

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1. Background of the research**

Speech act is not only part of communication, but also part of social interaction. Speech acts are one of the activities that are for human beings. Speech act is an action performed by utterance, (Yule, 1996:47-53). In the speaking activities, speakers do not just deliver the messages, but they also build social interaction with the hearers. Speech act more consent on the meaning of action in its speech. The phrase “can you open the door?” maybe have several meanings. May be the speaker only ask the hearers to open the door. Therefore, an understanding of speech acts is needed in communication because we are will often be faced with the need to understand and use various types of speech act, speakers need to choose speaking strategy to deliver the right message to build social relationships. In other words, the speakers not only just open his mouth, but he need to think about the speech that speaker will speak to the listener. People use speech acts to show their opinions or express their feelings to the listener in various ways, it can be directly or indirectly.

In daily life, we often have conversations with people. Conversation contents can be questions, suggestions, and requests. This is happening in daily life, where communication is very important in human life. We can see communication can happen in every human step. In communication, there are two ways to deliver the idea, there are spoken and written language. Both contains utterance. Every

element involved in the communication process, whether communicator, media, message, or communication must play its role appropriately to create a conducive atmosphere so that communication process can reaches its goals. There many ways to make a good communication, one of them by using directive speech act, (Yule, 1996:93) explains, directive speech act is a speech act used by the speaker to get someone to do something that speaker wants. So, the hearer will do what the speaker wants. Directive speech act has several parts, such as requesting, commanding, asking, suggesting. And we can find directive speech in magazines, newspapers, books, etc.

In this research, the researcher studies about directive speech act that found in the “*four brothers*” movie. *Four brothers* is an action movie that shows us the struggle of Jerry Mercer, Bobby Mercer, Angel Mercer, and Jack Mercer as adopted siblings who avenge the death of their mother, Evelyn Mercer.

This research studies about directive speech act for some reasons. First, because directive is a kind of speech act that surely used in daily conversation. The speaker utterances will get the hearer does something through directive speech act. Second, directive speech act will show a strong relationship between speaker and listener. Directive occurs in spoken and written language. And third, the speaker used directive act to get greatest attention from hearer. In conversation, directive often used by the speaker but they said it in a different way. The speaker has to concern about the context and situation to make the hearer do something based on the speaker utterance. Speech act also can be found in movie, not only in real life conversation. Most of us like watching movie, but not understand some of

utterance's meaning that said by the speaker in the dialogue. Movie is a communication medium that is audio visual to deliver a message to a group of people who watches in a particular place.

There are some reasons why *four brothers* used as a source of data in this research. First, surely because directive speech act used many times in the dialogues in this movie. Bobby Mercer often used directive speech act to his little brother Jack. Secondly, because this movie contains life lesson about taking care of the family. These *four brothers* back together again to avenge the murder of their mother. The plot playing with viewers emotion.

Based on the description above, this research analyzes the directive speech acts that used by the character in this movie, what are dominant types and form of directive speech acts,

## **1.2. Limitation of the problem**

There are many categories of speech acts. But for this study, researcher will focus on the four criteria of directive speech act. This research is limited to discuss directive speech act in the movie through the utterances spoken by the characters in the *four brothers* movie.

## **1.3. Research Questions**

Based on the explanation above, the following questions are created to match the study problems:

1. What are types of directive speech act found in the *four brothers* movie?
2. What are forms of directive speech act found in the *four brothers* movie?

#### **1.4. The purpose of the research:**

The purposes of this research are:

1. To know the types of directive speech act found in the *four brothers* movie.
2. To find out the form of directive speech act found in the *four brothers* movie.

#### **1.5. Significance of the research**

This part provides benefits for linguistic studies to increase knowledge especially in the study of pragmatics and language use in everyday conversation using directive speech acts. The author hopes that this research can also be used as a reference for analyzing other speech acts.

The researcher hopes that this research will give some significance as follow:

##### **1. Theoretical significance:**

Based on the research objectives, the results of this study are expected to provide many benefits for anyone who wants to study English literature. Therefore, the results of this study provide more explanation of pragmatic knowledge.

##### **2. Practical significance:**

- a. For researcher, this research is hopefully able to increase the ability of researchers to understand linguistics, especially in pragmatics.
- b. For reader, the results of this study can be used as a reference to study speech acts and increase knowledge about pragmatics
- c. For other researcher, the result of this study can be used as reference to study speech acts.