

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

A song is a literary work that contains the experience of the author who is expressively labeled, usually accompanied by a musical instrument played to convey a message. Messages can have various forms, both oral and written. The message in the song lies in the substance of the song's lyrics. Beside that, the form of communication among the singer as communicator and listener as communicant of the message is a simple way of a song.

Songs are parts of music created to be sung and have a variety of types based on the genre. In the world of music, songs have several streams including jazz, rock, pop, and so on. Jazz is a genre of music that originated in the United States in the early 20th century with roots from African and European music. Whereas rock songs are a type of song that has a simple tone and a fast beat, played and sung by a group of people with electric guitars and drums. In addition to the two songs above, there is also a genre of songs that is very popular in the society, namely pop songs.

Pop songs are songs that are played by many people in the world. The word of pop itself is taken from the *popular* word in English. The rhythm produced by pop songs is simple and full of meaning, so it is easy to hear and is liked by many people. Talking about pop songs, in our country Indonesia has many famous pop singer that sing in English songs. When they are

delivering song lyrics in English, they are often mistaken in the pronunciation, giving rise to different meanings.

Saying words with pronunciation correctly makes it easier to understand what speaker's mean. Without good pronunciation will make misunderstanding between speaker and listener, that is why we have to study about pronunciation more details. For example, the different pronunciation of the British and New Zealander in the interpreting a word can make mistake. The word *dad* which is pronounced by New Zealander, for British it is sounded like the meaning *dead* because of the different pronunciation. Learning about pronunciation is not only helpful in communicating, but also specifically we will be able to know how to intonate and stress in English words when we are speaking, so that what is discussed easy to understand.

Talking about stress, Indonesian and English stress are different. In Indonesian we do not know the stress in pronunciation of word. Meanwhile in English, stress is an extremely important element of pronunciation. This thing is a problem for learner of English as a foreign language to determine which part of the syllable should be stressed or not. Otherwise, for native speakers of English, they know how to distinguish it, even though the word is not familiar.

Stress in English is manifested by a combination of three phonetic elements: greater loudness, higher pitch, and longer duration. Loudness is one of the main phonetic properties of spoken language that have relation to the breadth in the vibration of the vocal folds. And related to the frequency in the sound it is called pitch. The pitch will be higher if the vibration is faster.

Whereas duration is talking about span of time during which a sound is sustained and it is used in the articulation of a sound related with the actual time.

Relate to stress, in 2000, Rogers stated “stress is a complex auditory impression which the listener perceives as making one syllable more prominent than its neighbours”. (p. 94). There are three levels of stress in the transcription of English : primary, secondary and tertiary or unstressed. The strongest stress will be marked by a short raised stroke and the middle level with a short lowered stroke. Whereas for the weakest levels of stress is not marked. Discussion about stress is always related with the syllables in English that can be either stressed or unstressed.

A stressed syllable appear is louder than the other syllable it is called prominence. The weakest level of prominence in the syllables is called unstressed. The speech sounds in stressed syllables have a different quality than unstressed syllable. In stressed syllable the vowels and consonant are fully articulated rather than reduced. Unstressed syllables in English are often also called weak syllables, whereas stressed syllables are mentioned as strong syllable. In the other hand a number of English grammatical words are called weak and strong form.

Talking about weak and strong forms, in English itself for the native speakers prefer pronounce English words in a weak form rather than strong. Beside that, they speak in English faster and it is difficulties to understand what they are said. English words that do not have stress are weakened. It is

called as weak form. Weak forms are very often pronounced with a schwa and sometimes a bit difficult to hear clearly.

Schwa is including in a short vowel, it stands out from all other vowels, and requires some further comment. It means the reduced vowel sound called schwa is the most common vowel sound in spoken English. Although the schwa is prominent than the other vowel, but not all English words that consist of schwa called weak form.

Weak forms in English words are always unstressed. It means to pronounce weak forms no need much energy to do it and always occur in non-prominent position. For example is the word 'The' which is found in the song of Talking to the Moon by Bruno Mars. We know that the word 'The' in English is including grammatical words especially in the articles. Articles themselves are divided into two, first is definite article and the second one is indefinite article.

Definite article only consists of the form 'the' and usually using in certain words. Whereas for indefinite articles are using word 'a' and 'an'. Pronunciation in an Oxford Dictionary the word 'The' is /ðə/. We have already learned about the weak form in the theory that one of the reason to determine which part of the syllable should be weakened is because of schwa. There are few short vowels in English and schwa is one of them. Schwa stands out from all other vowels, and needs some further to comment. The schwa occurs solely in unstressed syllables.

Different with the weak form, strong form here is clearly when we try to pronounce. We always use strong form than weak form because it is very easy to make listener understand message what we have spoken. Each word that includes in strong form must have a stress. Stress here is very important to know whether syllable is strong or weak form. The strong form only happened when we pronounce the words alone, or when we emphasize them. It is which is full form of the word pronounced with the stress. And when we are saying in strong form is needed much energy. All of that can be explained in phonology fields.

Meanwhile Yule (2006:43) stated the phonology is essentially the description of the systems and patterns of speech sounds in a language. In English we will find the variations in different physical articulations of that sound type in different contexts. If we learn more about phonology we can understand how to differ speech sounds from each other. We can see that phonology just focuses on the abstract set of sounds in a language that allows us to distinguish meaning in the actual physical sounds we say and hear.

