

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Language is essential to be used in every aspect in our daily life. We use language to interact one another to have proper understanding. May it be informing people, chatting, persuading, and any other way of expressing our thoughts because language is a particular communication system used by human. As human beings, we cannot separate ourselves from communication and interaction. To interact and communicate, humans can arrange their words in a unique way to deliver their thoughts, ideas or opinions to other people. It can be done through written or spoken.

In expressing the words, humans are intended to transfer the meaning of their opinions, ideas or thoughts to their interlocutors or readers through written or spoken language. According to Lyons (1984, p.36) in Saputri (2016, p.14), meanings are ideas or concepts of the speaker which is transferred to the hearer's notion by embodying them in the form of one language or another.

Figurative speech is a way of expressing the words in which the words stated are different from its real meanings or intentions. Wren and Martin as quoted in Siswantoro (2005) state that figurative language or figure of speech is a departure from the ordinary form of expression or the ordinary course of ideas in order to produce a greater effect. Furthermore, Perrine (1982) in Saputri (2014) gives four main reasons why figurative language is important. Firstly, figurative language presents the imaginative pleasure to the readers. Secondly, it is a mean to bring the parable into verse, to convert abstract into concrete, and make the literary work sensuous. Thirdly, to add emotional intension to merely informative statements and express the manners along with the output. Lastly, it is a way to tell much in a concise orientation.

One of the literary works that often use figurative speech is *novel*. Hutasoit (2016, p.1) states that figurative speech can be found from many media to be used as an object. One of the writing form which contains so many figurative speech is novel. Novel is one of the literary works that represent the ideas, thoughts, and feelings of the author. The author sometimes expresses the feelings, the thoughts or ideas from their experience through novel. This encourages the author to use any means of word expressions such as figurative speech.

In this final report, the writer wanted to identify the figurative speech found in the novel *Daddy-Long-Legs*. This novel is written by Jean Webster, an American writer. This novel tells a story about a girl named Jerusha “Judy” Abbott, through her college years. This simple story is covered enticingly by Jean Webster that it makes this book becomes the best-known work by Jean Webster’s. This novel has ever been adapted into stage-play which is debuted in 1914, and also films in 1919, 1931, 1935, and 1955. It was even also adapted into an anime in Japan entitled *Watashi no Ashinaga Ojiisan*.

Based on the description above, the writer is interested to conduct the study of figurative speech in the novel. Therefore, the writer is interested writing the final report entitled “The Study of Figurative Speech Found in the Novel *Daddy-Long-Legs*”.

1.2 Problem Formulation

The writer formulates the problem to limit the research, it is:

1. What kinds of figurative speech used in the novel entitled “*Daddy-Long-Legs*” by Jean Webster ?

1.3 Problem Limitation

The writer limits the research to only the description of types of figurative language and which figurative speech is the most dominant found in the novel entitled “*Daddy-Long-Legs*” by Jean Webster.

1.4 Purposes

The purpose of this final report is :

1. To identify the types figurative speech found in the novel entitled “*Daddy-Long-Legs*” by Jean Webster.

1.5 Benefit

The result of this report is expected to give valuable contribution to:

The Students of English Department

- a. Hopefully, this research inspires other researchers, especially the students of english department to develop or to conduct other research in the same scope with different subjects.
- b. It can be used by the students as reference of their study.