

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and definition of the key terms. All sections which have been mentioned above will be discussed as follows:

1.1 Background of the Study

Generally, there are many countries in the world. Every country has many province, regencies, sub districts, villages, societies, families, national language, cultures, religions, etc. Therefore, language is one of the important needs in every country in this world. Kreidler (1998: 19) proposed that language is used to communicate and interact with each other in our daily life, whether in society, environment, educational institutions, recreational places, family, etc. Besides that, language can be called as a unique thing. It means that human can understand what other people pronounce, although by using body language or other language. On the other hand, language is not only pronounced by human, but also used by animals, etc. Kreidler (1998: 3) also said that the animal uses language to interact and communicate with other animals or human, such as the chirping of birds, the dancing of bees, the squeaking of dolphin, etc. All animals have some system for communicating with other members of their species. The plant also uses language to relate with other plant that gives advantages for their life directness.

God has created the living thing in this world. It consists of human, animals, plants, etc. Furthermore, a person as human being does not ever get out

of strength and weakness. One of the weaknesses is making mistakes. It means that making mistakes cannot be avoided by every person in daily life. People can make mistakes in different ways. For example, there are some important parts in English lesson. They are speaking, writing, listening, and reading. In speaking, people can make mistake when they are pronouncing some sentences, such as in the speech contest, formal meeting, international seminar, etc. In writing, people can make mistakes from the grammar or unsuitable vocabulary. In listening, people also can make mistakes from the way they listen carefully to the radio, cassettes, etc. In reading, people can make mistakes in making perception of certain statement because some factors.

On the other hand, in reading literary works, sometimes we can get difficulties in understanding the works or fronting misunderstanding in interpreting the messages as like in novel. According to Cuddon (1999: 560) said that the word novel is derived from Italian *novella* means "tale, piece of news". Novel is an extended piece of prose fiction that contains sixty thousands to seventy thousands words. In other word, based on *A Glossary of Literary Terms/ Seventh Edition* (1999: 160), the term "novel" is an extended works of fiction written in prose. Moreover, novel is a narrative fictitious prose. It consists of some elements such as characters, theme, plot, setting, etc (Nurgiyantoro, 2010: 9&10). Every novel has different uniqueness. It means that the idea for a novel might be special and different from anything else that everybody ever hears and reads.

Thus, to analysis a novel, the theory of deixis is chosen because deixis is used to point thing in order to make clear what a writer means. Deixis has relation

with the study of pragmatics. The word deixis is derived from the Greek word meaning “to show” or “to indicate” and used to denote those elements in a language which refer directly to the discourse situation (Renkema, 2004: 121). According to Levinson (1983: 54) deixis is the single obvious way in which the relationship between language and context is reflected in the structures of languages themselves. Levinson divided deixis theory into five types; person deixis, time deixis, place deixis, discourse deixis, and social deixis. The researcher chooses a fiction work entitled *A Farewell to Arms*. Actually, the researcher assumes that there are kinds of deixis which can be analyzed. There are some words or sentences that difficult to understand the meaning or the interpretation. Besides that, most of the sentences in the novel contain deixis. Therefore, it is very interesting to be analyzed by using deixis theory in order to understand the interpretation of novel.

Knowing more about literature can be got from the authors and their works. There are many good authors and one of them is Ernest Hemingway who wrote *A Farewell to Arms*. The researcher chooses him because some reasons. He was one of the famous man of letters in 20th century. Almost the works had taken from his real life.

Oliver (2007: 22) claimed that many incidents in his fiction are lifted directly from actual experiences. In *A Farewell to Arms* is a life memory of Hemingway’s own pain along the Piave River near Fossalta on July 8, 1918.

Besides that, he also got awards and honors. During his lifetime Hemingway was awarded as follows: Military Medal for Bravery in World War I, Bronze Star (War Correspondent – an extraordinary military in World War II) in

1947, Pulitzer Prize in 1953 (for *The Old Man and the Sea*), and The Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954 (*The Old Man and the Sea* was cited as the reason for this award). Hemingway was an American author, journalist, poet, novelist, and short story writer. He was born on 21st of July 1899 in Oak Park, Illinois and died on 2nd July 1961. He produced most of his work between the mid-1920s and the mid-1950s. Many of his works are classics of American literature. He published some novels, short story collections, and non-fiction works. His best known works were *A Farewell to Arms* (1929), *Death in the Afternoon* (1932), *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (1940), *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952), *The Sun Also Rises* (1926), etc (Sexton, 2010: 5).

