

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Travel can be defined as the activity of movement from one place to another for various purposes, such as exploration, curiosity, recreation, adventure, and etc (Novianto, 2012). For those reasons, Indonesia becomes one of the destinations that attract tourists to visit. It is proved by the data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) in “*detikTravel*”, on Monday (11/02/2015). On September 2014, tourists reached 791,3 thousand people while on September 2015, they reached 869,2 thousand people. Moreover, in the same year, it is about on August 2015, the visitors still increased until 2,19%. It means that there was the increasing number of tourists about 9,84%, and it shows that there are many tourists interested in visiting Indonesia as one of tourism destinations.

Visiting a tourism destination, tourists need information about that place. For the example, transportation, accomodation, cost, and tourism object. Therefore, to get more information about tourism destination tourists need travel agent. A travel agent is the only one choice for tourists to get the information about tourism destinations including the time, the transportation, the accomodation, and the budget (Nurdiyansyah, 2014).

However, tourists not only can ask travel agent but also can browse on the internet to find out information about destination by reading travel writing. Travel writing is one kind of writing which is written by a travel writer about traveller’s experience in doing his/her journey. It is important for other traveller especially who will visit the destination. In travel writing, a travel writer can write everything that can be shared to others. Therefore, travel writing can be a source for others that will visit a tourism destination.

Unfortunately, there are some travellers who did not write their experiences during the trip through travel writing. Sometimes, they just share their

journey orally to their close friend, family, and relatives. They did not express their experience through writing which will be useful for other people who will visit the destination. That's why it lacks of information about destination through writing.

Therefore, the writer want to encourage English Department students to write travel writing in order to give more information to others because they have already visited some cities. Besides, they can inform about the characteristics of travel writing through their writing. Based on the reason above, the writer wants to write the final report entitle "The characteristics of travel writings of students at English Department."

1.2 The Formulation of Problem

The problem of this study: what are the characteristics of travel writings of students at english department?

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this final report are to find out and to decide the most dominant travel writings' characteristics of English Department students at State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya, especially in fourth semester.

1.4 Benefit

The benefit of this final report are to give knowledge about most dominant travel writings' characteristics among English Department students and to suggest English Department students and lecturers about students' travel writing skills.