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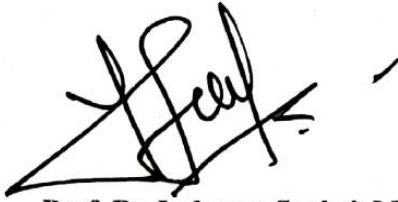
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The formulation of the problems were (1) what are types of commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie? and (2) what types of commissive speech act is the most dominant found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie?. The objectives of the study were to find out what types of commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie and to analyze the most dominant type of commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie. The researcher used a descriptive qualitative method. For collecting the data, it applied document method and the researcher used script of dialogue as document analysis. The result showed that there were four types of commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie. They were promise, threat, refusal, and pledge. Then, the most dominant type of commissive speech act was promise. In conclusion, watching movie can enjoy life and have high motivation to learn. Movie is not only as entertainment for us but as media in the process of learning.



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# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents (1) background of the study, (2) problem of the study, (3) limitation of the problem, (4) formulation of the problem, and (5) significance of the study.

### **1.1 Background of the Study**

Language means the ways how people interact to each other and how people express their feelings, ideas and thinking. According to Patel and Jain (2008), language is used to communicate our thoughts and ideas (p.31). It means that language takes the important thing in life to communicate between humans being. Meanwhile, Serbes and Albay (2017) state that language is a bridge between people and literary work; without language it cannot be talked about the literature because without it, literature remains as ‘unsaid’ (p.217). So, language also plays an important role in literature for delivering the informations among people.

Literature is produced by the creator of works in particular language of the writer of language. Literature is made up of thoughts expressed of in any given language. Literature has an important role and it has given much of entertainment, inspiration, motivation, information, and etc. Serbes et al, (2017) define that literature is a kind of art in which language is the most significant material. Now that, literature is the reflection of a nation’s culture into literary work, it also includes the language which is the mirror of culture and eventually, both of them capture each other (p.217).

In this case, literature is art work that can reflect culture of the country and it has significant role that express attitude, behavior, and adjustment. In English language, literature is generally used to deliver messages to other people in different manner. So, it means that literature and language relate and need each other for communication.

English is global language that known by all people around the world. If people can speak English well, they will be able to communicate and interact with the most citizens in this world without any confusion because it is used by people all over around the world especially English in Indonesia is a foreign language. In learning English, there are four basics that the learners must know, they are listening, speaking, reading and writing, as stated by Sadiku (2015) identified as the need of the hour, the four necessities in language or commonly known as the four skills- Reading, writing, listening and speaking plays a vital role in any language learning quest... The four skills are the pinnacles of language which will take you to greater heights (p.29).

Furthermore, to support those skills in learning English, there are five language abilities such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics, as stated by Koutsoftas (2013) language abilities across five domains (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics) (p.215). For this case, pragmatics is one of language abilities that have to be learnt by learners and pragmatics would be analyzed by the researcher.



In addition, Finegan (2008) states that pragmatics is the branch of linguistics that concerns itself with utterance meaning (p.204). It means that pragmatics is part of linguistics that studies about language used by the speaker and the listener in communication. There are several scopes of pragmatics and they are implicature, speech acts, presupposition, context, adjacency pairs, and deixis and distance. Hidayat (2016) states that in the scope of pragmatics, there are some factors that should be considered. These factors establish the very definition of pragmatics itself. The factors are Implicature, Speech Acts, Presupposition, Context, Adjacency Pairs, and Deixis and Distance (p.2).

In interaction of communication among people, language is related to the conversation. Conversation can be done by the speakers who have differences in meaning and purpose. In conversation, people who communicate each other, it would be found the speech act among them. It is one of scope in pragmatics, as stated by Yule (2014) that speech acts as the action performed by a speaker with an utterance (p.131). The act is based on the speakers want the act is based on the speakers want from what they want the hearers do or believe, as stated by Syahri and Kadarisman (2007) state that the acts realized are based on the S's intentions—what he wants others to believe, accept, or do. The utterance, “It’s very hot in here” does not only describe a state of affairs in the world or a truth value, but it is also used for requesting others to open the window or turn on the fan or air conditioner when it, for instance, is uttered by a teacher in an uncomfortable room (p.123).