Above all, the researcher chooses *A Farewell to Arms* novel because it has relation with the autobiography of the author. It describes in detail about the romance between Frederic Henry, an American soldier, and Catherine Barkley, a British nurse. According to Bloom (2010: 23) in 1918, he joined the Italian Red Cross and served as an ambulance driver in Italy during World War I. It is a very nature of his autobiography. The plot is directly inspired by his experience with Sister von Kurowsky in Milano who became the model for Catherine Barkley. Then, Pauline as the second wife gets great pain in the childbirth of his son Patrick by caesarean operation. Catherine birthing process has inspired in the novel. Kitty Cannell in the real life has inspired Helen Ferguson as a nurse. A pastor in this novel is based on Don Giuseppe Bianchi. Thus, the researcher interests in choosing a novel entitled *A Farewell to Arms* although there are some literary works that written by Ernest Hemingway.

In *A Farewell to Arms*, it tells about the reality of war, the relationship between love and pain, and the struggle of some characters for their life. In this case, Catherine Barkley was a British nurse that works in a hospital which located in Italy during World War I. Then, she meets Lieutenant Frederic Henry who was a young American ambulance driver in Italian army and Lieutenant Rinaldi as Henry's best friend. The other peripheral character is the priest, the captain, the major, the doctor, etc. Moreover, she has a fiancé but finally, her fiancé died. So, she is moved to a hospital which located in Milan. Then, she meets Lieutenant Frederic Henry again. Thus, she begins to face her real life after the death of her fiancé. She tries to open her heart for another man, and he is Lieutenant Frederic Henry. She falls in love with Lieutenant Frederic Henry. Therefore, she begins her daily life just with Lieutenant Frederic Henry. In the middle of their life journey, Catherine has pregnant for about three months. In fact, they don't have married yet. In other hand, Lieutenant Frederic Henry also goes for world war. Then, Catherine faces her heavy life just alone but in someday, they become one in a life. Furthermore, in the end of this story, Catherine has a serious problem with her pregnant. The doctor has advised her to have a caesarean operation quickly. Unfortunately, her baby is not alive. Then, she dies after she has born the baby.

Furthermore, the researcher chooses a literary work namely *A Farewell to Arms* that written by Ernest Hemingway in order to understand what the interpretation of the story. In this study, the researcher will analyze the use of deixis in a novel of *A Farewell to Arms* by using five kinds of deixis theory that proposed by Levinson.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, this study is conducted to find out the answer of some problems in relation with the discussion above, as follows:

1. What kinds of deixis are used in *A Farewell to Arms* novel?
2. What are the interpretations of deixis in *A Farewell to Arms* novel?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the problem of the study above, the objectives of this study are as follows:

1. To describe what kinds of deixis are used in *A Farewell to Arms* novel by Ernest Hemingway.
2. To describe the interpretation of deixis in *A Farewell to Arms* novel.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Through this study, it is purposed for giving both theoretical and practical contribution. Theoretically, the results of the study are expected to give contribution to develop the study and analysis on linguistic study related to an analysis of deixis in a novel entitled *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway. The writer expects that it will give new knowledge and understanding about kinds of deixis that used in *A Farewell to Arms* novel.

Practically, this study is expected to give valuable information to further researchers, students of State Islamic University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya, especially English Department in Letters and Humanities faculty and readers. For

further researchers, this study is expected to provide the base in analyzing the deixis more deeply. For the students, this study is expected to give useful science in understanding deixis theory. Therefore, this study is expected to give inspirations addition for the readers who are interested in this study and it will be the alternative reference for the readers who are interested in researching in this area.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this research is focused in deixis theory based on Stephen C. Levinson which consist of five types of deixis namely person, place, time, discourse and social deixis. Therefore, the novel entitled *A Farewell to Arms* consists of five books. Most of the books contain of deixis. Thus, the researcher selects it randomly from five choices to be one choice. Finally, this research limits on book one in the novel as the result of randomly selection that published by Ernest Hemingway.

1.6 Definition of the Key Terms

1. Deixis is the single obvious way in which the relationship between language and context is reflected in the structures of languages themselves (Levinson, 1983: 54).
2. Novel: based on *A Glossary of Literary Terms/ Seventh Edition* (1999: 160), the term "novel" is an extended works of fiction written in prose.

3. *A Farewell to Arms*: it is the title of novel that written by Ernest Hemingway. It tells about the struggle of the main character that relates to the reality of war, between love and pain, loyalty, etc.
4. Ernest Hemingway: He is the author of *A Farewell to Arms*. He also was an American author, journalist, poet, novelist, and short story writer. He was born on 21st of July 1899 in Oak Park, Illinois and died on 2nd July 1961.

(Bloom, 2010: 16)