

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Syntax is study how sentence are structured. According to Walker (2013:6) “Syntax concerned with the meaningful elements within the sentence”. Syntax is an aspect of linguistics that gives meaning to a sentence. “Syntax is very important since they help the learners to understand the structure of the language in a systematic and structural way” (Walker, 2013:6). A learner who does not understand the syntactical aspects of language finds it difficult to understand the sentence written or spoken in the particular language especially sentence pattern (Kim & Sell, 2007).

Sentence pattern is discusses how sentences are formed grammatically. Why sentence pattern is important, because when writing something, the pattern and structure of sentence will be the most important things for us to consider especially academic writing, because it is a higher level of writing, so the sentence must grammatically correct. In order to make your sentences meaningful and effective, a learner will have to learn how to make correct sentences using difference patterns. Many people think of language use in speech and in writing as purely creative process knowledge of how groups of words function to convey units or thought further enhances the ability to communicate clearly (Dewi, 2018), this is why students need to know about sentence patterns.

“In Indonesia, English learners do not get familiar enough with English sentence patterns” (Christiano, 2014:12). In learning language, studying sentence patterns is become important especially in academic writing, because when we write a paper it is important to make correct sentence, meaningful and grammatically to get the target of the message. The ability to write in English has not reached the target as it should yet because of some factors such as lack of vocabulary, lack of knowledge of sentence patterns, and lack of practice (Dewi, 2018). The researcher hopes this thesis is expected to be a way to avoid the existence of sentence pattern especially in the academic papers, they should be aware and be able to developing their words more meaningful to get the message in that so, the learners must be know about sentence patterns.

In short, the researcher expects that this research can be used as a useful reference for future researchers who are interested in researching syntactic analysis. Then, the researchers hope this research can help English learners to improve their understanding of sentence patterns and rules of phrase structure in English.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the background of study described earlier, the researcher describing problem formulation as follow:

What sentence patterns are used in academic writing papers ?

1.3. Objective of the Study

Based on the formulation above, this research aims to identify the sentence pattern in academic writing papers.

1.4. The Uses of Study

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1.4.1 Theoretical Use

Theoretically, this research can enrich knowledge about syntactical study, especially of sentence pattern.

1.4.2 Practical Use

Practically the research gives contributions to following parties:

1.4.2.1 The Students of English Literature

For students of English Literature especially those whose major is in linguistics, this research is expected to give some contribution to the field of syntactic study. Moreover, this research can be a reference of sentence pattern in academic writing.

1.4.2.2 The Reader of this Research

It is expected that this research provides them a better understanding about sentence pattern in academic writing.

1.4.2.3 The Other Researchers

It is expected that the findings and the discussion in this research can be used as a reference to conduct similar studies. It is able to make other researchers to be more interested and more critical in analyzing different object.

1.5. Scope of Study

In this research, the researcher focuses on the analyzing sentence pattern in academic writing, the researcher took academic writing paper from English literature students class S1 5 AB in UniversitasTeknokrat Indonesia. The researcher used theory byQuirck and Greenbaum (1973) about sentence patterns.