

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Research

Definite reference could use for referring to one or more specific individual entities such as people, objects, locations, times, and so on. An effective definite reference statement must include enough information for the hearer to rule out all other possible referents except the one which both speaker and listener refer to. The amount of information that must be conveyed in the meaning of the expression is determined by the context of the utterance. Not only definite reference, but there is also reference that refer to broader things, this is called indefinite reference.

Indefinite reference occurred when the speaker does not have full information about the objects and the hearer does not have the idea what does the speaker intend to convey on the utterance. Indefinite reference used by the speaker when the speaker made a reference to some entity or entities, yet the referent(s)' identification is unknown or irrelevant to the message being delivered. The indefinite reference is usually used by the indefinite article "the" when the knowledge of the reference is not shared by speakers and hearers or has not been mentioned in a written text before. Besides definite and indefinite reference, there is also another reference that is more which has a wider scope called generic reference.

Generic reference term is used to describe the whole class of reference that both the speaker and the listener have a shared knowledge about the reference that being conveyed in an utterance. As stated by Lyons (1981, p. 294), reference is a perspective-reliant expression of utterance-meaning, it is a relationship that exists between speakers (and more generally linguistic agents) and what they are talking about on a particular occasion. The referencing scope of quoted expressions is determined by their meaning in the language (i.e., their meaning and signification). However, their actual reference depends on various contextual factors.

Reference is used for conveying common statements, referring to all members of a collective group without referring to any entity or subject in all languages. In proportion to Cruse (2000, p. 305), one of the most basic things that people do when they communicate through language is to pick out entities in the world and ascribe properties to them or indicate relations between them. The term "reference" implies to the use of language to specify entities in the world. It is common to speak of the reference as a linguistic expression. It means that language learners understand the ideas that have been used on specific occasion to refer to. All matters relating to the reference lies in the scope of pragmatics.

Pragmatics examines the use of language in human communication, which is determined by the state of society. In accordance with Yule (1996, p. 3), pragmatics is the study of how a speaker (or writer) communicates meaning and

how a hearer (or reader) interprets it. This type of study demands the understanding of what people mean in each context and how the context influences what they say in conversation.

A conversation is an interactive activity that takes place between two or more people, it is a spoken exchange. Communication is produced by conversation; it converts thoughts or ideas into a relevant action. It is something that people cannot prevent in their daily life, whether it is a conversation with a friend, a work colleague or to a member of family. In the conversations that people have, they often refer to an entity.

Language is the most important aspect of human communication in the world, by consisting of words used in a structured and conventional way and conveyed by speech, writing or gesture. Without language, people cannot communicate to each other whether it is written or oral communication. Humans communicate by using language as a primary tool between one and another. When they communicate, sentences that they use to convey their intended purpose or idea are produced. From those sentences between one speaker to another, it creates a thing that called as a conversation.

Apart from occurring in daily conversations, reference meaning is also often found in conversations in fiction paper such as short story or novel. In this thesis, the researcher would like to examine the Reference Meaning that can be found in a novel, more precisely, a romance novel which title “Normal People”. This is a novel that published in 2018 by the Irish author, Sally Rooney. The researcher of this novel really gives her fantastic psychological insight and

entirely primary writing style to the story of discovering the density of the class, the electrical energy of first love, and the complicated interlinking of family and friendship. The novel titled “Normal People” was first published by Faber & Faber on 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

“Normal People” is the researcher’s second-best seller that achieved sales of 64,000 copies of books in its first four months of published. Critics overwhelmingly admired Normal People since its first published. The novel was nominated for the Man Booker Prize in 2018. It was named Waterstones' Book of the Year in 2018 and won "Best Novel" at the 2018 Costa Book Awards. The novel’s story revolves around the complex friendships and relationships between two teenagers, Connell, and Marianne, who attend the same middle high school in Sligo, Ireland.

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

The researcher focuses and analyses the Reference Meaning that used in Transcript of novel titled Normal People by Sally Rooney. This section is divided into two components. The first one is the questions of the research and the second one is the scope of the research.

### **1. Questions of the Research**

Based on all of the explanation above, the researcher found two questions that can be divided as follows:

- a. What type of Reference Meaning that found in transcript of novel titled Normal People by Sally Rooney?