Speech act has five types and they are declaration, representative, expressive, directive and commissive. According to Intachakra (2004), early types of speech acts identified five major categories of speech acts: 'representatives' (a perceived truth condition of an utterance), 'directives' (a request to perform an action), 'commissives' (a commitment to carry out a future undertaking), 'expressives' (a manifestation of attitudinal dispositions) and 'declarations' (an announcement that alters a state of affairs) (p.39).

In analysis of the research, the researcher focused on commissive in speech act. Commissive is one of types in speech act and it is when the speaker commits something in the future. Vanderveken and Kubo (2001) state the *commissive point* when they commit themselves to doing something (p.5). So, if speaker says something that commits it in the future called commissive speech acts. Commissive speech act has five types and they are promise, refusal, threat, and pledge. In learning English, commissive speech acts often occurs in some of literary work. Literature commonly refers to creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, non-fiction, movie, novel, and etc.

To relate the analysis about commissive speech acts in this research, the researcher used movie as a media that would be analyzed. Movie is media that can make people enjoy in the process of learning because it showed many dialogue in conversation among characters that the commissive speech acts found by the researcher. Nowadays, people can watch movie whenever and wherever they want because technology development such as internet and smartphone. A movie is

produced by creating images using the animation technique or recording people with cameras, as stated by Famela (2011) that the movie is produced recording images from the world with a camera, or by creating images using animation technique (p.1).

The researcher chose a movie as a media to analyze this research because many people like watching especially movie. The movie provided the conversations that showed the commissive speech acts among the speakers of characters in the form of dialogue. There are many interesting and good movies and one of them is *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie. The movie was an action genre and it was directed by Michael Bay and produced by Lorenzo di Bonaventura, Tom DeSanto, Don Murphy and Ian Bryce. The screenplay was written by Art Marcum, Mat Holloway and Ken Nolan. The movie was premiered at Odeon Leicester Square in London on June 18, 2017 and released in the United States on June 21, 2017. This is one of popular and interesting movies that known until now by many people around the world. It told about the friendship among humans (Cade Yeager, Viviane Wembly, Sir Edmun Burton, Izabella, Jimmy, Lennox, etc.) and autobots.

By watching movie, the learner can understand easily about the story of movie in the process of learning, because not only watch this movie, but also the learner can listen what the characters communicate each other and read the subtitle of movie. So, movie is not only as a media for people in entertainment but also they who watch can take something topic to be learnt that related to commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie. Therefore, the researcher would conduct a research to investigate the commissive speech acts from the statements

under the title, “An Analysis of Commissive Speech Acts Found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie”

## **1.2 Problem of the Study**

Watching movie is one of path of someone who gets bored because it can make someone enjoys. By watching movie, people can increase their knowledge in learning English. Commissive speech acts is one of topic that can be learnt in pragmatics from the movie because it is always used in daily activity to communicate with others by every people and express their expressions in different way of conversation. In this case, the problem focused on commissive speech acts in movie. Therefore, the researcher would analyze commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie.

### **1.2.1 Limitation of the Problems**

This research focused on the speech acts including commissive speech acts that found from *Transformers: The Last Knight* movie. In analysis of research, the researcher analyzed the commissive speech act used by the main characters of the conversations in the movie. The researcher would find what are types of commissive speech acts and analyze the most dominant type of commissive speech acts found in main characters of *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie.

### **1.2.2 Formulation of the Problems**

Based on the limitation of the problems above, this research formulated problems in the following questions, they were :

1. What are types of commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie?
2. Which types of commissive speech acts is the most dominant found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

Based on the problems of the research, the objectives of the research were presented below:

1. To find out what types of Commissive speech acts found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie.
2. To analyze the most dominant type of Commissive speech act found in *Transformers: The Last Knight* Movie.

### **1.4 Significance of the Study**

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

- a. For Researcher Herself

This research is able to improve the researcher's ability to comprehend this research and understand about the movie and the story of the movie itself.

b. For Reader

The result of this research can be used as reference to research speech act and as additional knowledge in pragmatic, speech acts, and others.

c. For other Researchers

The result of this research can be used as one of the references and information for further researcher related with the field.

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