

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Language plays a great part in our life. Without language, people cannot communicate with each other. Language is a human system of communication that uses arbitrary signals, such as a set of sounds, written symbols, and gestures. Many definitions of language have been proposed. One of the definitions that the writer will take is language is an expression of an idea that speaks sound combined into a few words. The word is merged into a sentence, this combination responds to that idea to mind. From this, we know that language will not able to stay on its form and will always involve.

The scientific study of language is linguistics. Fields that include linguistic studies are voices, words, and grammar rules. Studying language helps people to understand language structure, how languages are used, variations in language, and language influences in the way people think. Linguistics helps people to understand that languages around the world have similarities in structure, use, acquisition by children and adults, and how they change over time. Linguistics is very broad, with many different fields. While studying linguistics you will learn about aspects of the human language including the following: Phonetics and phonology (sounds), Morphology (words), Syntax, (sentence structure), and Semantics (meaning).

In linguistics, morphology is a study of the word, how they are formed, and their relationship to other words in the same language.

Morphology is also one subsection of grammar which analyzes the structure of words and word sections, such as stems, root words, prefixes, and suffixes. Morphology is also seen in the speech, intonation and stress sections, and the way the context can change the pronunciation of words and meanings.

When talking about language, grammar will never be separated from it. In the world of linguistics, the study of language, grammar is defined as the rules that arrange how the individual pieces of a language fit together. Grammar is also inherent to the concept of a language. In another words, we cannot have a language without grammar. That is because languages do not just consist of words and sounds, they also consist of the rules that tell how these words and sounds can work together.

There are more 7000 languages in the world and each language has different rules of grammar. Some people often make errors in learning English. It happens because of the different grammatical rules between their native language and English. Just like a house built without a strong foundation, the house will collapse as soon as it is built. It also applied to the language. Languages that are not based on grammatical knowledge will cause miscommunication, such as grammatical errors in writing and speaking. So, understanding and applying grammar to the target language are an important aspect of learning a new language to avoid chaotic meaning.

Some people often make errors while learning English, especially when they compose a text with proper tenses. It happens because they do not master English well. Trials and errors are common when we learn a second

language. Learning a second language is not as easy as learning the first language. It means that in learning a second language, some errors are unavoidable.

In writing, there are a lot of grammatical errors. Some of them are subject-verb agreements errors, punctuation marks error, misplaced or dangling modifier, vague pronoun reference, wrong word usage, sentence sprawl, split infinitives, and lack of parallel structure.

Most of these errors are on writing, whether it is writing on books, articles, journals, even on social media. In this digital era, social media is a place not only to communicate but also to exchange information and ideas. It will be a very rare thing if humans nowadays do not access social media daily.

There are many kinds of social media that exist now. Some examples are Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Recently, many millennials are no longer using Facebook as their social media, because Facebook is too old-fashioned for millennials and Gen-Z. Instead Instagram and Twitter are used by millennials as reliable social media to exchange information or simply post what they want.

The main feature of Instagram is to post photos with or without captions, while Twitter's main feature is posting writing posts. Writing posts posted on Twitter called tweet that can be information, tips, short stories, confides, words of wisdom, etc. Many posts can trigger grammatical errors that can be fatal if deployed from one user to another. Therefore, the writer prefers to choose Twitter as research facilities than any other social media.

The accounts selected as research materials are influencer accounts, accounts that have a follower count of more than 100 users, and who use English on their tweets. The more follower count of an account, the faster the information will spread.

@zelazele Twitter account is a personal account of the writer chosen as a medium in this study. The account follows many influencer accounts or accounts with a follower count of more than 100 Twitter accounts. If grammatical errors are made by one of the influencer accounts, it will be very fatal, because the incorrect information will spread rapidly as many followers from the account see a post from that Influencer account.

People will not realize that they have made a grammatical error, moreover on Twitter. There are a lot of grammatical mistakes that the writer find on Twitter, one of which is found to be a tweet from the account @EngMagnus below.

