CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

In our daily life, we use language to communicate with other people. People can choose one of the ways to exchange their feelings and experience through language. Language is not only in the form of spoken but also in the form of written text such as novels, short stories, journalistic text, etc. The term "text" can be in the form of oral or written that is delivered in any medium and can be understood by someone who knows the language (Halliday, 2014). In social life, language in the form of text can be a tool to gather information.

Nowadays, people use online news or social media to gather information around the world. With one click people can search for any news, any information, anywhere around the world. The newspaper or online news is one of the sources of information nowadays.

The newspaper or online news brings some influences on our daily life and they can also bring some changes in political, social life, culture, religion, etc. There are many people who like to follow any news about what news they like to know. For example people like to follow the news about gossip, sports news, politicians world, idols, etc.

In this research the researcher would like to focus one of the sports news, the race F1 on the British Grand Prix. There are people who follow sport news about the race F1 or British Grand Prix. In this research, the researcher intends to analyze these two articles from two different sources of data with the same kind of topic. Therefore, the researcher wnat to understand the meaning of the text of this two online sportd news.

According to Halliday, he mentioned the context of the situation, it means "through a systematic relationship between the social environment on one side and the functional organization of language in another position" (Halliday, 1985). Therefore, understanding the

meaning of a text must also be seen from the context of the situation. To construe the meaning of this online news, the researcher uses the system of transivity by Halliday.

The system of transitivity comes under the 'ideational' function of language; of the three language metafunctions classified by M.A.K Halliday in his Systemic Functional Linguistics Theory. A transitivity system is a system that deals with the content that is expressed in language; all doing, sensing, being, and saying activities that happen in the world. Transitivity deals with the experience of a metafunction.

The researcher chooses 2 headline sports news in two famous online news the sources of the data, BBC news and ABC news. These two online news quite famous. First BBC News (British Broadcasting Corporation) is the worlds leading public service broadcaster, including all nations and English regions producing their own local news programmes and other current affairs and sports programs. Second, ABC News (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) is Australia's number one news channel, providing the latest breaking and rolling news coverage. These two headlines news are about Lewis Hamilton, the winner of the British Grand Prix.

These two headlines talk about how extraordinary victory in a dramatic finish to the British Grand Prix although suffering a puncture on the last lap. The text in this online news needs to be analyzed with the linguistic approach to construe the meaning of the text. The meaning of the text can be realized through three metafunctions (ideational metafunction, interpersonal metafunctions ,and textual metafunction), and the researcher will focus on ideational metafunction through transitivity analysis.

The transitivity analysis is widely used to explore the point of view directed by the author behind the text. Through transitivity analysis we can analyze many kinds of text such as news, speech text, the label of products, short stories, etc. In this study, the researcher would

like to apply transitivity analysis to analyze the text of the online news that the researcher has chosen.

The researcher interested to use this theory because it relate with the social language in functional linguistic perspective which analyzes text based on the information it contains and the role of each part of the text. And also to analyze the transitivity system in the text of an online newspapers, to see the process type, participant functions, and circumstantial elements, and also how the author of the article can affect the reader's point of view.

The researcher found out this topic quite interesting, also we rarely can find this study at Andalas University. As one of the students the researcher recognizes that there are many students who have less interest in this topic. The other student might find it too difficult to understand discourse analysis whereas it is important to understand and comprehend this subject matter. The researcher hopes can bring a good resource of transitivity analysis and also can improve students' interest in transitivity analysis.

1.2 Research Question

The focus of this research is to find out the classification of the transitivity system from two articles written by two famous online news about the dramatic finish of Lewis Hamilton in British Grand Prix. The main focus of this topic is based on the following question:

1. What are the types of transitivity on the BBC sports headline news and ABC headline news?

2. What are the dominant types of process of transitivity depicted based on the experiential aspect of the BBC sports headline news and ABC headline news?

According to the research question above, the researcher can figure out the transitivity system, process type, participant functions, and circumstantial elements to convey the experiences of the articles.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on the research question above, the aims of this study are:

1. To know the type of transitivity that occurs on the BBC sports headline news and ABC headline news.

2. To identify the most dominant type of transitivity system depicted based on the experiential aspect of the BBC sports headline news and ABC headline news.

1.4 Scope of the Research

This research is conducted in the framework of discourse and applied the theory by M.A.K Halliday focuses on the transitivity system to see the ideational meaning of the two articles sports news text by identifying elements and clauses. The purpose of the study is to find out the types of transitivity systems in the text, the type of transitivity most appear in the text. There are six type of process in transitivity analysis; material process, mental process, verbal process, behavioral process, existential process, and relational process. Furthermore, there is a circumstantial elements in the transitivity analysis.

1.5 Method of the research

This research is analyzing the ideational meaning of clauses which is realized by transitivity analysis. The researcher choose three steps in doing this research based on the methodology of the research which is proposed by Sudaryanto (1993); collecting the data, analyzing the data, and presenting the results of the analysis.

1.5.1 Collecting the Data

In the process of collecting the data, the researcher searched the text of online news about Lewis Hamilton on the internet. The source of the data is taken from different websites news BBC news and ABC news consist of one particular news. The online address of the website page is https://www.bbc.com/ and https://www.abc.net.au/news. The BBC_News article about Lewis Hamilton was published by Andrew Benson on August 2, 2020. For ease

of reference, this article is coded as A1. The ABC_News article was published on August 3, 2020, coded as A2. The source of the data source features prints the text of online news which can be read anytime. The data collection technique used in this study is to read the text part of the data and divided the data into sentences and then clauses. After dividing the data into clauses, the clauses were identified and labeled based on the theory of transitivity proposed by Halliday. The clauses were accumulated in terms of Process, Participant, and Circumstance categories.

1.5.2 Analysing the Data

Data analysis is defined as the process of organizing and sorting data into patterns and categories so that themes can be found, then formulated working hypotheses as suggested by the data (Moleong, 2007). In analyzing the data, the researcher read the online news text carefully in order to get a better understanding of the data. The researcher used the referential method refers to the theory that the researcher used to analyze the data. After collecting the data, identifying the data, and labeling the data based on the process type, participant, and circumstantial elements proposed by Halliday Systemic Functional Grammar theory (2004). Then the data selected were arranged in the table, and the percentage is calculated to see the dominant type occurs.

1.5.3 Presenting the result of Analysis

In presenting the results of the analysis, the researcher presents the result of the analysis using word descriptions. Then, the researcher provides several codes, tables, and appendix. The data analysis can be seen in the appendix that will be shown the clause classification according to each process, participant, and circumstantial element.

1.6 Significance of the study

This study to be expect to give advantages directly or indirectly. The advantages are as follows:

1. It can enrich linguistics fields, especially about Experiental Meaning on transitivity system, to students who took linguistic concentration.
2. It can provide some necessary knowledge in analyzing the headlines news.
3. It can give a brief explanation of the transitivity types in the textbook as learning materials, and the benefit can be gained related to the English Teaching and learning process.
4. It can be used as a source for those who wish to conduct the similar research related to analysis of transitivity system.