

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general description of the research. It begins with the background, statement of problem, research objective, research significance, definition of key terms.

1.1 Background

Every word in every language including English certainly cannot be separated from the process of word formation. Each language has its own rules about structure and formation of its words. One of the study that deals with the structure of word, is called morphology. It gives a rule in forming the words such as noun, verb, adjective and adverb. It also discusses the compositions of words. Because, a word may have an internal constituent structure. For example, the word *unhappiness* can be divided into the constituents *un*, *happy* and *ness*. To understand how they are combined become well-formed words, people need to know the morphological process of the word itself.

One of the morphological process is derivation. It forms a word with a meaning and category distinct from its base through the addition of an affix. It means each words has a basic meaning. A word normally begins with a root or base. When a root or base is added by derivational affixes, it will result a new lexeme and mostly modify both of the word class and the meaning. Take, for example, the word *meaningful*, it could be analyzed as being derived from *meaning* by the adding of the suffix *ful*. The adding of

the suffix *-ful* changes the word class from noun to adjective. It also changes the meaning of its root. By this modification, it sometimes becomes a problem for some certain people who are not proficient in English. It will address the question of how such words are related to other words and how the language allows speakers to create new words. For example, *meaningful* seems to be clearly related to *colorful*, but perhaps less so to *awful* or *plentiful*. And, *meaningful* may be paraphrased as ‘having (a definite) meaning’, and *colorful* as ‘having (bright or many different) colors’, it could make a question whether it is also possible to create the word *coffeeful*, meaning ‘having coffee’. Under the assumption that language is a rule-governed system, it should be possible to find meaningful answers to such question.

The morphological process of derivation, therefore, requires an understanding which more profound. It needs to be researched in order to know how to create a word appropriately by adding derivational affixes. In addition, it could enrich the vocabulary as well. Because, from just one word, it can gain many words from different parts of speech and meaning. Studying about vocabulary is important, because it will help people to understand about the language itself. The existence of words are usually taken for granted by the speaker of a language. According to Plag (2003, p. 1), “to speak and understand a language means – among many other things – knowing the words of that language”. It means, it is possible that people could speak and understand a language properly without knowing the words of a language itself. Hence, the enrichment of the vocabulary is needed.

There are many ways to enrich the vocabulary. One of it can be done by reading newspaper. Newspaper is a mass media that informs something through the words. It contains news about current events which tells about politics, economics, sports, and so on. It is sometimes written by journalist by using uncommon words or familiar words. Thus, the writer chooses newspaper as the object of this research, especially *Jakarta Globe* online newspaper. It is one of well-known daily online English newspaper in Indonesia. It has some columns or categories like news, international, sport, economic, business, lifestyle, and so on. So, it could enrich the vocabulary, because the words are taken from the various terms. Moreover, there are many complex and familiar words found in the *Jakarta Globe* online newspaper which interesting to be discussed.

The study about morphological process of derivation actually has been conducted by several researchers. One of them is Actavine (2014) who has analyzed the types and the functions of derivational affixes which are found in the *Happy Prince's* short story. In addition, there is Ventina (2014) who found 140 words that show the formation from verb into noun and 39 words that show the formation from adjective into noun. She also found 3 nouns which derived from verb by the adding of the suffix *-age*, *-ation*, and *-ion*. Moreover, the study about derivation also could be found in a research conducted by Dewi (2017) who found that there are 5 derived-nouns from adjective category, 10 derived nouns from noun category, and 45 derived nouns from verb category. She also found the meaning shift of noun derivation found in Agatha Christie's *Postern of Fate*.

This study is different from the three previous studies mentioned above, both of in the object and the statement of problems. Besides, the way to analyze the data is different as well. In this research, the writer analyzes derivational words by using tree diagram in order to know its process. Besides, it will be known the internal structure of words and the changing of parts of speech. As a result, the readers will understand easily about morphological process of derivation. It also could enrich the vocabulary, because the writer discusses the words meaning as well. Therefore the writer conducts a research which entitled *A Morphological Process of Derivational Words in the Jakarta Globe Online Newspaper*.

1.2 Statement of Problems

A word may have an internal constituent structure. It is normally begin with a root or base. When a root or base is added by derivational affixes, it will result a new lexeme and mostly modify both of the word class and the meaning. From just one word, it can gain many words with different parts of speech and meaning. Based on the background of problem, it can be formulated into the research questions as follows.

1. How is the morphological process of derivational words in the Jakarta Globe online newspaper?
2. How is the changing of word meaning after being added by derivational affixes in the Jakarta Globe online newspaper?

1.3 Research Objective

Based on the statement of problem above, the objective of the research are as follows.

1. To find out the morphological process of derivational words which are found in the Jakarta Globe online newspaper.
2. To find out the changing of words meaning after being added by derivational affixes which are found in the Jakarta Globe online newspaper.

1.4 Research Significance

This research is expected to accomplish theoretical and practical significance. Theoretically, the result of this study would become an enrichment of cognizance about the theory of morphology, especially morphological process of derivational words which are analyzed by using tree diagram. Practically, the result of this research would be beneficial to lecturers, students and future researchers. For lecturers, this research might become reference in teaching words formation of derivation. For students, this research hopefully could be used to study English derivation not only from hand book but also from online newspaper. Beside it could make them understand about the structural pattern of the morphological process of derivation, it also could enrich the vocabularies as well. For future researchers, the result of this research could be an additional reference for those who are interested in doing similar research.

1.5 Definition of Key Terms

To avoid ambiguity and misunderstanding on the terms which are used in this study, the writer defines some key terms as follows:

1. Morphology is a study about the way words are formed.
2. Morphological process is a process of word formation from the basic word to be derivative form.
3. Derivation is one of word formation process through the addition of an affix that leads a formation of new lexeme, sometimes a changing of word class and a changing of meaning.
4. Word is the unit of a language that has meaning.
5. Newspaper is a serial publication containing news about current events, other informative articles about politics, sports, arts, and so on.
6. Jakarta Globe is a daily online English newspaper in Indonesia, launched on November 12, 2008.