

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

People communicate with each other to build a good relationship. People need to know how to use language appropriately (Fromkin et al., 2013, p. 318). There are some points that people need to consider when they are communicating with others. One of them is use a 'polite expression' such address terms (Braun, 1988, pp. 54). People address each other in different ways. It depends on the culture of each community and where they live. Address terms have different forms in diverse cultures and languages. People will give different reactions to different address terms.

Furthermore, the choice of address terms affects a conversation. Forms of address are important for effective and successful communication (Yang, 2010, p. 743). It is because the choice of address terms can show the image of the speaker towards the addressee. It also can be a benchmark on someone's politeness. The use of address terms in an inappropriate situation can lead to misunderstanding (Braun, 1988, p. 30). It also can cause misinterpretation by the addressee. Then, the appropriate address terms can be used to build a good relationship with the addressee by the speaker.

In relation to that, address terms are attributes of speech acts. Address terms has a function as one of the politeness elements in politeness strategies. Using the appropriate address terms is very important to maintain good communication. Nowadays, most of people do not pay attention to the rules and functions of the

use of address terms. English language is one of the languages that use address terms in the process of communication. Therefore, the use of address terms can be the parameter of someone's politeness.

Moreover, English speaking societies using address terms in their daily communication. They usually use address terms while they are speaking. They also use the different styles of addressing someone in that conversation. Furthermore, address terms can be seen such as title (professor, Doctor, Captain, etc.), first name (Robert, John, Diana, etc.), last name (Smith {Jordan Smith}, Trump {Donald Trump}), nickname (honey, baby, darling, sweetie, etc.), combination of some forms (Doctor Barbara {Franson Barbara}).

Then, American court law is one of the society or place where we can find people use address terms while they are in conversation. American court law is one of the formal places. Therefore, the address terms that is used also have to be formal. Court Tv shows is chosen as the source of data in this study because the address terms that are used in court room is different to others places such as school, office, hospital, etc. Therefore, people can enrich their knowledge about address terms in court law through this study. People can know which one is the suitable address terms in addressing a certain people at court room.

This study is under pragmatics field. It is because this study based on the utterance. This study define what address terms used in the utterance, how it is used, and where it is located in the utterance. Furthermore, there is also explanation of the reason of chosen the address terms in relation to social status

and intimacy and how the selected address terms and its location in the utterance indicates politeness.

In this research, the writer wants to analyze the use of English address terms at American court of law as seen in “Caught in Providence” TV shows found on YouTube. Videos of Caught in Providence TV shows found on YouTube are sourced from Caught in Providence YouTube channel. This is a famous TV shows in American as stated in lawandcrime.com on November 16th, 2020. Law & crime stated that “the show comes to Law & Crime with an enormous social media following of over eight million Facebook followers and one million Youtube followers after two successful years in syndication”. The Judge in this TV shows names Judge Frank. In this TV shows, the writer also wants to show how a particular address terms should be used in court. The writer selected five videos from Caught in Providence YouTube Channel which have the most viewers and have video’s duration more than 20 minutes. Then, the writer choose one video which have many variations of English address terms. In doing this research, there are many address terms should not be used while they were talking to the Judge found. That phenomenon also can be seen as in the video in *Fifth Amendment of Miss Sloane* movie (2017):

- Judge* : “You were prescribed multiple courses of benzodiazepines, but according to the deposition of one of our witnesses, you’ve been procuring, off-prescription, a course of psycho-stimulants, with the aim of keeping you awake a little longer. Is this true?”
- Ms Sloane* : “.....” (silent)
- Judge* : “Miss Sloane?”
- Miss Sloane* : “Upon the advice of counsel, I must respectfully decline to answer your question, based on my right under the Fifth Amandement, to the United Stated Constitution.”

Judge : "Okay. Getting back to this business of the Asian Republic of Indonesia..."

