

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Human being has the way to communicate to each other for expressing his/her mind. It is called language. Language is a system which can help human to interact and build relationship with each other. Wibowo (2001:3) claims that language is a meaningful and articulate symbol system which is arbitrary and conventional that is used as a tool to communicate and to express feelings and thoughts. So, Language is one of the system that is used by people around the world to communicate to each other and to express their feeling and thoughts.

In communicating and expressing ideas, people learn how to make sentences. Dardjowidjo (1988 : 254) states : “A sentence is the smallest part of a speech or text (discourse) which reveals a mind grammatically intact”. Furthermore, Kridalaksana (2001: 92) also claims that the sentence as a unit of a language that is relatively independent, has a final intonation patterns, and actual or potential comprised of clauses; free clauses that are part of cognitive conversation; unit proposition which is a combination of a single clause or clauses, which make up the unit are free; minimal response, a call, a greeting, and so forth. For making sentences, there are a lot of grammatical items which should be known and one of them is Multi-word Verbs.

Multi-word verbs are verbs that combine one or two particles (a preposition and/or an adverb). The followings are examples of multi-wod verbs :

1. *I'm **looking for** my keys. Have you seen them?*
(verb + preposition)
2. ***Look out!** There's a car coming!*
(verb + adverb)
3. *A snob is someone who **looks down on** people of a lower social class.*
(verb + adverb + preposition)

Multi-word verbs are frequently expressed in everyday actions such as ***Turn on the light:*** multi-word verbs can also have a variety of meanings such as ***Things***

worked out well (to calculate something) . ***We worked out the problem*** (to find a solution to something) . ***She worked out in the gym*** (to do physical exercises), ***I've never been able to work him out*** (to understand someone) (Workman, 1993 :7). Furthermore, Multi-word verb is a typical feature of English which is important to be learnt. Klein (1989), Folse and Wood (2004) cited in Emilie Riguel (2012:112) say : “Many linguists and researchers have recognized the importance of multi-word expressions as they prove to mastery of English”. Multi-word verbs can be used in any English features, like speaking or reading (such as novel, comic and so on).

Novel is one of the literature which is not only required to be a beautiful work, interesting, but it also provides entertainment to its readers. One of the popular novels is “**A Study in Scarlet**” by Arthur Conan Doyle. **A Study in Scarlet** is a detective mystery novel written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, which was first published in 1887 by Ward, Lock & Co. It is the first story to feature the character of Sherlock Holmes, who would later become one of the most famous and iconic literary detective characters, with long-lasting interest and appeal. The writer find many phrasal verbs used in this novel. One of the examples of multi-word verb found in the novel is “*I should have **fallen into** the hands of the murderous Ghazis had it not been for the devotion and courage shown by Murray, my orderly, who threw me across a pack-horse, and succeeded in bringing me safely to the British lines.*” **Fallen into** which means pass into a specified state, situation, or position.

Based on the description above, the writer is interested to take the title “**The Multi-word Verbs in the Novel A Study in Scarlet by Arthur Conan Doyle**” for her final report.

1.2 Problem Formulation

The problems of the study are :

- What kinds of Multi-word verbs are commonly used in the novel entitled A Study in Scarlet by Conan Doyle?

- What are the meanings of the Multi-word Verbs found in the novel entitled A Study in Scarlet by Conan Doyle?

1.3 Purposes

The purposes of this writing are :

- To know what kinds of Multi-word Verbs are commonly used in the novel entitled A Study in Scarlet by Conan Doyle
- To find out the meaning of the Multi-word Verbs found in the novel entitled A Study in Scarlet by Conan Doyle

1.4 Benefits

The benefits of this writing is to enrich the knowledge of the readers especially the students of State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya about Multi-word Verbs.