CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of study

Humans are social creatures who cannot be separated from communication. In the process of communication, people can give and receive information from each other by spoken, written, body language and symbol. The content of communication varies, it can be in the form of delivering information, educating or entertaining each other. Moreover, the one of communication can be produced by a simultaneous conversation.

Conversation is a form of spoken interaction that is used by two or more people. It includes the way people maintain their interaction and how their talk are organized in a conversation. Given this, it is very important to understand about conversation analysis in order to know how people take their turns in their spoken interaction.

Conversation analysis is an approach that looks at the way in which people take and manage turns in spoken interactions. The basic rule in conversation is that one person speaks at a time, after which they may nominate another speaker or another speaker may take up the turn without being nominated (Sack et al, Cited in Partridge, 2006)

The statement informs that in a conversation involves two or more than two people who are talking at the same time and then there will be another turn for the listener who reply or answer the speaker. But not all the speakers have a good cooperation in conversation. Sometimes, they are misunderstood with the
message that is delivered in conversation. To prevent such misunderstanding, all the speakers must pay attention about the rules of the interaction in order to make the conversation go smoothly. The rules about the speech patterns are called *Turn Taking Strategies*.

Turn taking is how speakers change and manage their turn when they are in a conversation. Stenström (1994) stated, there are three types of the turn taking strategies. The first type is taking the turn, the second type is holding the turn, and the third type is yielding the turn. These types explain about how people start the conversation, how people carry on in talking and how people give the chance to others.

Turn taking strategies is very important to be studied in conversational interaction because it can be used to look how the participants manage and take to exchange of speaking turn in interaction. Moreover, the participants in a conversation use the turn taking strategies to achieve their conversational goals.

In our daily life, conversational interaction has different pattern such as ordinary conversation and institutional conversation. Ordinary conversation usually happens in the social such as conversation in telephone between brother and sister or conversation between father and son in a family, etc. In contrast, institutional conversation usually focuses on a particular order. In this case, the participants talk is designed to reach the institution’s goal rather than to carry a personal relationship between individual, such as conversation between doctor and patient in hospital for conveying a medical diagnosis, police and criminals in
police office for interrogating the crime and conversation between host and guest for interviewing in a talk show.

Talk show consists of speaker and listener who makes a conversation in on air or off air. The speaker is the host who says something in the first time such as give a statement and the listener is the guest who answers the host’s statement. In this conversation, the host must have a good ability and knowledge to make the show run well and get the program’s goal. In addition, talk show also has several types of discussions such as Lifestyle which talks about health, fashion and food. Second is the type of Late night talk show, it is a kind of comedy oriented talk and variety show in the late night. The last type is Daytime show. In this show mostly talks about current issues in social conflict or people’s experience (Danileiko, 2005).

Nowadays, talk show is becoming an everyday program for almost of television channels around the world. The purpose of the talk show is to give useful information as well as actual and entertaining the audiences. It usually discusses about politics, celebrity gossips and real life experiences from the guests.

In this research, the researcher uses The Ellen DeGeneres Show as her object. The Ellen DeGeneres Show was taped in California. It is an American television talk show. It is a kind of the daytime show. It has been one of the world's highest rated shows and it has been awarded many Daytime Emmy Awards. This show consists of celebrity or politician interviews, musical performances and audience participation games. In Ellen DeGeneres show also
invites the other non celebrities such as intelligent children, small business owners, etc. This show begins on September 8\textsuperscript{th} 2003 to present with duration 38 to 42 minutes and shown five times in a week (Ellen DeGeneres Show, n.d)

The Ellen DeGeneres Show is hosted by one of the well known woman in America (Ellen DeGeneres). She is an American actress. She is also a multitalented woman. She is also well known as a comedian (stand-up comedian). She has been the host of her own award winning talk show. Ellen DeGeneres has become a big hit with daytime viewers with her self titled talk show. She got a Daytime Emmy Award, Grammy Award, Golden Globe Award and Primetime Emmy Award. Ellen is a professional presenter who can bring a show attractively and she can make a fun when she presents the show. By her talents, the Ellen DeGeneres show gets high rating and it got an award as the best talk show in 2010 (Ellen DeGeneres Biography, n.d)

The researcher is interested in using this talk show because this program is one of the best and popular talk show in America. Moreover, the concept of this talk show is very homey, combining with comedy, celebrity, and human interest stories. So it makes the audience very enjoyable and entertaining to the audiences. Additionally, the researcher uses one episode with four guests in a different section for analyzing her research. It focuses on the guest who are interviewed in talk show such as, Mario and Luigi, Jim Parsons, Sasha Alexander and BAM (Bars and Melody). The researcher uses this episode because the guests in this talk show are well known personalities and the topic is interesting. All of them
talk about the current issue in their life. Moreover, their conversation also have
turn taking process when they participate in the talk show.

In this research, the researcher wants to explore turn taking strategies in
the participant’s interaction with a focus on the conversation between host and
guest in the talk show. The researcher wants to know the turn taking strategies
because it is closely connected with how participants take their turn in a
conversation. Therefore, the researcher wants to show the readers about the function
of turn taking strategies. So that, they can apply it in their daily life in order to get
easy of conversation as social beings.

1.2 Research Problem
1. What are the turn taking strategies used by the participants (host and
guest) in the talk show “The Ellen DeGeneres Show”? 
2. What are the functions of turn taking strategies used by the participants
in their conversation?
3. How do the participants take their turns in the talk show?

1.3 Objectives of the Study
1. To find out the types of turn taking strategies used by the participants
(host and guest) in the talk show “The Ellen DeGeneres Show”
2. To find out the functions of turn taking strategies used by participants
in their conversation
3. To find out the participants (host and guest) take their turns in the talk show
1.4 **Significance of the Study**

The purpose of this research is to explain the importance role of turn taking strategies in the conversation used by host and guest in the talk show. Therefore, the significance of this study is to give a scientific description about how turn taking operates in the talk show. The researcher also hopes that the readers of this paper will understand about how the people take and manage the turn in a conversation.

Furthermore, the readers can achieve a data of turn taking and it also give an explanation about the turn taking strategies that used to analyze in talk show. The readers also can explore some information about what are the functions of turn taking strategies that is used by host and guest in a conversation. Hopefully, this thesis can be an inspiration for the students in the English Department of Islamic University to conduct a research for their thesis.

1.5 **Scope and Limitation**

This paper focuses on studying conversation analysis, it deals with the talk interaction between host and guest in the talk show “The Ellen DeGeneres Show”. This paper, limited on the types of turn taking strategies, the functions of turn taking strategies and the process of taking the turn by participants in their conversation.

As the subject of this study, the researcher uses the utterances which are spoken by the participants in The Ellen DeGenes Show season eleven episode 163. The utterances which are spoken by other people are not analyzed and discussed because they are not part of the data.
1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In analyzing a conversation rules, there are some terms used to clarify their meaning and context as follow:

1. Conversation analysis: An approach that looks at the way in which people take and manage turns in spoken interactions (Sacks et.al cited in Partridge, 2006)
2. Turn: Everything the current speaker says before the next speaker takes over (Stenström, 1994)
3. Turn taking strategies: The ways participants change and manage their roles when they become listener and speaker (Stenström, 1994)
4. Talk show: Television or radio programming which discusses about various topics and lead by host