Miss Sloane : "I am not a drug addicted and this line of questioning has no revel relevance in this case. My medication doesn't affect my judgment any more than a double expresso. And speaking of intoxication, I can recite from memory a list of upstanding, elected Senators who voted on legislation while severely inebriated. And just so you know, I think, by now, we are fully aware and in no danger of forgetting that Indonesia is a republic which happens to be situated on the continent of Asia."

Judge : "Miss Sloane, welcome to the party"
(Fifth Amendment of Miss Sloane, 2017)

The situation of the conversation indicated the relationship between the Judge (Judge) and the accused (Miss Sloane). In that situation, the Judge conveyed the accusation to the accused. It can be seen that the Judge used address terms "Miss Sloane" to address the accused. By using the term Title + Names, it shown that the Judge used the formal term in addressing the accused. The Judge also shown his respect to the accused. The use type of address terms "Title + Names" also has a function to identify someone's rank, power, and distance. Based on the Braun's theory (1988), the term of "Miss Sloane" is categorized into Particular Title +Names of address terms (pp. 9-12). It is because the Judge has more power than the accused. The Judge shows his politeness by using address terms "Miss Sloane" while addressing the accused.

Meanwhile, the accused did not use address terms in her utterance. This shown that she is not polite because the utterance has no address terms. According to Brown & Levinson (1987), address terms is used as one of the strategy to soften FTA (p. 182). In this conversations, Miss Sloane simply rejected to answer the Judge questions. Directly, Miss Sloane attacked the Judge's positive face by did not answer the Judge's questions. Then, in the next questions, Miss Sloane

answer the Judge's question. It can be seen that Miss Sloane answered the Judge questions without use any address terms. It can be seen in sentence:

“I am not a drug addicted and this line of questioning has no revel relevance in this case. My medication doesn't affect my judgment any more than a double espresso. And speaking of intoxication, I can recite from memory a list of upstanding, elected Senators who voted on legislation while severely inebriated. And just so you know, I think, by now, we are fully aware and in no danger of forgetting that Indonesia is a republic which happens to be situated on the continent of Asia.”

Miss Sloane use no address terms when answering the Judge's questions. This conversation can be categorized into impolite speech acts because Miss Sloane missing the appropriate address terms in her utterances/sentences. Based on the Brown & Levinson theory (1987) Miss Sloane have to use “Your Honor or Honorable” when she addressed the Judge to express the highest degree of respect to the Judge. In addition, the distance and power between the Judge and Miss Soane also different. That is why Miss Sloane have to use address terms which is show her respect to the Judge. “Your Honor or The Honorable” is categorized into abstract noun based on Braun's theory (1988, pp. 9-12). This type of address terms has a function as the honorifics (Braun, 1988, pp. 9-12), which is showing a status distinction between the speaker and the addressee. Then, in order to show her politeness, Miss Sloane would address the Judge using address terms of “Your Honor” or “The Honorable”. It is because Miss Sloane has less power than the Judge. Miss Sloane and The Judge also has no relation to each other despite of the Judge and the prosecutor. Therefore, the situation of the place also is the additional reason for the prosecutor to use the formal address terms. Thus, “*Your Honor*” is one of English address terms forms that is used in a formal situation.

1.2 Research Questions

The main focus of this study is to analyze the use of English address terms at American court of law as seen in “Caught in Providence” TV shows. Related to the topic discussed in this study, the questions which have been formulated are:

1. What are the types of English address terms used at American court of law found in “Caught in Providence” TV shows?
2. What are the functions of English address terms used at American court of law found in “Caught in Providence” TV shows?

1.3 Objective of the Study

The writer divided the objectives of the study into two points. The objectives of this study are:

1. To find out the types of English address terms at American court of law as seen in “Caught in Providence” TV shows.
2. To identify the functions of English address terms at American court of law as seen in “Caught in Providence” TV shows.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This study focused on analyzing the types and functions of English address terms at American court of law as seen in “Caught in Providence” TV shows. The writer limited the research on the use of English address terms, the types of address terms (Braun’s theory, 1988), and the function of English address terms that is used by the Judge and the accused by using Brown & Levinson’s theory

1987. The data in this research are taken from Caught in Providence TV shows videos found on YouTube. The writer selected five videos as the source of data. Then, the writer chose one video which have many varieties of address terms as the sample of data. Caught in Providence TV shows is chosen to show the ability of people in using English address terms at American court of law. American court of law is chosen as the real representative people use English address terms in a formal situation.

