CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains the background of the study, research focus, research problem, objective of the study, limitation of study, theoretical of the study, significance of the study, operational definition of key terms, and framework of discussion.

A. Background of the study

According to National Education Regulation Of Minister of the Republic of Indonesia (PERMENDIKNAS) NO 23 Year 2006, it stated that Competency Education Unit Standards (SKL-SP) was developed based on the objectives of each educational unit, one of which is showing listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in Indonesian and English to junior high and Senior high school levels.[1] It means skill of English is important to improve student ability and also growing awareness of the nature of English as foreign language to become a major tool of learning.

English has become the first foreign language which is taught from elementary level up to university. English is also intensively used in international communication, in written as well as in spoken communication. Language is one of the most important parts of human life. It is the human capacity for using complex systems of communication, and a language is a specific example of such a system. We know that English is used in song lyrics, novel, movie dialog etc. In

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[1] PeraturanMenteriPendidikan RI no 23 tahun 2006 tentangStandarkompetensikelulusan. ftp://ftp.unm.ac.id/permendiknas-2006/Nomor%2023%20Tahun%202006.pdf. (March : 2015)

this proposal it will be investigated about noun phrase as part of linguistic component. In English, phrases will be applied to build a good sentence. Without phrase it is impossible to construct of the best sentence or clause. Phrases will be able seen or read in some of the English novels.

Sentence can be analyzed into small parts by linguistics. The analyzed language aspects discuss about: part of speech (verb, noun, adjective), sentence building (phrase, clause, and sentence), and micro linguistic (morpheme, phoneme, and affixation). The aspect that is analyzed in this proposal is noun phrase in Percy Jackson & the sea of monster novel.

One of famous novel nowadays is Percy Jackson and the sea of monster; this is the second sequel of Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan. This novel has been declared the best seller by New York Times in 2006[2]. This series tell story about three teenager want to escape their friend that have been kidnap by giant monster that live in the sea of monster. In the middle to escape their friend, they became part of another mission. This is actually main mission of this story. The mission is to find and bring the Golden Fleece for escape their camp. This mission actually lead by Clarisse team but in the end both team make cooperation to get the Golden fleece and finally they back to their camp with the Golden fleece.

There are many reasons why this study choose the novel, some of them are that novel is best seller based on New York Times. Besides that, in that novel it finds many grammatical forms like clauses and phrases. One of the grammatical

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[2] Welcome to the Online World of rick Riordianhttp://www.rickriordan.com/books/percy-jacksons-world/percy-jackson-and-the-olympians/the-sea-of-monsters access: February, 2015

forms is phrase. There are find many types of phrases in this novel such as NP, VP, PP, AP, and ADVP, especially noun phrase.

The importance of learning noun phrase is to make us can understand the deep structures of sentences. Noun phrases is a group of word that to point/signed at the thing. Noun phrase consist of a pronoun or noun with only associated noun phrases can act as a subject, object, complement object of preposition, and object of verb.[3]

Reading a novel can get the pleasure of enjoying the story, but also as a means of entertainment that contain full of knowledge. Reading texts always contain of some linguistic constructions which is often difficult to be understood by readers.[4] Novel has been discussed in several linguistic analysis. Because novel is one of the written grammatical, this can be analyzed from structure

Novel is a genre of fiction, and fiction may be defined as the art or craft of contriving, through the written word, representations of human life that instructor divert or both. The various forms that fiction may take are best seen less as a number of separate categories than as a continuum or, more accurately, a cline, with some such brief form as the anecdote at one end of the scale and the longest conceivable novel at the other.

Based on the explanation above, this study considers that the noun phrase is very important and interesting to study because the noun phrase always associated with the manufacture of a sentence. This prompted the authors to learn more deeply about the particular noun phrase, imaginable on the novel Percy

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[3] Baker C.L, *English Syntax (second edition),* Mitt Press, 1995, p 147
[4]Suhud EkoYuwono, *Constrictive Analysis of English and Indonesia Noun Phrase*, 73:2010 access Dec, 3rd 2014 on 9.29 PM

Jackson and the sea of monsters. It is interested in doing research entitled *An Analysis of Noun Phrase in Percy Jackson & the Sea of Monster* novel.

As describe above, it will be present part of paragraph in the novel and try to analyze. It takes this part from chapter 1 of the novel.

> I couldn't see what was chasing him, but I could hear it muttering and cursing. The ground Shook as it got closer. Grover dashed around a street corner and faltered. He'd run into a dead-end courtyard full of shops. No time to back up. **The nearest door had been blown open by the storm.**
> The nearest door had been blown open by the storm.

<div align="center">NP   VP</div>

The sentence above composed of noun phrase and verb phrase. **The nearest door** is noun phrase as an object because the sentence is passive voice. This noun phrase was preceded by word "the" a word traditionally referred to as definite article. **Had been blown open by the storm** is a verb phrase but inside verb phrase in turn breaks up into preposition phrase "by the storm" and a further noun phrase as a subject because the sentence is passive voice "the storm".

In this thesis proposal it is going to analyze noun phrase by using theory of Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG) introduced by Noam Chomsky. Transformational Generative Grammar is a generative grammar that approach toward language. When it define "deep structures" as "structures generated by the base component," , in effect, assuming that the semantic interpretation of a sentence depends only on its lexical items and the grammatical functions and relations represented in the underlying structures in which they appear. This is the

basic idea that has motivated the theory of transformational grammar since its inception.[5]

B. Research focus

Based on the above description, then that becomes the research focus in the preparation of this proposal are as follows:

1. The focus of analysis in this thesis is to analysis of noun phrase in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel.

