CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

This chapter the writer presents the conclusion and suggestion based on the data that has been analyzed.

5.1 Conclusion

Having done with the analysis and discussion, the researcher comes to the conclusion. The researcher concludes that character Margaret in The Iron Lady movie uses many types of women’s speech features that can reflect her personality as seen in this movie. It is found in the movie that each of features that she uses reflects her own figure as a woman in some positions of her life, like a mother, a wife, and a Prime Minister. It is also found that in different settings, Margaret uses different speech features as she needs to complete her utterances. She can manage her utterances well wherever she were (in each of the setting in this movie).

There are nine speech features that used by Margaret, they are lexical hedges or fillers, tag question, rising intonation on declaratives, ‘empty’ adjectives, intensifiers, ‘hypercorrect’ grammar, ‘super polite’ form, avoidance of strong words, and emphatic stress. But, there is one speech feature which is not used by Margaret, that is specialized vocabulary (precise colors term).

Lexical hedges or fillers are found in some of Margaret’s utterances to make a time for her to think about what she is going to say. It avoids her in
making her sentence goes wrong in front of her hearers. She also uses this feature when she wants to check whether her hearers are listening or not. *A tag question* is used when she wants to check her hearers if they have the same opinion with her or not. It avoids her to force others opinion and agreement. *Rising intonation or declaratives* shows her characteristic as a polite and good woman. When she uses rising intonation in the parliament to argue about the tax in Britain, it is proved that she is a strong and good leader who has her own point of view that can’t break by other men’s Ministers. She uses *empty adjectives* as like sweet and lovely when she was in a house, she is a good mother who has femininity side that is shown to her family.

*Intensifiers* as like *so, very, and really* are used to show her strong feeling about the meaning of her sentences to her hearers. The use of intensifiers is also showing her femininity because as women tent to use some words to show her strong feeling, but men don’t. *Hypercorrect grammar* is used because she never speaks rough and always uses good grammar. Margaret wants to keep her reputation in front of people around her. *A super polite form* is used when she asks someone to do something for her. The way she uses this features is as the form or request rather than and order, so her hearers will also be polite to her as the result. She avoids using *swear words* and replace it with softer language as like goodness me and oh dear shows that Margaret keeps her femininity and good attitude in her society. The last feature is *emphatic stress* that is used when Margaret wants to emphasize the utterance or strengthen the meaning of her utterances.
Furthermore, Lakoff’s theory of women’s speech features is suitable to be used for this research because the researcher can analyze the character of women especially Margaret Thatcher, The British’s First Prime Minister who has represented in this movie. Even many people call her as a strong woman like Iron Lady, she still has feminine side as common women, especially when she was in her house talking with her family. All of Margaret’s sentences are polite language. She never speaks roughly that will damage her reputation in front of many people around her. This research also proves the good personality and attitude of Margaret as observed on her speech features

5.2 Suggestions

Due to the time limitation, this research only focuses on women’s speech features that used by character Margaret in The Iron Lady movie. Women’s speech features are actually proven not only movie but also in a real condition as women’s utterances.

The researcher thinks that the result is still far for being perfect, especially in applying the theories that are used in analyzing the data. The researcher believes that many linguistic theories can use to support the other discussions and modifications. Therefore, it suggests that the later researchers can conduct the same research in other aspects of discussions, for example by conducting the research with the real situation as the object. It is hoped that the next study will observe some women with different backgrounds in order to know their women’s speech features.