1.5 Methods of the Study

1.5.1 Collecting the data

1.5.1.1 Source of the data

The source of the data of this research was a TV shows video on YouTube. This study used five Caught in Providence TV shows videos on YouTube as source of the data. Then, one episode which have many varieties of address terms is chosen as the sample of the data. These five videos were chosen based on the duration and the viewers of the videos. These five videos represent native speaker of English language. Native speaker uses English in their daily life. Moreover, the reason of choosing these videos is that the native speaker is assumed to have ability in using an appropriate English address terms in a formal and informal situation, especially at American court of law.

The writer selected five videos of Caught in Providence TV shows with the category having the most viewers and having video's duration more than 20 minutes. Then, the writer chose one episode which have many varieties of address terms. The channel of Caught in Providence TV shows has more than ten million subscribers. It means many people watched the video and recognizes the video.

The number of subscribers is one of the benchmarks that a channel is accessed by many people. Moreover, the number of viewers is also a sign that a video is accessed by many people. Views in a YouTube video is not only a sign of popularity. It is also a sign that the video is accessed by many people and watched by many people. Therefore, it could give an impact more than the video with lower views. Thus, there is a possibility the viewers imitate the use of English address terms in Caught in Providence TV Shows. Therefore, the selected videos of Caught in Providence are *Episode 003-Season 003* published on May 3rd 2017 (1.170.619 viewers; video's duration 22:47); *Episode 003-Season 001* published on March 29th 2017 (916.437 viewers; video's duration 22:39); *Episode 005-Season 008* published on June 9th 2017 (728.245 viewers; video's duration 23:20); *Episode 004-Season 006* published on 13th 2017 (422.146 viewers; video's duration 23:55); and *Episode 001-Season 001* published on March 2nd 2017 (395.664 viewers; video's duration 22:56). Then, the episode which have many varieties of address terms is Caught in Providence Episode 004-Season 006.

1.5.1.2 Procedures

Firstly, the five videos of Caught in Providence TV shows were searched on YouTube. A computer, a handphone, and a headphone were used in watching the videos. The keywords were typed on the searching box related to Caught in providence TV shows. Secondly, the video was opened. The writer looked at the viewers of the video. Thirdly, the number of viewers for each video were taken note. There were total 19 videos found. Each video has video's duration more than 20 minutes. Fourthly, the result of the number viewers for each video was acquired. Then, the top five videos with the most viewers were chosen. Views in a

YouTube video is not only a sign of popularity. Fifthly, the five videos were watched. Then, the five videos were listened to. Orthographic transcription technique is used to find out English address terms in the five videos. After making the transcription of the videos, one episode which have many varieties of address terms was chosen as the sample of the data. Sixthly, English address terms were selected and classified based on the theory by Braun (1988) type of the address terms and Brown & Levinson (1987) the functions of address terms. Finally, each of address terms that had been found from the chosen episode analyzed based on the two research questions above.

1.5.2 Analyzing the data

In analyzing the data, the address terms were classified based on the theory by Braun (1988) types of address terms. In classifying the address terms, the address terms were marked for each type. After classified them based on the types, the address terms were classified by putting them into the group based on types of address terms. Then, the function of the address terms used at American court of law as seen in "Caught in Providence" TV shows were analyzed. In analyzing the function of the address terms, the theory of politeness by Brown & Levinson (1987), Leech (2014), and Yule (1996) are used. A few online websites are used as references for the types of English address terms in a formal and informal situation.

1.5.3 Presenting the result of the analysis

The result of the analysis presents descriptively. There is one table for each category of address terms which contains the number of extracts, address terms, the types of address terms, and defendant of the utterances. Therefore, there is an

explanation descriptively about the types and the function of address terms. Table can cover the types and function of the address terms.

