

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Language is a very important aspect in the life of human being and it is used as a tool of communication among the nations in the entire world. Through a language, people can communicate and interact with each other. Language is so helpful for people to express their feeling and mind to the others. All languages were spoken through nearly all of their history by people who did not read or write; the languages of such people are just as stable, regular, and rich as the language of literate nations.

Language connects people from one to the others. Studying a language makes possible using to be able to communicate with many people and can allow people to communicate and get a lot information,. Language is one of the most important things to express emotions. Language is also a communication through a system of arbitrary signals such as sounds, gestures, or written symbols.

Language is what the members of society speak. However, as we can see, speech in any society can take very different forms, and what forms we should choose to discuss when we attempt to describe the language of a society may prove to be a contentious matter. Sometimes, society may also be plurilingual; that is, many speakers may use more than one language. However, we still can understand. We should also note that our definitions

of language and society are not independent. It means that the most important part of the definition of language is communication.

Besides that, grammar is the important tool to improve the performance of the speaker. Grammar is the study of the classes of words, their inflections, their functions, and relations in the sentence. The structure is widely used in spoken and written language. In case of written expression, a sentence has to be arranged correctly to make readers understand. Readers will understand the core of message if they understand the structure and the meaning of the sentences.

Grammar is the structure and meaning system of language, such as sounds, words, formation and arrangement of words. People who speak the same language are able to communicate because they know the grammar system of that language which is the rules of the meaning. Grammar is very important to help people when they need to write, speak, read, and listen.

One part of grammar is modality. Modality is a category of linguistics which is related to an expression of possibility and necessity. Modality is concerned with the 'opinion and attitude' of the speaker. Modality allows speaker to evaluate a proposition relative to set of other propositions. In addition, modality also means the way of people talk about factual matters in one condition to speak or to behave in communication. Indeed, modality gives information about what may be true or not, what has happened and what has not happened, modality also talks about what ought to be and what ought not to be, what certain individuals are capable of and what is

impossible for them, and what obligations we have to do or to refrain from doing.

According to Palmer (1979), modality has three kinds (p. 2). The first is epistemic modality which is the simplest type of modality to deal with. Epistemic modality is the modality of proposition. The function of epistemic modality is to make judgments about the possibility, etc., that something is or is not the case. The two basic degrees of possibility and necessity are marked by *may* and *must* respectively (Palmer, 1979, p. 50).

Second type is a deontic modality which is essentially performative. By using a deontic modal, a speaker may actually give permission (*may*, *can*), lay an obligation (*must*) or make a promise or threat (*shall*) (Palmer, 1979, p. 69).

The last type is dynamic modality which concerned with ability and volition of the subject of the sentence. Dynamic modality expressed by *can* in the sense of ability (and also of *will* in the sense of volition) (Palmer, 1979, p. 7).

In this scientific paper, the writer took data from *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment was released on March 5th 2019 by beORIGIN Co., Ltd. has 230 pages and tells about the memory pieces of feelings of being lost, absence, suffering and insecurity of some boys facing their fate. The characters are *Kim Seokjin*, *Min Yoongi*, *Kim Namjoon*, *Jung Hoseok*, *Park Jimin*, *Kim Taehyung*, and *Jeon Jungkook* of BTS.

BTS or *Bangtan Sonyeondan* also known as the Bangtan Boys is a seven-member South Korean boy group formed in Seoul under Big Hit Entertainment and debuted on June 13th 2013. The story of *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* also known HYYH relates to the story behind the BTS Universe which is whole plot of the one to another era including the short films from their *Wings* series and *Love Yourself* highlight reels.

In description above, the writer is curious to know further to give understanding of using modals meaning especially in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment. The reason why the writer choosing modality as research is because modality has always been found in almost written texts and the object in which to analyze is suitable with modality and novel. Moreover the reason why the writer takes data from *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* in this book is the first book was released by Korean Agency Big Hit Entertainment with Best Seller Rank 1.387.689 by Amazon.

Amazon.com, Inc. is an American multinational technology company based in Seattle that focuses on e-commerce, cloud computing, digital streaming, and artificial intelligence. Amazon is known for its disruption of well-established industries through technological innovation and mass scale; it is the world's largest online marketplace.