- b. How is the explanation of Reference Meaning that found in transcript of novel titled Normal People by Sally Rooney?

## **2. Scope of the Research**

This thesis is working on research that focuses on analysing Reference Meaning that found in Novel titled Normal People. The novel titled “Normal People” was first published by Faber & Faber on 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. This television series mostly takes places in precinct, and they used formal language mixed with informal language as well.

The researcher used reference meaning, which contains with definite reference, indefinite reference and generic reference to analyze the data. The samples in this thesis were taken from the transcript of a Novel titled Normal People by Sally Rooney. This novel contains 288 pages, but the researcher will only use the sentences that have the most relevant meaning to the topic that used in this research. This research is categorized into descriptive qualitative, and the researcher used listen and noting technique. In analyzing the conversations, the researcher used *pragmatics equivalent* method.

## **C. Objective and Significance of the Research**

### **1. Objective of the Research**

According to some mentioned questions above, there must be objectives on this research. The objectives are down below:

- a. To figure out what types of Reference Meaning that are found in a novel titled “Normal People” by Sally Rooney.

- b. To analyse the Definite Reference, Indefinite Reference, and Generic Reference that are occurred in a novel titled “Normal People” by Sally Rooney.

## **2. Significance of the Research**

The researcher really hopes that this research will be useful not only for the researcher, but also the readers especially who wants to learn more and comprehend about Reference Meaning. There are two aspects of the Significance of the research, explained as follows:

### **a. Theoretically**

This research works on Reference Meaning such as Definite Reference, Indefinite Reference and Generic Reference that found in a novel titled “Normal People” by Sally Rooney is expected to helpful for the readers to widen their knowledge about Reference Meaning and hopefully make the language learners to be able to apply it in daily life.

### **b. Practically**

The researcher sincerely hopes that this research will give a good perspective about scientific papers, especially novel. The researcher expects that all language learners, especially STBA JIA students can find and recognize pragmatics aspects in any novel. Also, the researcher hopes this research can be a reference for other students or language learners.

Hopefully, this research can help the reader especially the language learners to understand more about the types of Reference

Meaning. Also, after reading this research, hopefully the readers will understand about Reference Meaning that found in a novel titled “Normal People” by Sally Rooney.

#### **D. Operational Definitions**

To make reading this research easier and to avoid misunderstanding, these following are some of the terms used in this research:

##### **1. Pragmatics**

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##### **2. Reference**

Reference is the words that people use to identify things are in some direct relationship to things or objects in the world. In accordance to Griffiths (2006, p.13), reference is what speakers or writers do when they use expressions to pick out for their audience particular people (“my sister) or things (“the Parthenon Marbles”) or times (“2007”) or places (“that corner”) or events (“her birthday party”) or ideas (“the plans we were told about”).

##### **3. Definite Reference**

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#### **5. Generic Reference**

An idea was conveyed by Cruse (2000, p. 311) that generic used to refer to a whole class of entities what seems to be the same referring expression may have quite different kinds of reference, as in the following sentences. A generic sentence is a sentence in which some statement is made about a whole unrestricted class of individuals, as opposed to any particular individual.



## **6. Normal People by Sally Rooney**

“Normal People” is a romance novel by the researcher named Sally Rooney. This is a novel that published in 2018 by the Irish author, Sally Rooney. The researcher of this novel really gives her fantastic psychological insight and entirely primary writing style to the story of discovering the density of the class, the electrical energy of first love, and the complicated interlinking of family and friendship. The novel titled “Normal People” was first published by Faber & Faber on 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

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

In writing this thesis, the researcher used following systematization in order to make this thesis well presented.

Chapter I is Introduction consists of background of the research, questions and scope of the research, objective and significance of the research, operational definitions, and systematization of the research.

Chapter II is Theoretical Descriptions explains the definition about Semantics, Reference, and Generic Reference. This chapter provides to all the readers information that related to this study.

Chapter III is Research Methodology contains of the method of the research, procedure of the research, technique of the data collection, and technique of the data analysis and data source.

Chapter IV is Analysis Data consist of data description, data analysis and interpretation of the research findings.

Chapter V is Conclusion of Suggestion contains of what can be assumed from this research. The researcher gives the summary to the readers of this research.

