

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Research Background

Writing is a communication tool in the form of text or delivery of messages (information) in written to others by using alphabets as a tool or medium for communicating with people. Writing activities involve several elements, namely: the author as the deliver of messages, the contents of writing, channels or media, and reader. Writing includes language skills, writing is a complex activity because it requires the writer to be able to arrange the contents of the writing. Through writing, writers can express ideas and thoughts to achieve their goals. According to Dalman in (Putri, 2018), "writing is a process of expressing ideas in the form of written language for the purpose of telling, convincing, or entertaining".

Literary writing is a writing skill that has implied meaning. This associate the term with characteristics such as artistic achievement, creative genius, and the expression of the writer's most extraordinary qualities. Literary works can basically be distinguished from other written works with their creative or artistic goals. Literature differs from special treatises about, philosophy, or even history, in part because it is interesting, not only for certain readers, but also for others. While the object of the treatise is only to provide knowledge, one of the ideal ends of literary work, whether it also provides knowledge or not, is to produce reader aesthetic satisfaction.

Literature is a literary work which has a beautiful art that comes from human life. Literary work is the result of the expression of feelings and describes imagination of the author. Literature is a description of human experience that has personal and social dimension and the knowle

humanity that equal with the shape of life itself. Literature is a permanent expression in words of some thoughts or feeling or idea about life and the world. Literature as the language art has become the media to express people's mind.

The main generics of literature are novel, drama, and poetry. Poetry is kind of literature which is written in form of lines, stanzas, style, and pattern. Poetry is a universal language used by poets to express their ideas in beautiful words. As a universal language, poetry has existed almost in all period. Poetry might be defined as a kind of language that says more and says it more intensely than ordinary language. Language used by a poet as a tool to deliver a meaning particularly.

Some literatures use figurative languages to make it more interesting, as it is used in poetry lyric. Poetry lyrics are some informative literature that gives information with literal meaning using figurative language. Thus to understand it, people have to think deeper. There are difficult vocabularies in the lyric, people must explain or give special attention to find out the meaning. To understand the lyric, it is important to know and found the meaning of figure of speech used in the lyric of poetry.

The purpose of figurative language use in poetry is to stimulate a certain image. It affects the language beauty of work in both oral and written communication. Figure of speech serves a variety of purposes. They are used to clarify meaning, to provide vivid examples, to emphasize, to stimulate associations and emotions, to give a life to inanimate object, to amuse or to ornament. The most importance, they have an essentials aesthetic purpose, widening and deepening the range of perception and response to the word of objects and ideas. In other words, figurative language serves to convey

thoughts, feelings, and perceptions that cannot be adequately expressed in literal language.

In this research the researcher analyzed the types of figurative language used by students in writing poetry. That is why I did research with the a title “The Figurative Language Analysis in Poetry Writing at Sixth Semester of English Department Students at Muhammadiyah University of Metro”

## **B. Research Focus**

To avoid misinterpretation of the problem, researcher limit the scope of research. The researcher analyzes the Figurative Language in Poetry Writing at Sixth Semester of English Department Student at Muhammadiyah University of Metro.

### **1. Research Question**

- a. What is the type of figurative language used by the students in writing poetry?
- b. What is the contextual meaning of figurative language used by the students in writing poetry?

### **2. Research Objective**

- a. To identify the types of figurative language used by the students in writing poetry
- b. To find out the contextual meaning of figurative language used by the students in writing poetry.

### **3. Research Benefit**

- a. Students'

The result of this research can help students' to know how far their ability to use figurative language in their own poetry

- b. Reseacher

This research can increase researchers' knowledge about analyzing poetry.

c. Reader

The benefit of this research is become a source of reference and information for readers' to know figurative language in poetry.

**C. Research Location**

This research is a library research, because the data the researcher analyzed in this research are in the form of documents. The documents are poetry written by sixth semester English students at the Muhammadiyah University of Metro. In this research researcher used the Google classroom application as a media for students to collect the results of their writing.