

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Research

Language can also be said as a tool of communication. Good communication between people can be achieved if they are able to use language perfectly. The speaker must convey the message clearly. Language can be used by people in written language to convey messages or information. All people around the world use the language for communication, without language people cannot interact with the others. People can express their ideas or feelings through the language.

The fundamental function of every language system is to link meaning and expression to provide verbal expression of thought and feeling. Language is one of the most important things to express emotions. It means that the most important part of the definition of language is communication.

According to the statement above, the use of language style occurs during conversation where it depends on situation and context they talk about. It is often used to make the listeners and the readers understand. The style of language communication mainly focuses on an intended social message of communication. Language is the way people manipulate others and control their interaction and bringing messages or ideas conveyed in word and tone of voice. The characteristics of language style are selecting and choosing the linguistic forms appeared from a person or group. Language is rule governed,

creative, universal, innate, and learned, all at the same time. Linguists understand language as a system of arbitrary vocal signs.

Linguistics is the study of language as a system of human communication (Richard and Schmidt, 2002, p.283). They also stated that linguistics includes many different approaches to the study of language and many different areas of investigation such as sound systems (phonetics/phonology), sentence structure (syntax), relationships between language and cognition (cognitive linguistics), meaning systems (semantics, pragmatics, functions of language), as well as language and social factors (sociolinguistics).

Linguistics which is regarded as the study of language explains all about aspect of language in its use. One of the interesting topics in learning language is related to the way language used by the user who wants to convey in a language. Linguistics is language components which connect the people to each other. The component includes sound, arrangement of word, and meaning. [Linguistics](#) is concerned with human language as a universal and recognizable part of human behavior and of the human abilities.

Based on the above statement, it can be said that linguistics is the field of the study concerning with the language. In the other words, linguistics is the scientific study of the language. As it is concerned with language, then, the objects of the study will be anything related to the language, such as sound system, sentence structure, meaning, and the other language components. Linguistics can be inferred that the scope of applied linguistics is really broad

or that it may cover a lot of things such as many things. It means that is really the engineer of language to solve the problems in human life.

Semantics is the study of meaning communicated through language (Saeed,2016,p.3). Semantic is study of meaning, and linguistic semantic of how language organize and express meanings. Human beings need language as their communication because language is the branch of linguistic. Language can be also said a tool of communication which has an aspect to be use communication in human life.

Semantic is the study of the meaning of words and sentences and part of the linguistics meaning. People have studied semantics because they need to know the meaning of word and the morpheme that make the meaning of word combined into phrase and sentence meaning. They must imply the meaning of utterances in the context in which they are made.

Semantic itself has an expression of all these viewpoints which is called aspect. Aspect is both grammatical and lexical, it is expressed in predicates, especially in verb inflections and collocations of verbs (Kreidler, 1998, p.198). Aspectual meaning is information and point of view of sentences. The domain of aspect has an interesting subjective factor because a choice between aspectual meanings is often available to the speaker.

Aspect is a different way of viewing the constituency of a situation. Aspect is interpreted as a grammatical category which reflects the way in which the verb action is regarded or experienced with respect to time. It refers

to the way that the time of the situation is regarded rather than its location in time in absolute terms. It relates to considerations such as the completion or lack of completion of events or states described by a verb. Seen from this, aspect is the form of the verb which serves to express the manner in which the action performed shows whether it is a single accomplished action (a point action), a recurrent action or a continuous process.

Aspect is usually understood to be a grammatical category along side the others such as tense, mode and etc, which applied to verb and can be stated as the meaning of sentence. The conceptual meaning of a sentence conveys information of two kinds of situation as presented from a particular perspective or viewpoint and the situation indirectly classified a state or event of a certain type. In aspect, the writer is interested to find telic and atelic in the song.

Telic situation is a durative situation leading up to and including a terminal point beyond which the situation cannot progress unless redefined while Atelic situation is a durative situation realized in the projected world in terms of its extension in time rather than a criteria terminal point (Bache, 1997, p.302). Telic has an end or a goal, while the predicates that do not have an end or a goal are Atelic. Stative and active predicates are atelic, while achievement predicates are telic.

In expressions referring to telic situations, it is important that there should be both a process leading up to the terminal point, as well as the terminal

point. While Atelic is when we can automatically terminate the situation which has no such terminal point, and can be protracted indefinitely or broken off at any point. The Atelic nature of a situation can often be tested if a sentence referring to this situation in a form with imperfective meaning implies the sentence referring to the same situation in a form with perfect meaning, then the situation is atelic, otherwise it is telic. Telic situation is one that involves a process that leads up to a well defined terminal point, beyond which the process cannot continue. To find interesting telic or atelic, the writer uses song for the data source.

