categorized as the social deixis in which it refers to the Dave implicitly by using figurative expression word.

Here is providing the table of social deixis in which to make easy understanding. It is shown as following below.

**Table 5. Social deixis**

No	Type of deixis	Data	Sentences
5	Social deixis	1	She is going to take me to her brother's house. She says <b><u>Uncle Dan</u></b> will take care of me. (Page 8, Line 4-5)
		2	Because I am so late, I have to report to the administrative office. <b><u>The grayhaired secretary</u></b> greets me with a smile. Moment later, <b><u>the school nurse</u></b> comes out and leads me into her office, wehere we go through the normal routine. (Page 8, Line 21-23)
		3	The nurse returns in a few minutes with <b><u>Mr Hansen the principal and two of my teachers, Miss Woods and Mr Ziegler.</u></b> (Page 9, Line 30-31)
		4	<b><u>My father, Stephen Joseph,</u></b> supported his family as a fireman, working in the heart of San Fransisco. (Page 15, Line 10-11)
		5	<b><u>My mother, Catherine Roerva,</u></b> was a woman of average size and appearance. (Page 15, Line 16-17)



		6	I felt special when he winked at me and called me “ <b>Tiger</b> ”. (Page 15, Line 14-15)
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#### 4.2 Discussion

Seeing the explanation of finding above can be concluded that the deixis can be applied in any literary works such as novel especially *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. The result of it that there are five types of deixis applied in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel. They are Person deixis, Time deixis, Place deixis, Discourse deixis and Social deixis. Considering to five of deixis types in *Dave Pelzer's A Child Call "It"* Novel, the most dominant deixis used is time deixis. It can be seen from the data that shows to the time of the activities happened in the Novel. Moreover, by having been well understand to the deixis, we can avoid the misunderstanding and misinterpreting, especially in novel. In other hand, it also helps us to get easier in understanding the context used in doing the daily communication .