

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

A preposition, its object, and its modifiers are all included in a prepositional phrase. In most cases, a prepositional phrase modifies a verb or a noun. Prepositional phrases come in two different categories: adjectival phrases and adverbial phrases. In English grammar, a prepositional phrase is a group of words that contains the preposition (such as to, with, or across), its object (a noun or pronoun), and any modifiers of the object (an article and/or an adjective). It is only a sentence fragment and cannot be taken as a stand-alone idea.

Prepositional phrase means a phrase that begins with a preposition and ends with the preposition's object. Prepositions can explain place, time, actor, and meaning. People need to know that the use of preposition is very important to make a good sentence and prepositions can make the sentence complete both orally and written. Prepositional Phrase belongs to one of the existing types of phrases. Actually, every preposition has a special use, for example the use of in, on and at which it often finds in writing or speaking. This type of preposition is usually used to describe place and time, for example in the morning, in the bathroom, on December, at 7 p.m. and other. While without phrase, it is called preposition.

Preposition a tiny, common word that indicates direction (to in "a letter to you"), location (at in "at the bathroom"), or time (by in "by afternoon"), or that introduces an item (of in "a basket of fruit"). The object of a preposition usually a noun (afternoon), a noun phrase (the bathroom), or a pronoun (you).

Preposition is a term that controls the meaning of a noun or pronoun. With a noun, pronoun, infinitive, or gerund, a preposition can be employed. Prepositions can be used in a variety of ways. They can be used to represent time, place, spatial relationships, orientation, and other abstract concepts. Prepositional phrases' syntactic functions is a preposition that in the broadest sense expresses a relationship between two elements, one of which is represented by the prepositional complement and the other by another component of the sentence. A noun phrase, a nominal wh-clause, or a nominal -ing is the most common prepositional complement. The preposition more directly tied to the previous word (look at, sorry for), which influences its choice, than to the prepositional complement as a complementation of a verb or an adjective.

To give the clear example of preposition phrase function of syntax and the use of prepositions, the author will take data from the responses of Joe Biden as president of U.S.A regarding his response to the war between Russia and Ukraine from February to April 2022 taken from CNN POLITIC NEWS. The research will investigate the usefulness through the elaboration of a sentence as follows:

“Biden asks Congress **for \$33 billion in aid to Ukraine as war** enters new

phase

This sentence above tells about the American president (Joe Biden) asking Congress for help with some money to be given to Ukraine in the face of war with Russia. The sentence above is a compound sentence which uses the simple present tense in its writing. The reason the sentence above uses the simple present tense is because it expresses a fact. The sentence has the following structure:

Biden	Asks	Congress	for \$33 billion	in aid
Participant	Verb	Adverb	Prepositional phrase	Prepositional phrase

to Ukraine	as war	enters	new phase
Prepositional phrase	Prepositional phrase	Verb	Adverb phrase

Above the sentence shows a sum of phrase to contain the prepositional phrase. And there are 4 phrase to point it, as follows :

1. **for \$33 billion**
2. **in aid**
3. **to Ukraine**
4. **as war**

Those phrases will discuss about the reason why those phrases are prepositional phrase and it will be shown from the phrase (1), as follows :

for \$33bn (£27bn)

prepositional phrase



for \$33bn (£27bn)

preposition

Adverb phrase



\$33bn billion

Adverb

Adverb

In this phrase there are several components which make the phrase a "prepositional phrase". There are two main elements, namely prepositions and adverb phrases. The preposition refers to "for" and the adverb phrase refers to "\$33bn (£27bn)". This prepositional phrase is related to the previous participle phrase in which the participle phrase has a function as the predicate of this sentence.

While the prepositional phrase refers to the object, it describes a budget in terms of dollars and euros. The preposition "for" function refers to the object. And "\$33bn" refers to the amount of money needed to help Ukraine in dollar terms. And the adverb "£27bn" refers to the required budget in euros. From this explanation, it can be concluded that the use of the prepositional phrase "for \$33bn (£27bn)" belongs to the category of "**purpose spectrum**". This is because there is a purpose in the budget which will be mentioned in the

next prepositional phrase.