Song is the art of tone or sound in sequences with combinations and temporal relationships that are usually accompanied by musical instrument. Songs are created by a songwriter or sung by a singer, the goal is to convey a message and express what the songwriter or singer feels and sees. So we can find vocabulary through the song that we heard or lyrics which we read and by listening to the songs, we can get knowledge about appreciate literature and the background of the song.

In this research, the writer chooses songs by Ed Sheeran as source data. Song is any poem even there is an attention of it being set to music. The writer chooses "Ed Sheeran" song because this song is very interesting to examine and research in more detail. Besides that, the researcher has some reason to analyze this research. First of all, this song tells about love story. And then, the writer takes 8 love songs in different albums. Songs tell about love stories that have the same story with the researcher in the daily fact.

This love story is introducing for the reader and listener that if we want to make a good relation with our partner, we must know about all of the physical, characteristic, and about inheritance of family and give a message for someone who loves their partner until the end of life. This song is very quiet to be heard.

Ed Sheeran also writes and produces songs for international singers like Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Taylor Swift, etc., and has always been a hit on the Billboard Hot 100. Ed Sheeran is an English male singer; he was born on February 17, 1991, with the full name of Edward Christopher Sheeran. He became one of the most successful singer-songwriters in British music today. His genre is pop music. In the world of music, Ed Sheeran's career is arguably still very short. He started his debut album in 2011.

The conclusion of this topic is the writer wanted to analyze Telic or Atelic verbs found in Ed Sheeran's songs with titles Telic and Atelic in Ed Sheeran's songs. The reason why the writer chose this title is because Telic and Atelic verbs are rarely explored in research, journals, and theses. The reason why the writer chose Ed Sheeran's songs is because Ed Sheeran has so many songs to support this research.

## **B. Question and Scopes of the Research**

### **1. Question of the Research**

- a. What are the verbs that are classified as Telic or Atelic in Ed Sheeran's song lyrics?

- b. Why are the verbs can be classified as Telic or Atelic ?
- c. What is the dominant between Telic and Atelic in Ed Sheeran songs ?

## 2. Scopes of the Research

The scopes in this research is the analysis of Telic and Atelic in Ed Sheeran songs, especially the song lyrics. Among the aspect of semantics, the writer focused on Telic and Atelic only. Furthermore, the writer chose Ed Sheeran songs as data source because the writer considered Ed Sheeran lyrics have many Telic and Atelic verbs. The writer analyzed 8 Ed Sheeran's songs with theory from *Semantic Fourth Edition* by John I. Saeed *Semantics 2016*.

## C. Objective and Significance of the Research

### 1. Objective of the Research

To answer the questions of the research, it will be clearer by explaining the aim of the research below :

- a. To know the verbs which are include to Telic or Atelic
- b. To describe why the verbs are included to Telic or Atelic
- c. To know the most dominant are Telic or Atelic

### 2. Significance of the Research

The significance of this research are expected to give contribution for the readers, other researchers, and the writer herself.

a. The Readers

Hopefully this research can help other people to understand and appreciate the different between Telic and Atelic verb.

b. Other Researchers

The result of the research can be used as a reference for other researcher to conduct a further research dealing with the Telic and Atelic in Ed Sheeran songs.

#### **D. Operational Definition**

##### **1. Language**

Language is fundamental aspect of human life. To communicate and establish relationship with others, people use language as tool communication.

##### **2. Linguistic**

Linguistic which is regarded as the study of language explains all about aspect of language in its use.

##### **3. Semantic**

Semantic is study of meaning that is used to understand human expression through language.

##### **4. Aspect**

Aspect is expressed in predicates, especially in verb inflections and collocations of verbs. Aspectual meaning is information and point of view of sentences.



### **5. Telic**

Telic is one of aspects in semantic that has an end or a goal. Telic situation cannot progress unless redefined.

### **6. Atelic**

Atelic is one of aspects does not have an end or a goal. Atelic situation is realized in the projected world in terms of its extension in time rather than a criteria terminal point.

### **7. Song**

Song is a piece of music, usually using verbal text, created to be sung. Song is combined between melody and vocals.

### **8. Lyrics**

Lyrics is the words that make up a song usually consisting of verses and choruses.

## **E. Systematization of the Research**

Chapter I. Introduction. This chapter consists of background of research, question and scopes of the research, objective and significance of research, operational definition, and systematization of writing.

Chapter II. Theoretical description. This chapter consists of language, linguistic, semantic, aspect, telic atelic, and song.

Chapter III. Research method. This chapter covers methodology of research design, source of data, technique of collecting data, and steps of analyzing data.

Chapter IV. Analysis data. This chapter contains the data analysis, and the answer for research question which are presented in chapter one. There are three research questions, the research question is to know the verb is include telic or atelic and to know the most dominant aspect is telic or atelic. The analysis data used the primary theory and supporting theories presented in chapter two.

Chapter V. Conclusion and suggestion. This chapter presents the conclusions and suggestion. The writer gets the conclusion based on the results of data analysis and suggestion study.

