

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the Researcher discussed the introduction, which consists of the background of research, scope of the research, statement of the problem, objective of the research, and the significance of the research.

A. Background of the Research

English has become an international language. Almost every country in the world uses English when communicating. There are even countries that make English the official or main language of a country. English is the most significant language in the world. The proportion of the population who speaks English has increased significantly and continues to do so. English is spoken so widely that it is often called the world's oldest surviving language. Although English is not an official language in most countries It is currently the language that is taught as a second language the most frequently worldwide (Wierzbicka, 2006). Language is a set of rules that exist unconsciously in the mind and enable humans to carry them out. Expressing and communicating meaning through the use of words that can be heard, seen, or a symbol that systematically links these rules to that meaning (Delahunty, G.P., & Garvey, 2010).

Language is very important to understand if you want to improve the four language skills, namely: speaking, reading, writing and listening, but a learner of English as a foreign language must not only master these four skills but also have a thorough understanding of the components and characteristics of the language. There are still many students who have difficulty mastering English. This problem is difficult to overcome. Nevertheless, one component of improving English proficiency is learning collocations, or groupings of words that go together. that the term "collocation" relates to the way English words are naturally connected with one another. Understanding collocations, or common word combinations, is crucial for clear and concise communication genuine English tone. Acquiring knowledge of collocation is crucial for understanding the vocabulary (McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, 2008).

Collocations have an important role in vocabulary development. English is a language that is widely used in various fields, including in communication, science, business, entertainment, politics, technology even in journalism. Journalism is a profession that uses English to develop the English language skills of readers, writers, editors and proofreaders. In this digital era, journalism is a very important world because from journalism we can all get various kinds of news. Writing that informs readers about events that actually transpired but that they might not already be aware of is known as journalism (Niles & R., 2007). There is three types of journalism. Namely cyber/online journalism, electronic journalism and print journalism.

Journalism is a very important world because it is from journalism that we can all get various kinds of news. Newspaper is one of several examples of journalism. Digital media can be used to access newspapers both offline and online. English-language newspapers are widely available. Additionally, reading newspapers helps improve readers' English language skills. In this advanced world people can find what they need by going through the internet. It is with the internet that people can find information. Information forms such as British news, entertainment, science, and politics. One digital that delivers news that informs such is the BBC online newspaper. The UK's public broadcaster is (BBC). The BBC, which was established in 1927 and has its headquarters in Westminster, London, is both the world's oldest national broadcaster and the one with the most staff. When providing news information, the BBC's internet news employs English. Using it while reading news articles can help users get better at English.

One of the themes of news in The Jakarta Post is Politics. Politics theme recently has become a hot news because of some issues in Palestine and Israel. This problem was triggered by a long-standing dispute that lasted for decades. Such as recently 3 political news published in BBC Online Newspaper on 13 November 2023 – 15 November 2023. There are three news have been published namely : (1) Israel-Gaza: Why this war is different to the others. (2) Bowen: Al-Shifa Hospital raid comes as tone shifts on Israel (3) Al-Shifa: What we know about Israel's raid on Gaza's main hospital.

Readers of the English-language newspaper must be familiar with a number of things in order to grasp its contents. The use of grammar is crucial. Grammar can take many different forms. Among them are collocations. If readers do not comprehend the news adequately, they may misinterpret the collocation and overall meaning. It is crucial that the reader comprehends these collocations as a result. Collocation mistakes are still prevalent. Those reasons above motivate the researcher to conduct this researcher entitled " The Use of Collocations on BBC Online Newspaper".

B. Scope of the Research

This research focuses on collocations in the BBC online newspaper. The researcher limited the study in the lexical collocation.

C. Statement of the Problem

Related to the background of the problem above, the researcher formulated the problem statement in this research :

1. What types of lexical collocation are found in the BBC Online Newspaper ?
2. What is the most dominant type of lexical collocation applied in the BBC Online Newspaper?

D. Objective of the Research

The objective of this research are :

1. To find out the types of lexical collocation in the BBC Online Newspaper

2. To find out the dominant lexical collocation in the BBC Online Newspaper

E. Significance of the Research

The significance of the research entitled the use of collocations on BBC online newspaper. Researcher expected that the results of this study can be useful theoretically and practically.

1. Theoritically

The researcher hopes that this study gave the information to the readers about the use of collocations on BBC online newspaper.

2. Practically

- a. For the Readers

In this research, the researcher hopes to increase knowledge and provide information for the readers about the English language collocations use on BBC online newspapers.

- b. For the Learners

In this research, learners can understand and deepen study material about collocations in English learning.

- c. For Other Researcher

The result of this study is useful for other researcher who have an interest in making in the same topic and goals. This will show how the collocation is used in a newspaper or journalism.