For the next research, it will be discussed about the phrase (2), namely :

in aid

Prepositional phrase

in aid

preposition **noun**

The phrase above is a prepositional phrase because there are two main aspects, namely preposition and noun. Prepositions refer to "in" and nouns refer to "aid". The function of this preposition is to explain the use of \$33 billion requested by Biden to congress.

The function of the prepositional phrase above is still related to the previous prepositional phrase. However, in this case the prepositional phrase in the phrase (2) explains the use of the prepositional phrase (1). the prepositional function "in" refers to a noun which links this prepositional phrase to the previous prepositional phrase. Meanwhile, the use of the noun "aid" has a function as an object of allocation of \$33 billion. So, the use of this prepositional phrase based on the explanation refers to the function of **"purpose spectrum"**.

The next research discusses about the phrase (3):

To Ukraine

Prepositional phrase



To

Ukraine

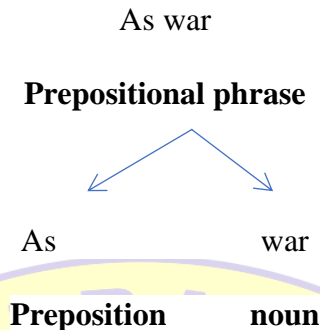
Preposition

adverb

In this phrase the reason why it is called a prepositional phrase is that there are two important elements, namely prepositions and nouns. The preposition in question is "to". And the adverb in question is "Ukraine". The function of this prepositional phrase is to state a place adverb which is related to the previous prepositional phrase. So, this explains the location information of the allocation of a number of funds from donors (congress).

The prepositional phrase above has a role as a complement in the sentence. it describes information on a place in the allocation of funds Biden requested to congress. The function of the preposition "to" describes the direction of assistance provided by congress. This is evidenced by the relationship "to" with the previous prepositional phrase. And the adverb "Ukraine" refers to the place where the funds are allocated. as it is known that the adverb "Ukraine" describes a country in Europe which is directly adjacent to Russia.. so, based on the explanation above, this prepositional phrase has a function as a **"spatial spectrum"**.

The last research is the phrase (4), as follows :



The prepositional phrase above can occur because of a meeting between two main elements, namely prepositions and nouns. The preposition refers to "as". And the noun refers to "war". This prepositional phrase has the role of opening a new sentence that describes a new situation in Ukraine.

This prepositional phrase is still related to the previous prepositional phrase which in the previous prepositional phrase describes a place and purpose. However, this prepositional phrase describes a parable. This is triggered by the use of the preposition "as" which is related to the previous phrase. Meanwhile, the noun "war" refers to an activity that has an informative nature. So, in this prepositional phrase it has a function as **"prepositional meaning"**.

And based on the data obtained and also this is based on a complex explanation. It can be concluded that in the first sentence there are 4 prepositional phrases in which these 4 prepositional phrases refer to phrases (1), phrases (2), phrases (3) and phrases (4). And based on their respective explanations it was found that phrases (1) and (2) are phrases that have a function as a **"purpose spectrum"**, phrase (3) has a function as **"spatial**

spectrum" and phrase (4) refers to "**prepositional meaning**".

The examples above show that the stages of writing are complex thing. The writing stage itself is a stage which also a linguistic discipline called as syntax. Syntax is the study of the order and arrangement of words into larger units, and the relationships that exist between elements in these hierarchical units. It studies the structure and types of sentences (such as questions or commands), clauses (such as relative or adverbial clauses), and phrases (such as prepositional or verbal phrases). Syntax exists a large and complex area of language and the two components of morphology and syntax are sometimes classified together as grammar. Therefore, many people discuss and research words or sentences related to syntax.

In essence, syntax studies the laws of grammar which relates with word classification, sentence classification, particles and the placement of affixes according to their function. Linguists have provided an explanation of the syntactic limitation, namely in term of function, category and role. Each aspect has similarities and differences both in scope and editorial. Syntax is inextricably linked with linguistics and becomes a subfield in it. There are other subfields or subdivisions of linguistics as a discipline.

