

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

English is a universal language. It is an international language which all people around the world use it to communicate with each other. In this globalization era, most countries set English as their compulsory subject included in Indonesia. Thirumalai (2002:1) says that “English is an international language, spoken in many countries both as a native and as a second or foreign language. It is taught in the schools in almost every country on this earth. It is a living and vibrant language spoken by over 300 million people as their native language. Millions more speak it as an additional language.”

Grammar is so important in learning English. It makes the sentences well organized. Nordquist (2009:1) says that the job of grammar is to organize words into sentences, and there are many ways to do that. (Or we could say, *Words can be organized into sentences in many different ways.*). It is in line with Swan (2005:14). He states that grammar is the rules that show how words are combined, arranged or changed to show certain kinds of meaning.

Parts of speech are the basic types of words that English has. Most grammar books say that there are eight parts of speech: *nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions* and *interjections*. Among parts of speech, noun is one of the most important part of speech in constructing the sentences. Frank (1972:6) states that the noun is one of the most important parts of speech. Its arrangement with the verb helps to form the sentence core which is essential to every complete sentence. Noun is the name of a person, place, thing, or idea. For example:

*Carlos, Queen Marguerite, Middle East, Jerusalem, Malaysia, Presbyterianism, God, Spanish, Buddhism, the Republican Party.*

A group of related words can act as a single noun-like unity within a sentence is a noun phrase. Frequently a noun accompanied by modifiers which is a group of related words acting as a noun. For example: *a house, the house, her gold watch*. Students often have some difficulties in using noun phrase in sentences. Aswani (2011:1) states that although the noun phrase is an easy matter, students often make mistakes in its implementation.

In this final report, the writer studies about the variety of noun phrases that usually found in the tourism articles on Jakarta Post online newspaper. Kenney et.all (2000:1) states that online newspaper is a medium that people use to get information from online version of newspaper. Online newspaper is more favored than traditional newspaper. Merchant (2011:1) says that A new study from the Ponyter Institute reveals that by the end of 2010, more people were reading their news online than in traditional newspapers. 34% said they read news online, while 31% read the paper. The Jakarta Post is a daily English language newspaper in Indonesia. It has articles about criminals, sports, business, tourism and others. The writer chooses to discuss about tourism articles which are related to the writer's subject in English Department Sriwijaya State Polytechnic.

Based on the problems above the writer wants to write this final report which is entitled "The Study of Noun Phrase in the Tourism Articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper."

## 1.2 Problem

The problems of this final report are:

- What formations of noun phrase are found in the Tourism articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper ?
- What formation of noun phrase is mostly found in the Tourism articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper?

## 1.3 Purpose

The purposes of this final report are:

- To know about the formations of noun phrase that are found in the Tourism articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper
- To find the dominant formation of noun phrase that is found in the Tourism articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper

## 1.4 Benefit

The benefit of this final report is to give information to the students of English Department at State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya about noun phrases that are found in the Tourism articles of Jakarta Post Online Newspaper so they can use noun phrase correctly in their writing and can understand more when they read the articles.