

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses several sections relates to introduction which consist of Background, Scope of the Problem, Research Question, Objective of the Research, Significance of the Research, and Sequence of Presentation.

### 1.1 Background

Language plays an important role in human life. One tries to acquire, learn and use language as a means of communication, and simultaneously as social symbol of humanity. By using language someone could make statements, convey facts and knowledge explain or report something, and keep social relations among the language users. These indicate that by means of language, people can express their ideas, feeling, information etc through communication.

As one of language in the world, English is considered and applied as international language. Since then, it is very popular and has been spoken and learnt by almost all people in the world. English is used in many fields for various purposes such as in educational field, science and technology, entertainment, and also in literary field. Many good books and canonical works of art which spread all over the world are written in English.

To enjoy those books and all the information which produced in English language, the non native speaker of English should understand English language

well. Since English has some specification like in grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Grammar in English holds an important role given that the sentences whether it is written or oral should be produced in grammatically correct structure. There are many rules used to correlate or to combine parts of speech for making good sentences or phrase, just like concord, subjunctive, articles and determiners, pronouns, direct and indirect sentences, prepositions, passive voice, etc. This research focuses on a specific grammar component that is preposition.

A preposition is a word that shows the relationship between two words in a sentence. Prepositions are always followed by nouns (or pronouns). They are connective words that show the relationship between the nouns following them and one of the basic sentences elements: subject, verb, object, or complement. They usually indicate relationship, such as position, place, direction, time, manner, agent, possession, and condition, between their objects and other parts of the sentences. (Huddleston,1984: 336).

Prepositions have been called the biggest little words in English. There are usually quite short and insignificant looking, but they have very important functions. It is difficult to learn to use preposition correctly in a foreign language. Most English preposition have several different functions (for instance, one well-known dictionary lists eighteen main uses of *at*), and these may correspond to several different preposition in another language. At the same time, different

preposition can have very similar uses (in the morning, on Monday morning, at night). Swam (1996: 444)

Many nouns, verbs, and adjectives are normally used in particular preposition: for example people say the reason for, arrive at, angry with somebody, on a bus. Often the correct preposition cannot be guessed, and one has to learn the expressions as a whole. Swam (1996: 444)

To get more understanding about preposition in real life product, this research intends to analyse the use of preposition which occur in a canonical literary work. Hans Christian Andersen's short story entitled "A Little Boy and a Little Girl" (first published in 1845) which is taken from a compilation of short stories entitled The Snow Queen is taken as major data

Andersen's (1805-1875) work is chosen because he is very famous in literary world and produced many good writing. "The Snow Queen" is one of his most highly acclaimed stories by readers and critics. It is regularly included in selected tales and collections of his work and is frequently reprinted in illustrated storybook editions for children. The tale has been adapted in various media including. [www.bloodlily.co.za](http://www.bloodlily.co.za) (Thursday, July 04, 2013 04:50 AM)

## 1.2 Research Question

This research is conducted in the intention to answer the following research questions:

1. What meaning categories of prepositions which occur in “A Little Boy and a Little Girl” short story by Hans Christian Andersen?
2. What is the use of those prepositions?

## 1.3 Objectives of the Research

The purposes of this research are:

1. To identify the meaning categories of prepositions which occur in Hans Christian Andersen’s short
2. To know the use of the preposition on the short story.

## 1.4 Limitation of the Research

The meaning categories and the use of preposition becomes the main discussion on this research. Besides that, this research also limits the range of the data source. The second short story from Andersen’s short stories compilation entitled “The Boy and The Girl” is taken as the major data source. Originally, the short stories compilation entitled “The Snow Queen” contains seven stories, but for the importance of analysis one short story is sufficient.

## **1.5 Significances of the Research**

This research is expected to be able to enrich the literature theory on preposition specifically in literary work. Hopefully the results of this research give benefits towards the literary appreciation and analysis.

## **1.6 Sequences of Presentation**

This part shows the composition of chapters, which arrange as follows:

1. Chapter one is an introduction which consists of The Background, Scope of Problem, Research of Question, Objective of Research, The significance of Research, and Sequence of Presentation.
2. Chapter two describes a theoretical background. In this chapter, the writer will provide some theories relating to the title that can support the content of this study.
3. Chapter Three is about Methodology. The Method of Collecting Data, data source and Method of Data Analysis.
4. Chapter four consists of Data Presentation and Analysis
5. Chapter five is closing chapter with conclusion of the matters based on the analysis and suggestion for future readings and writing.

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