2. The focus of analysis in this thesis is type, function, and meaning of noun phrase

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[5] Noam Chomsky, *Aspect the Theory of Syntax*, The MIT Press, p 136

C. Research problem

Based on the background of the problem above, there are some problems that will be becoming of the study. They are follows:

1. What are the types of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel?

2. What are the functions of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel?

3. How is the Transformation generative Grammar applied in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel?

4. How are the meanings of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel?

D. Objective of the study

Based on the problems above, the objective of the study in this research are:

1. To find out the type of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel

2. To find out the function of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel

3. To analyze the usage of noun phrase based on Transformation Generative Grammar theory in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel

4. To determine the meaning of noun phrase used in *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster* novel

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E. Limitation

This study only focuses on the simple sentences that used noun phrase in the novel *Percy Jackson & the sea of monster.* It limits the analysis on the description of types of noun phrase introduced by determiners and the function of noun phrase.

F. Theoretical of the Study

1. Analysis

Separates material or concepts into component parts so that its organizational structure may be understood. Distinguishes between facts and inferences.

2. Noun

A word which (a) can occur as the subject or object of a verb or the object (complement) of a preposition (b) can be modified by an adjective (c) can be used with determiners. Nouns typically refer to people, animals, places, things, or abstractions. See also adjectival noun, animate noun, collective noun, concrete noun, countable noun, proper noun, parts of speech.[6]

3. Phrase

In grammar, the technical term *phrase* is used even if there is only one word – the main word alone; for example, both *very pleasant* and *pleasant* are adjective phrases. This may seem strange at first, since in everyday use the word *phrase* applies to a sequence of at least two words. There is a good reason for the

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[6] Jack C Richard and Richard Schmidt, *Longman Dictionary of Language Teaching and Applied Linguistic (fourth edition)*Great Britain: Pearson Education Limited, 2010, p. 402

wider use of the term in grammar. Many rules that apply to an adjective phrase apply also to an adjective. First, a phrase may contain another phrase within it. Or, to put it another way, one phrase may be embedded within another phrase. A second point is that phrases are defined by their structure, but they are also characterized by their potential functions. For example, a noun phrase may function (among other possibilities) as a subject, direct object, or indirect object. Third, there is an inevitable circularity in talking about phrases and words: a noun is a word that can be the main word in a noun phrase, and a noun phrase is a phrase whose main word is a noun.[7]

4. Noun phrase

In some traditional grammars, a participial (see participles) or infinitive phrase which could be replaced by a noun or pronoun. For example, the participial phrase *mowing the lawn* in: *George just hates mowing the lawn*. Could be replaced by *it*: *George just hates it.*[8]

G. Significance of the study

The study on the noun phrase has some benefits to the readers in general. It is expected to have theoretical and practical significances. Theoretically, the study can give some contribution to other concerning linguistic study. It also gives more information and knowledge about noun phrase used in the novel to the students.

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[7] Sidney Greenbaum and Gerald Nelson, *An Introduction to English Grammar,* London: Pearson Education Limited, 2002, p 46

[8] Jack C Richard and Richard Schmidt, *Longman Dictionary of Language Teaching and Applied Linguistic (fourth edition)*Great Britain: Pearson Education Limited, 2010, p. 402

Practically, the study is expected to inform the students, especially English students, that learning English can be done by read novel and other fun activities. Learn about the noun phrase will help when making a sentence, because the phrase is part of the sentence which was built with some phrase.

The elaborations of this study will also be useful for other researchers to conduct a study for the same topic and can also help the readers to study how to identify and use noun phrase on the "*Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monster*" novel.

H. Operational definition of Key Terms

1. Noun phrase

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2. Novel

    Novel is one of media that used to analysis noun phrase. It is not only as a reading material to spend leisure time but also as a means of entertainment that contain full of knowledge.

3. Type of noun phrase

    In linguistics, a distinction is sometimes made between classes of linguistic items (e.g. phonemes, words, utterances) and actual occurrences

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[9]*Ibid*

in speech or writing of examples of such classes. The class of linguistic units is called a type.[10] Type of noun phrase is characteristic of noun phrase that head is a noun and has complement such as modifier, determiner, adjective and possessive.

4. Function of noun phrase

The syntactic functions which Subject, Object, Predicate, Adjunct, etc -- are all functions within sentences or clauses. For instance, that most sentences can be divided into two main functional constituents, the Subject and the Predicate.

5. Transformational generative grammar

Rules in early generative grammar is to understand grammatical principles and parameters means looking at certain linguistic phenomenon that they account for sketching what these notions replaced.

6. The usage of noun phrase

The usages of noun phrase is as a subject and object of the sentence and know the phrase that use in the sentence and analyze using tree diagram.

7. Meaning of noun phrase

(in linguistics) what a language expresses about the world we live in or any possible or imaginary world. The study of meaning is called semantics. Semantics is usually concerned with the analysis of the meaning of words, phrases, or sentences.[11]

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[10] Jack C Richard and Richard Schmidt, *Longman Dictionary of Language Teaching and Applied Linguistic (fourth edition)*Great Britain: Pearson Education Limited, 2010, p. 614
[11] *Ibid,* p 355

I. Frame of discussion

Chapter I: background of the study, research focus, research problem, objective of the study, Limitation, theoretical framework, significance of the study, operational definition, and frame of discussion

Chapter II: Previous study, definition of noun, classification of noun, definition of phrase, classification of phrase, definition of noun phrase, type of noun phrase, function of noun phrase, transformational generative grammar, and meaning of noun phrase

Chapter III: Research design, research type, role of the researcher, source of the data, data collection procedure, data analysis, and method for verification of the research findings

Chapter IV: Research finding and discussion

Chapter V: Conclusion and suggestion