The degree of its scope, which encompasses phonemes, morphemes, morphs, morphemes, words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, discourses, semantics, and pragmatics, determines how the subdisciplines are divided. The field of study that deals with phonetics is known as phonetics, whereas those who discuss phonemes are known as phonemics, morphs,

morphemes, and words are discussed in morphology.

In this study, the author will write the title *"Prepositional Phrases in Joe Biden's Respond About Political in "CNN News"*

B. Questions and Scopes of the Research

1. Questions of the Research

Based on the focus of the study above, the writer arranges this research through the following questions:

- a. What syntax categorizes of Prepositional phrases are in Biden's Respond about war between Russian and Ukraine in CNN News?
- b. How are the phrase structures of prepositional phrases in Biden's Respond about war between Russian and Ukraine in CNN News?
- c. What syntactic functions of prepositional phrase types are in Biden's Respond about war between Russian and Ukraine in CNN News?

2. Scopes of the Research

In this study, researcher focuses on prepositional phrases and tries to identify the category of prepositional phrases and classified them according to their function, either agency, time, spatial, purpose and meaning. And not only that, the researcher also explained the determining factors why the prepositional phrase was included in that category. and author used data from Biden's Respond about war between Russia and

Ukraine through digital news with platform “CNN News” that being published on February to April, 2022.

The articles are raised, namely 1.) Biden ask congress for \$33 billion in aid to Ukraine as war enters new phase on April 28th, 2022, 2.) Biden trademark political traits tested by war in Ukraine on April 16th, 2022, This study uses the tree diagram method by *Noel Burton-Roberts* tree diagram is a concept that sorts a group of objects based on the similarity of basic properties. This method is effective for categorizing word classes. Then compare between one word with other words.

C. Objectives and Significances of the Research

1. Objectives of the Research

According to the research questions, the objectives of this research can be stated as follows:

- a. To classify syntax categorize of prepositional phrase be based on its functioning Biden’s Respond about war between Russia and Ukraine in CNN News.
- b. To describe the phrase structure rules of prepositional phrase in Biden’s Respond about war between Russia and Ukraine in CNN News.

- c. To explain the function of every preposition in prepositional phrase in Biden's Respond about war between Russia and Ukraine in CNN News.

2. Significances of the Research

The writer expects that this study would be able to give advantages. For theoretical significance, this research can give comprehension to find out the prepositional phrase in the "Biden's Respond about war between Russia and Ukraine" in CNN News from February to April, 2022. For practical significance, the result of this research can help the readers to comprehend the "Biden's Respond about war between Russia and Ukraine" in CNN News from February to April, 2022. It also can help the next researcher to get ideas in conducting some related study.

D. Operational Definition

In this part, several terms or theories which are used in the research are explained. It is necessary to define them since they are the key words of the research. The definitions are as follows:

1. Adverb

Adverb means a word class that gives information to other words, such as verbs, adjectives and nouns.

2. Preposition

Prepositions are words that make up words or parts of sentences that is usually followed by nouns or pronouns. Prepositions can form words into phrases.

3. Prepositional Phrase

A prepositional phrase is a combination of a preposition and its complement. This phrase has a preposition as a clue or explanatory element followed by a word or group of words that is not a clause

4. CNN

Cable News Network (CNN) a cable news network that broadcasts news twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In television history, CNN was the first 24-hour news station and the first news-only channel in the country.

E. Systematization of the Research

The paper is composed systematically in order to make the readers read and understand easily. Generally, this paper consists of five parts in the form of chapters. The description of each chapter is described in following points as follows:

Chapter I: Introduction contains Background of the research, Questions and Scopes of the research, Objectives and Significances of the research, Operational definition, and Systematization of the research.

Chapter II: Theoretical Description enlightens about the theories. It also mentions the references that used to explain all of the theories and research of the relevance.

Chapter III: is Research Methodology, it explains Method of the Research, Procedure of the Research, Technique of the Data Collection, Technique of the Data Analysis, and Data Source.

Chapter IV: Data analysis consists of Data description, data analysis, and interpretation of the research findings.

Chapter V: Conclusion and Suggestion describe the conclusion of the result from the research and suggestion for further research.

