

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Research

This research will be based by so the large number of speech acts occurs in human conversations in this world. The speech acts occur in different walks of life with various forms of language style. Follow up spoken may occur between the parents with his son, someone with his friend, husband with his wife, someone with her boyfriend, a leader with his followers, scholars with the faithful and others. It can be said that as social beings, people always relate to others and they cannot live without others. They need to communicate each other by using language. Language is important for people to communicate ideas, opinion and information. We use language for many things, such as delivering information, ideas and opinion. In delivering opinion, ideas, and information need in communication. That's why language is an important role.

Austin (1962, 1975) has reminded us that we can act through language, do things through words, and get others to do things for us through our words. A language functions as a communication where the focus of it is on the meaning of a speaker's intention. The purpose of communication itself is informative which means as requirements done by a speaker and delivered through language. When people try to communicate to others, they use utterances to express what they have in their mind toward the listener.

Usually the purpose of the people in talking to assert beliefs as for help, promise, to congratulate request help, promise action, express congratulations, and ask for information. If they use this purpose and act accordingly the listener would be attentive. In normal conditions, listeners record beliefs, provide help, record promises, acknowledge congratulations, and provide information. In comprehend process, the listener figure out the

meaning of the expression, the purpose of the speaker through utterances. The utterances produced by speaker to explain the speaker mind toward the listener through utterances and do not only show the relationship between them.

Talking about utterances it can be divide into too form explicit and implicit utterance. An explicit utterance the listeners will be easier to understand and what the speaker really want because they just look at the utterance in real meaning. In using implicit utterance the listeners need to look at a different meaning, deep meaning or intended meaning from the utterance of what the speakers want to deliver their intention. In this case, the listener needs to do an analysis of the speaker's intension to realize the speaker's objective so that the listener may fulfill its intention. The speakers are able to deliver their intention by using the explicit and implicit utterance.

Direct and indirect utterances has their each function a direct utterance function, when there is a relationship between the for in and its function of the utterance. An indirect utterance is used to make an indirect relationship between the form and its function of the utterance.

In this study, the researcher decided to study speech act phenomena of a literary text namely *The Fault in Our Stars* written by John Green. The novel was a best seller in America. *The Fault in Our Stars* novel is about a love story between two teenagers who suffer from cancer and who struggle to conquer cancers. The researcher chose the novel because the researcher found interesting speech acts in the novel. The novel contains aesthetic devices such as phrases, idioms, cultural aspects, etc. These aesthetic devices contain meaning that transfer the messages of the stories in the source text. In order to know how the aesthetic aspects were translated, the researcher analyzed speech acts procedures that applied in the theory speech acts.

Yule (1996) says that the use of indirect utterance can be considered with greater politeness than direct. Thus, the theory of speech acts is the theory how the speakers accomplish their intention using utterances. The utterances can be like a declarative, an interrogative, and an imperative. The function of the utterances can be as a statement, a question, and an order a request. All of the forms and their functions in the utterances are to express a certain attitude and the type of speech act that is performed corresponds to the type of attitude being expressed. For example, a statement expresses a belief, a request expresses a desire, and an apology expresses regret. As an act of communication, a speech act succeeds if the hearer identifies, in accordance with the speaker's intention, the attitude being expressed.

1.2. Focus of the Research

The focus of this research is to find forms of speech acts in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.

1.3. Research Question

Based on the background of the study and scope the problem, the writer makes the question:

1. What are the speech acts commissive found in the novel?
2. How are the speech acts of commissive delivered in the novel?

1.4. Limitation of the problem

In this research, the writer focuses to analyze about speech act of commissive. Speech act can be analyzed from literary work and the writer only focus in the Novel of "*The fault in Our Stars*" he writer discussed about speech act of commissive found in the novel. The

writer limits the speech act of commissive that discussed only promising, warning, threatening, offering, and refusing utterance to be data analyses.

1.5 Significance of the Research

Generally, the writer hopes the result of the research has benefit for readers who are interested in linguistic and know further how does the main character acts the speech in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.