

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Language is basically the spearhead of communication. As a forefront in society, language takes an essential role as it has the communication tool to convey ideas, concepts, or feelings. O'Grady states that language is a unified communication system, an idea, literary expression, social institutions, materials for political conflict, and a catalyst for national development (1992).

As the most language used in the world, English has its own rules in using their language called grammar. Grammar is essential because it rules the language to help people in using the correct terminology. O'Grady added that all languages have grammars that allow the speakers to express the meaning of an utterance or sentence. Language has a lot of variations created by the existence of social stratification in the community. Using the language generally through spoken or written that occur in novels, short stories, newspaper text, and others.

Newspaper text is one of the media to share the news to the reader. Newspapers appeared in many European countries in the 17th century. Newspapers have become a necessity for the public to obtain information until now. Along with the times, newspapers now also come with online packaging to make the reader have the easiest way to access the news worldwide. As found in any written text, the newspaper also has Tense, Aspect, and Modal (TAM). Tense, Aspect, and Modal are

related to grammatical categories. Tense describes the meaning of the verb time scale. Aspect is associate with to verbal system, which expresses other ideas to an except time scale. Modal refers to linguistic strategies that indicate the degree to which a statement is possible, probable, certain, permitted, likely, or forbidden.

This research aims to analyze the use of dominant tense, aspect, and modals in a newspaper text, The writer chooses three top news about Cristiano Ronaldo, one of the famous football players in the world reports on October 27th. 2020, by Bleacher Report. Bleacher Report is an online sports news portal. Bleacher Report has many reasons to be selected as the source of this research. Bleacher Report lately becomes the place for fan-journalists to create and critique high-quality sports analysis, especially football. Bleacher Report also becomes the foundation of many writers' careers in journalism. Bleacher Report posts daily news about sports and sports culture. Its headquarters are in San Francisco and has offices in New York and London. The online address of the website is <http://bleacherreport.com>. The writer analyses tense, aspect, and modal mostly used by the journalist and their function.

The writer is interested in using tense, aspect, and modal analysis to analyze what type of tense, aspect, and modal mostly used by the journalist of the Bleacher Report. The writer found out that the topic pretty interesting and rarely can find this study in Andalas University. The writer hopes to bring a new tense and aspect in the English newspaper and advances students' interest in TAM or Tense, Aspect, Modal analysis.

1.2. Research Questions

In this research, the writer states the research questions as follows:

1. What types of Tense, Aspect, and modal mostly used by the journalist of the Bleacher Report?
2. What are the functions of using tense, aspect, and modal in the newspaper text?

1.3. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are to analyze the types and functions of Tense, Aspect, and modal in the text of Bleacher Report. This study aims to identify and make the classification of Tense, Aspect, and modal. This study aims to determine the dominant type and Tense, Aspect, and modal functions used in the text.

1.4. Scope of the Research

The research is conducted in a combination of syntax and discourse, which focuses on the types of tense, aspect, and modal. The analysis only focuses on finding out the types of tense, aspect, and modal types mostly used by the journalist of the newspaper text and their functions. The writer takes the data of the research from Bleacher Report News. Nevertheless, this research does not analyze the types of voice in text.

1.5. Method of the Research

The writer chooses three steps in the linguistic methodology of the research proposed by Sudaryanto (1993); collecting the data, analyzing the data, and presenting the result of the analysis. The data are taken from Bleacher Report on the internet. Furthermore, the data used to conduct this research.

1.5.1. Collecting the Data

The data sources are taken from Bleacher Report that uploads to Bleacher Report website then the writer read the news to analyze it. Bleacher Report is one of the biggest sports news portals that focus on trending sports news worldwide. Along with AS, Marca, and 433, Bleacher Report is one of most popular sports news portal in the world. Bleacher Report reports the information about Cristiano Ronaldo when he is tested positive for Corona Virus. The data became viral as trending topics in social media around a week and said everywhere. Cristiano Ronaldo has the most followers on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter combined, so, every news about him certainly goes viral. In this case, Ronaldo and Corona Virus an excellent combination of journalists in making reports because of their current status. Bleacher Report blows up the news about Cristiano Ronaldo gets Corona Virus exclusively in their portal. There are three pieces of news about Ronaldo from Bleacher Report on October 27th, 2020. The three selected news are the most viewed and read news in the Bleacher Report at that time.

The three news are *“Cristiano Ronaldo is RULED OUT of Juventus’ huge Champions League clash with Barcelona after testing positive for coronavirus for the THIRD time as he misses out on a reunion with old rival Lionel Messi,” “Cristiano Ronaldo Under Investigation for Potential Breaches of COVID-19 Regulations”* and *“Pirlo: Tonight we will have the final result of Cristiano Ronaldo’s test.”* The data

reads several times, and the writer marks the Tense, Aspect, and Modals which are the mostly used in the text.

1.5.2. Analyzing the Data

Moleong explains that data analysis defines as the process of organizing and sorting data into patterns and categories to find the themes, then formulates a working hypothesis as suggested by the data (1989). The data are collected and divided into a table to categorize the Tense, Aspect, and modal. The process of collecting the data was reading the object repeatedly and noting where the datum is. Then, the datum lists from the first to the fifth news. After collecting the data, the writer started to analyze them. The analysis has to answer the two problems in this study. The problems are the dominant types of tense, aspect, and modals and their functions in the Bleacher Report News. Finally, to complete the study by describing analysis to originate a clear result with the theories.

1.5.3. Presenting the result of analysis

The results of the analysis present using formal and informal methods proposed by Sudaryanto (1993). The informal method is the way of presenting the analysis of the findings by using verbal language. The writer displays the result using verbal language and a table to support the distribution and percentages of the dominant TAM's used and their function. The formula that the writer uses to find out the percentages for the data is,

$$percentage = \frac{data}{total\ number} \times 100\ %$$