

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Research Background

Language is essential in human life as a means of communication, both spoken and written language. To be able to speak correctly, a process is required to learn the language. In this case, language is studied in detail in the study of linguistics. By studying linguistics, people can understand many things about language. Linguistics has several branches of knowledge according to their respective objects of study. They are phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.

Morphology is a branch of linguistics that studies the ins and outs of word formation and the effect of changing word forms on the meaning and class of words. According to Baldrick (2011: 161), morphology is a branch of linguistics concerned with analyzing words' structure. There are three kinds of morphological processes, namely affixation, reduplication, and composition. Affixation is the process of adding affix which can be in the form of inflectional affix or derivational affix to base word so that a new words is formed. Inflectional affixes are affixes that are added to root word without changing the meaning of the root word. The affixing is to follow the rules of grammar or word usage. For example is the word *work* becomes *worked*. The word *work* does not change in meaning. The affix *-ed* is given to follow the rules of grammar, which indicates that the activity was carried out in the past. In contrast, derivational affixes are affixes that are added to root word that cause a change in meaning or part of speech. For example is the word *sad* becomes *sadness*. In this case, there is a change in the class and meaning of the word. *Sad* is an adjective after being given the affix *-ness* to *sadness* and the part of speech changed to noun.

The appealing thing about learning derivational affixes can learn more deeply about the ins and outs of words. In addition, analyzing words that contain derivational affixes in a novel can make the process of analyzing more fun because we can also enjoy the storyline of the novel and get positive lessons. Studying derivational affixes is very important to understand the formation of English words, the effect of adding affixes to root words in meaning and part of speech, and to increase our vocabulary.

In studying derivational affixes, simply reading the meaning and explanation is not enough. Practice is needed to understand better how the process of forming words, for example by analyzing the words in a book. However, not everyone like to read books. Therefore we need an interesting book to read so that analyzing words can be more enjoyable. One type of book that is interesting to read is a novel. Novel is a written language that is alluring to read for most people, especially teenagers, compared to non-fiction reading books. So, the novel can be used as an alternative subject to be analyzed. Reading attractive stories in the novel and doing it while analyzing the words in the novel about how the word is formed and whether the word undergoes changes in the part of speech or the meaning of the root word. Based on these reasons, the researcher chooses “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley as her research subject. The examples of derivational affixes found in the novel are: 1) the word “*expression*” in chapter 1 “Now: 2nd January 2019 – Heather”, from the word *express*, which is a verb, then given the suffix *-ion* to *expression* which is a noun. There is a change in the word class and meaning of the word, 2) the word “*closeness*” in chapter 2 “Three Days Earlier: 30th December 2018 – Emma”, from the word *close*, which is an adjective, then given the suffix *-ness* to *closeness*, which is a noun. There is a change in the word class and meaning of the word, and 3) the word “*unpleasant*” in chapter 2 “Three Days Earlier: 30th December 2018 – Katie”, from the word *pleasant*, then given the prefix *un-* to *unpleasant*. There is a change in the meaning of the word.

From the explanation above, the researcher interested in conducting research entitled “*An Analysis of Derivational Affixes Found in “The Hunting Party” Novel by Lucy Foley*”.

B. Research Focus

The researcher has limitations in her research. The researcher will analyze derivational affixes in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley and the formation of words containing derivational affixes found in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley.

C. Research Questions

The research questions are declared as follows:

1. What are the derivational affixes found in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley?

2. How are the words containing derivational affixes in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley formed?

D. Research Objectives

Based on the research questions, the objectives of this research are:

1. To find out the derivational affixes in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley.
2. To explain the formation of words containing derivational affixes found in “The Hunting Party” novel by Lucy Foley.

E. Research Benefits

The researcher hopes that this research will give the benefits as follows:

1. For lecturers

For lecturers, this research hopefully can contribute to teaching morphology, especially derivational affixes and teaching vocabulary.

2. For university students

For university students, the researcher hopes that this research can be used to studying derivational affixes, can increase their English vocabularies, and can intensify their appreciation of literature.

3. For future researchers

For future researchers, the result of this research is expected can be a reference for those who are interested in doing a similar field of research and can motivate them to do better research than this research in the future.