

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In introduction chapter, the writer wants to present background of the research, research of problem, research objective, research significance, definition of key term, and organization of the research.

1.1. Background

Social interactions either daily communication are constantly liked to other via facilitation of language. Obviously, language plays an important role in human life. It is acknowledge from some definition carried out by some linguists. Hamby (2005, p. 5) states that language is a system of sounds, words, and pattern used by human to thoughts and feeling. Beside people use language to speak, write and analyze, language also can be expressed by song lyric, poem, and so on.

Song lyric is one of the real samples of written language. Culler said that many lyrics can be presented themselves as voiced or voiceable, not only as fictional imitations of a recognizable speech act by a speaker character (2014, p. 163). The language in song lyric also can build a communication to all people. The people can use their language to express their feeling and emotion to the lyric. It can touch their feeling when they enjoy it and touch any aspect of human life. One of an outstanding song lyric in America is Taylor Swift. Swift is an American singer-songwriter. She is known for

narrative songs about her personal life. There are a lot of her album, but in the research the writer choose the Reputation album which release in 2017.

The idea of writing this paper begins with the personal experience of the writer when listening a song and seeing the lyric in phone on November 2017. When reading the lyric, the writer thinks that she wants to research about structure in the lyric with syntactical analysis and tree diagram. In this research, the writer choose Taylor Swift's album. There are 15 songs on the Reputation album, they are; "Ready for it", "End game", "I did something bad", "Don't blame me", "Delicate", "Look what you made me do", "So it goes", "Gorgeous", "Getaway car", "Dancing with our hands tied", "Dress", "This is why we can't have nice thing", "Call it what you want", "New year's day".

The reason why the writer chooses Taylor Swift's album as the subject in this research is because the writer wants to analyze the lyrics constructing by using tree diagram. People can use tree diagram to show how things can be analyzed into their constituent parts. Diagraming sentence provides the way of picturing the structure of a sentence. By placing a various parts of a sentence, we can see the parts fit together and how the meaning of the parts itself. The second, the writer tries to know the application of syntax in structure of lyrics and describe the meaning from the lyric.

In addition, the interesting things that make the writer analyzed this lyrics is because everyone knows that every sentence always begins with the

subject, predicate, and object. Later, every sentence in this lyrics sometime begins with adverb, preposition, noun, and conjunction. Sentence is a group of words which are tied together and convey some information, event, idea or description. The boundaries of the sentence is easy to recognize, it begins with capital and ends with punctuation such as period, question mark, and exclamation point. A sentence expresses a complete thought. It is the basic unit of a spoken or written entity in communication. A sentence also can express a statement or expression. There are four types of sentences according to number of clauses, they contains: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex.

The sentence structure is necessary to be learned, because it will influence the meaning of the sentence, using the wrong structure in a sentence will make misunderstanding between the writer and the reader. Sometimes, the readers find the meaning which have a different interpretation in the form of sentence structure. Linguistics, as we know, has four main branches of study: phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics and in this research, this present study focuses on syntax. Syntax is the way how words fits together to form of sentence. It is known that syntax is the arrangement of sentences which has relation among words, phrases, and clauses forming sentences (Thomas, 1993, p. 1). Moreover, it is known that structurally every sentence consist of subject, predicate, object, complement and adverb (SPOCA).

The study on the analysis of the sentence structure has been previously conducted by Yun Friska Irene Ginting (2009) in her thesis. She attempted to analyze sentence structure in Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*, to know the problem that are encountered by the writer and to explore the solution in solving the problem faced by the writer in analyze sentence structure in the play. To find out the answer to the problem of her study, she used descriptive method with qualitative approach. The data she collected were then analyzed by herself. Having analyzed the data, she found that there are 373 sentences in the plat, the sentence who dominated the play are 205 simple sentences or 54,96%, then 107 complex sentences or 29,69% and 35 compound sentences or 9,38%.

The second writer which has relation with this research is done by Deri Juita Andri (2012) studies sentence structure based on generative grammar in Charles Dicknes's *A Tales of Two Cities*. This research analyze sentence structure such as simple sentence, compound sentence, complex sentence, and compound-complex sentence that found in the novel, she also said that form of sentence structures appear clearly if analyzed by tree diagram method. Those previous studies have relation in the theory which used syntax theory but have the difference in the object of the research.

Another research found by the writer is the thesis 'Sentence Pattern Analysis Used In Song Lyrics of Green Day's Album "American Idiot"' which written by Sari (2013). The thesis and this research are quite similar in object and research problem but what make them different is the thesis uses

the source of data from the song lyrics of Green Day's, while this research uses the source of data from the song lyric of Taylor Swift's album "Reputation".

Based on the previous above, most studies discuss about sentence structure in different topics. The writer has some similarities and differences research with the previous study above. Although the present study is similar to the previous one, this study is interesting. The interesting study can be seen from the data that will be analyzed. It is a lyric. The writer are concentrated on grammatical structure with applying the syntactical structure of sentence to analyze the data especially sentence types.

Based on the problem above, the writer interest to know deeply about sentence types in Taylor Swift's song lyrics. Moreover the present study is to be done under the title Types of Sentence in Taylor Swift's Song Lyric in Reputation Album (2017).

1.2. Statement of Problem

In Taylor Swift's song lyrics, there are found types of sentences. It becomes the reason for the writer to make those lyrics as the subject of the research. There is a major that the writer wants to answer in this research. The writer divided the problem into two questions that were:

1. What types of sentence are found in Taylor Swift's song lyrics?
2. How are the sentence structure portrayed in tree diagram in Taylor Swift's song lyrics?

1.3. Research Objective

Based on the research question above, the writer has three purpose of this research as follow:

1. To find out types of sentence found in Taylor Swift's song lyrics.
2. To describe the sentence structure portrayed in tree diagram in Taylor Swift's song lyrics.

1.4. Research Significance

The writer tries to make the research useful for all people that have importance to this explanation especially some people who have a relation in the English study. The writer expects that this research is useful both theoretically as well as practically, as follows:

Theoretically, this analysis will enhance the study of syntax, especially concerning with their structures. Then, the study also will useful to all of student of English Department who focused on linguistic background because the research gives the important information to study about sentence structure and how the way to analyze it.

Practically, for the writer, is a study for improving the understanding related to the literary work, especially in the lyrics and also this research adds a new understanding about the sentence structure. This research could be a guiding or reading source for their researches related to the sentence structure in lyrics. For the reader, this research is significant especially for the student of literary faculty for becoming the reference in the song lyric. The writer

expects that the reader get more understanding about syntax, especially verb types in the lyric.

1.5. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid misunderstanding on the terms used in this paper, the clarification stated as follows:

Syntax : the part of linguistics that studies about structure of sentence.

Lyric : one of artwork that expresses one's feelings and thoughts.

Album : collection of audio recordings or songs as a single item on CD or DVD.

Taylor Swift : American singer and also song writer.

Sentence : a group of word consist of at least subject and predicate and have full thought which is stooped by full stop sign (period, question mark and exclamation mark.

Tree diagram : a tool to describe sentences that we already know are grammatical sentence of English.



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