CHAPTER IV
CONCLUSION

In this chapter, the writer concludes the result of the analysis from the previous chapter. In analyzing data, the writer analyzes 27 data in 22 conversations which apply the politeness strategy as found in American Situational Comedy How I Met Your Mother. The data are taken from season 1 of How I Met Your Mother with 22 episodes. All of the data are categorized as politeness strategies which is identified based on Brown and Levinson’s theory (1987). They are four strategies which are bald on record, off record, positive politeness and negative politeness.

In the observation, the writer finds 27 data and then categorizes them into four politeness strategies. In analyzing data, the writer obtains 17 data related to positive politeness, 3 data related to negative politeness, 3 data related to bald on record strategy and 4 data related off record. The application of politeness strategies above is to make the speaker realizes about the hearer’s need to be understood. The speaker cannot impose the hearer with losing hearer’s face and avoids the possibility of FTA. Other aspects of politeness strategies are their relation to power and solidarity. Power is thing that someone uses to command with loud tone. Meanwhile solidarity is space that someone uses to build friendship and to be friendly. In the conversation, context is very important in analyzing the politeness strategies because of without understanding the context, the writer gets misunderstanding.

The writer concludes some notes after analyzing the data. First, most of the data are found in positive politeness. Most of the participants use positive politeness
to recognize that their hearers have desire to be respected. It is usually found in interaction among participant who has close relationship. The participants are a group of five close friends who spend their time anytime in any occasion. This case proves that positive politeness happens usually among people who have long relationship. As Brown and Levinson’s theory (1987), positive politeness is politeness strategy that everyone can use to build close relationship and make good interaction.

For the second is the use of the other strategies. After analyzing the data, the results shows other politeness are applied. They are negative politeness, off record and bald on record. In this case, the interaction between close friends shows that the application of other politeness strategies. The interaction among people should be communicative and harmonic. By combining those 4 politeness strategies based on the situation and relation, the harmonic relationship can be achieved.