

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter discusses the background of the research, scope of the research, statement of the research, objectives of the research, and also significance of the research.

#### **A. Background of the Research**

Language as a means of communication is an important part of human's life. People share their ideas, thought and feeling through language. They use language to communicate with others in their daily activities. It is realized that language is an essential requirement for people to do their work, both spoken and written.

English as an international language is used by people among the nation in all over the world. They use English to share their opinions for many aspects of life such as politics, economy, trade, education, technology or science. Everyone who wants to communicate with other people from different countries must be able to master English well. For this reason, English as a foreign language is very important to learn.

English is taught as a foreign language in Indonesia since an early level of education from kindergarten to university. The government realizes that English becomes the most important subject which is learned by the students to support the

development of science, technology, and culture to prepare them facing globalization era which has high competition in each aspect of human's life.

When the students learn English, they will focus on mastering language skill and those are listening, speaking, reading and writing. All of the skills must be improved in the process of teaching and learning English. By mastering this language skill, the students are being able to communicate with other people from different countries in short and be able to survive for their future life.

English grammar can be categorized into several parts and one of them is part of speech such as verb, noun, adjective, adverb, pronoun and preposition. In grammar, there is a group of words called phrase. Phrase is a group of related words without subject or predicate and verb. There are many phrases in grammar and one of them is adjective phrase.

Adjective phrase is a group of words that functions to modify or to tell about a noun or a pronoun in a sentence using adjective. It consists of adjectives, modifier and any word that modifies a noun or pronoun. In fact, the use of adjective phrase confuses the students. The students find difficulties when they compare adjective phrase with other phrases within the text.

Phrase, as a part of grammatical sentences, consists of a group of words. It is assumed that sentences are structured not only out of words belonging to various words level categories, but also out of phrases belonging to the corresponding set of

phrasal categories. English Adjective phrase (AP) is a phrase which the head word is an adjective. For example, in the phrases very important, the head word is important (an adjective).

Adjective also can be used to modify a noun or pronoun in a sentence called Adjective phrase. In this case, the adjective become a head in a phrase. Adjective phrase, as a component of the word class, assume a significant part in the development of a total sentence setting by giving extra data about the thing and pronoun to assist the reader the meaning of the sentence. Adjective phrase is normally used in translation.

Adjective phrase is chosen in this study because it has the main function of describing or explaining nouns or pronouns which are often found in movie subtitles to clarify the utterances of the actors so the message in movie can be conveyed and understood by the audience as in the movie 'Awake (2021)'.

"Awake" is a science fiction film that premieres on June 9, 2021 on Netflix. This film is the work of director Mark Raso. This 1 hour 36 minute film, written by Joseph Rasom Mark Raso, and Gregory Poirier. Researchers choose this film because of its interesting storyline. This film tells the story of an event that could cause human extinction on earth. Once upon a time, the earth was hit by a disaster which caused all electronic equipment to be paralyzed and unusable. At the time of the incident, Jill and her two children were traveling by car, while on the way the car radio suddenly broke and didn't work. They were confused about what was happening until suddenly their car was hit by another vehicle and fell into the river. Jill panicked beyond belief,

especially after finding out that her daughter Matilda was not breathing due to drowning for a while. Jill quickly performed CPR, and finally Matilda regained consciousness. What was even more terrifying was that after this incident, all humans on earth could no longer sleep soundly. But Jill realized something that her daughter Mathilda was the only person who could fall asleep. Based on the instinct of a mother who wants to protect her children, Jill intends to take her children away so they won't be used as test material.

Based on the explanation above, the title of this thesis is **‘The Use of Adjective Phrases in the ‘Awake (2021)’ movie.**

#### **B. Scope of the Research**

There are plenty of phrases that can be analyzed in subtitle of the movies, but in this research, the researcher focused on finding out the types of adjective phrases in the movie script of ‘Awake (2021)’ movie.

#### **C. Statement of the Problem**

Based on the background and the scope of the research, the statements of the problem is what position of the adjective phrases are found in the movie script of Awake (2021)?

#### **D. Objective of the Research**

This research aims to find the position of adjective phrases in ‘Awake’ 2021 movie.

## **E. Significance of the Research**

### **1) Theoretical Significance**

Theoretically, it is expected that the results of this research will give more contribution to the study of phrases especially the adjective phrases.

### **2) Practical Significance**

The results of this research are expected to give information to the students, especially those who learn English that they can learn English not only by reading book, but also learning English by the other fun ways and improving their English knowledge such as by watching movies. Through watching movies, they can enrich their vocabulary especially the adjective phrases and improve their listening, writing, and speaking skills.