“I think im qualified enough to answer for my selves”

In this case, grammatical errors were found on “im” and “selves”. On “im” case, found that misusing the apostrophe which the right one is “I’m” the simple way of I am. The second grammatical error is “selves”. “Selves” word is not wrong if paired with the plural form. While he is pairing the word “selves” with “my”, which we know that “my” is a singular form, then the right one is “self”.

From the example above, the writer can see the discovery of grammatical errors on Twitter that can create miscommunication and spread incorrect information. Due to the large number of grammatical errors on Twitter that could lead to incorrect dissemination of information and impairing a person's knowledge of grammar, the writer took the undergraduate thesis under the title **“Grammatical Errors on Twitter: A Case Study of Following List on @zelazele Twitter Account”**.

B. Question and Scope of the Research

1. Question of the Research

As a Twitter user, the writer has observed that many other Twitter users use English in tweeting. Their English tweets could be some direct quotations from other authors and their thought, eventhough English is not their first language. The present study seeks answers to the following research questions:

- a.** What are types of part of speech concerning grammatical error which occur in the tweets posted by following list of @zelazele Twitter account?
- b.** What are the most common grammatical errors the users made in tweeting?

2. Scope of the Research

This research focuses on analyzing grammatical errors on twenty tweets made by several accounts on the following list on @zelazele

Twitter account which had a minimum of 100 followers. The theories used are from S. P. Corder (1967) and Roberto Rivera (2017) by classifying and analyzing grammatical error on subject-verb agreement, punctuation marks error, missing word, spelling error, capitalization error, and wrong word usage.

C. Objective and Significance of the Research

1. Objective of the Research

Based on the problems of the research mentioned above, the objectives of the research are described as follow:

- a.** This research is made to know what kind of part of speech concerning grammatical error which occur in the tweets posted by following list of @zelazele Twitter account.
- b.** This research is made to find the most common grammatical error the users made in tweeting.

2. Significance of the Research

Hopefully this research can be useful not only for the writer, but also the reader mainly who learned language.

a. For the writer

The writer hopes this research can increase the writer's knowledge, awareness, and cautious in English grammar, especially in grammatical errors.

b. For the reader

The writer hopes that the reader of this research can be more aware and cautious of English grammar and grammatical error so that the reader will know how to produce correct English.

c. For the next researcher

Hopefully, the results of this study can be useful as a suggestion for science in general and knowledge of grammatical errors in English, especially on social media. The results of this study can also be used as a reference for students in English literature to add insight and knowledge which can be used as a reference for further research.

D. Operational Definition**1. Grammar**

Grammar is the rules that arrange how the individual pieces of a language fit together.

2. Morphology

Morphology is a study of the word, how they are formed, and their relationship to other words in the same language. Morphology is also one subsection of grammar, it analyzes the structure of words and word sections, such as stems, root words, prefixes, and suffixes.

3. Social Media

Social media means of interaction between a number of people through sharing information and ideas through the Internet network to form a kind of virtual community.

4. Twitter

Twitter is one of types of social media that facilitates the user to write and publish activities as well as his or her opinion.

5. Tweet

Tweet is a simply post on Twitter which is limited to 280 characters or less, it is likely called a tweet because it sort of resembles the same type of short and sweet chirp you might hear from a bird.

E. Systematization of the Research

This research is written systematically using the following structure and organization. It is divided into five chapters.

Chapter I is introduction of the research that states the background, the question and scope, the objective and significance, operational definition, and systematization of the research.

Chapter II is teoritical description that describes the language, grammar, error, grammatical error, social media, twitter, and research of the relevance.

Chapter III is research methodology that represents about method of the research, procedure of the research, technique of data collection, technique of data analysis, and sources of the primary and secondary data.

Chapter IV is analysis data that explains data description, data analysis, and interpretation of the research findings.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion based on the result of the study.