The point of this topic is the writer wants to analyze kinds of modality and its classification found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment also the meanings of modality that used in this novel. That is the reason why the writer named this research as “Modal Verbs Meaning in The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version Written by Big Hit Entertainment”.

B. Questions and Scopes of the Research

1. Questions of the Research

Based on the background above, the problem research is related to modality in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment which contains a lot of modalities. Those modalities can be classified the kinds and meanings depend on the modality in the novel. In addition, the writer formulates the problems are follows:

- a. What are kinds of modality and its functions found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment?
- b. What are the meanings of those modalities found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment?

- c. What is the most frequent kind of modal verbs that used in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment?

2. Scopes of the Research

In this scientific paper, the writer tried to give information and also describe problems during her research on her scientific paper discussing about kinds, meanings, and also the function of modalities found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment within 230 pages and released on March 5th 2019. The theory that writer used for this paper is *Modality and the English Modals* by F.R Palmer (1979).

By analyzing and classifying, the writer expected that the readers know the kinds, meanings, and functions of modalities used in *The Most Beautiful Moment the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment.

C. Objectives and Significances of Research

1. Objectives of the Research

The objectives of the research are shown as follows:

- a. To know what kinds of modality and its functions found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment.

- b. To find the meanings of those modalities found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment.
- c. To know what is the most frequent kind of modal verbs that used in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment.

2. Significances of the Research

The finding of this research lies on two foundations. Theoretically, this research is expected to be useful to enrich the previous studies linguistic about modality. The writer also hopes this research is able to be a useful reference for student of English department especially who are interested in doing a similar field of modality.

Practically, it provides not only good insight but also a new experience that is very useful for the writer. This research can help the readers of the novel to understand clearly about the kinds, functions and meanings of that modality. The readers will be able to know about the meanings of modalities that used in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by BTS. The writer hopes that this study encourages the reader to have deeper study about language.

D. Operational Definitions

To avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the key term used, the writer define some terms as follows:

1. Language were spoken through nearly all of their history by people who did not read or write; the languages of such peoples are just as stable, regular, and rich as the languages of literate nations (Bloomfield, 1933, p. 21).
2. Semantics is one of the linguistic branches which have function to analyze word meaning. Semantics is the most diverse field within linguistics semantics to communication, and becomes a more crucial factor in social organization (Leech 1991, p. introduction, Saeed 2009, p. 4).
3. Modality is concerned with the 'opinion and attitude' of the speaker. Modality is people talk about factual matters. Modality is also an expression of fact and possibility, necessity, probability, obligation, permission, and volition (Lyons in Palmer, 1979, p. 2, Kreidler, 1998, p. 239, Barbiers and Beukema, 2002, p. 1).
4. Grammar is the study of the classes of words, their inflections, the functions and relations in the sentence (Merriam Webster Online Dictionary).
5. The modal verbs are *can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will* and *would* (Hornby, 2015, p. 997).

6. The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version written by Big Hit Entertainment is a novel was released on March 5th 2019 by beORIGIN Co., Ltd. has 230 pages and tells about the memory pieces of feelings of being lost, absence, suffering and insecurity of some boys facing their fate.

E. Systematization of the Research

The writer decided to write this scientific paper divided into five chapters and it is described as followed:

1. **Chapter I:** The first chapter is 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.
2. **Chapter II:** The second chapter is theoretical foundation. This chapter consists of the theory of semantics, modality, modal verb, and novel.
3. **Chapter III:** The third chapter is research method. This chapter consists of methodology of research design, procedure of the research, technique of collecting data, steps of analyzing data, and source of the data.
4. **Chapter IV:** The fourth chapter is findings and discussions. 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 of (1) what are the kinds of the modality and its

functions found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment? (2) What are the meanings of those modalities found in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment? (3) What is the most frequent kind of modal verbs that used in *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life the Notes 1 English Version* written by Big Hit Entertainment? The analysis data used the primary theory and supporting theories presented in chapter two, to analyze modality based on F. R. Palmer on *Modality and the English Modals* (1979).

5. **Chapter V:** The fifth chapter is conclusions and suggestion. This chapter presents the conclusions and suggestion. The writer gets the conclusion based on the results of data analysis and suggestion study.