Phonology as study of how sounds interact in various languages divided in two parts. The phonology that learns how to produce the sound of language is produced by human utterance it is called phonetics. Where in this part we no need look at the function of sound as differences of meaning in language. In other part, different from the phonetic, the phonology that studies about speech sound according to their function as differentiator it is called phonemic. It

means that although in one word only different one phoneme it will make different meaning.

Furthermore, phonology is sub-discipline of linguistic which talks about the sounds of language. Specifically talking about the pure phonological function, behavior, and organization of sounds as linguistic elements. Where the sound of language that produced by human vocal organs. It can be assumed the phonology can give permission to speakers to produce sounds which meaningful utterances to be accepted by the listener well.

Language is a tool for communicating with fellow humans being. Whatever we live in this world we use language to express everything in our mind. We can reveal what in our mind not only spoken but also we can use gesture or body language to other people. Because language is also a media for people to deliver their idea and feeling. It is difficult for people to live without language. So language is an important thing of communication in life and it cannot be separated.

Language is already often used in many expressions in society. It is a sign system of sound used by human in purpose of communicating to each other. As human social, people need interact with the others, so that people use language almost every day in their activities. People communicative with others directly or indirectly in the spoken and written form. The use of language is good and easy to understand by others will have an impact on communication that works well.

There are so many languages used in the world. One of them is English as a world language and international language, it is formally learned in many countries to use it. There are two reasons why English could be an international language in the world. First, historically because of the expansion of British colonial power the end of 19th century. Second, because of the appearance of the United State as the leading economic power of the 20th century.

Linguistics is the rules of language in the world, linguistic can help the people to understand how words have a lot of meaning, variety, and use. Talking about linguistic it means they talk about language, an ability possessed by humans to communicate with the other humans. People cannot do their activities without language because language is very important to make their communication is running well.

Furthermore, linguistics is the scientific study of human language. It can be widely into three categories: language form, language in context and language meaning. The study of language structure or grammar is one of linguistic categories. In this part focuses on the system of rules followed by the user of one or more languages.

After that, linguistic not only discusses about human language but also animal language. Animals also use language to communicate with similar species, as humans speak to communicate with the other humans although language that used by animals is different from the human. For animals, language only function to fulfill primary need, signs of danger, recognizing

fellow groups, calling partner or children and food in certain place. Many people have done a lot of research and tried to teach animals to speak, but none of them were successful.

B. Questions and Scope of the Research

1. Question of the Research

From the above explanation, the problems which will be analyzed are how to classified weak and strong form are process phonologically. This problems can be mentioned detail as the following questions:

- a. What is the weak and strong forms in the Bruno Mars's songs?
- b. How the process occurred weak and strong forms in the song?
- c. What kinds of the strong and weak forms mostly exist in the song lyric?

2. Scopes of the Research

In this research the analysis just focused on grammatical words which has of weak and strong forms that consist of stressed and unstressed in process phonologically. By classifying and analyzing the weak and strong form we can understand how to pronounce the words correctly. For the theory, it will analyze with the theory of English Phonetics and Phonology by Peter Roach (2009) and Skandera (2005)

C. Objective and Significance of the Research

1. Objective of the Research

Based on the problem of the research mentioned above, the objectives of this research are described as the following:

1. This research is for knowing the classifications of the words as the strong or weak forms in the song by Bruno Mars.
2. This research is for identifying the strong and weak forms kinds in the song.
3. This research is to find out strong and weak forms which most exist in the song lyric.

2. Significance of the Research

Hopefully this writing and research paper can be useful not only for the writer himself but also for the readers mainly who learn at least who has relation with English in their activity. The significance of the writing is described as followed. For the writer, the writer hopes that this writing can add the writer's knowledge and ability in writing English and also know more about how to pronounce the words correctly by using weak and strong form theory. For the reader, the writer hopes that this writing can help to give the information for the readers how to pronounce the word with a good pronunciation.

D. Operational Definition

After having read and understood many theories of the title components, the writer can give explanation that:

1. Language

People in the world must be need language to communication with each other. It has function to make understand when the speaker talk to the

listener. People in the world cannot live without language. Language is an important thing to make communication running well.

2. Phonology

Phonology in linguistic have function to know about the sounds. In this part we will discuss how to pronunciation about the words. We can make difference how the sounds appear from the human. In the phonology must be discuss about phoneme. Phoneme is smallest unit in the phonology.

3. Weak Form

Weak forms on the other hand, is a pronunciation variant which contains a weak vowel, or from which one or more sounds have been omitted. It is not have stressed. Weak forms occur only in non-prominent position.

4. Strong Form

Strong forms is that pronunciation variant of a given word which contains a strong vowel, and from which no sounds have been omitted. It can occur in both prominent and non-prominent positions, they can be either stressed or unstressed.

5. Song

Song is a single work of music that is typically intended to be sung by the human. Song can make the people enjoy in the life. Everyday people in the world play a song to make their life be better.

E. Systematization of the Research

The systematic of the paper means to present the paper in well-edited composition. This paper is divided into five chapters as follow:

Chapter I introduction explains about the background of the research, the problem of the research, the scope of the problem, the question of the research, the objective of the research, the significance of the research, and systematic of the paper.

Chapter II Theoretical descriptions consists of the definition of Language, Phonology, syllable, stress, weak forms, strong forms, songs, and research of the relevance.

Chapter III Methodology research contains about method of the research: 1. Time and place of the research, 2. Kind of the research, 3. Technic of the data research, technic of the data analysis, and sources of the primary and secondary data.

Chapter IV Analysis data shows about the data description, the analysis of the data, the data interpretation and the discussion.

Chapter V Conclusion and suggestion gives the summary from all chapters and some suggestion related to the result of the research.