

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

Language is a medium of communication between humans using both spoken and written language. The statement is in accordance with the opinion from Felicia (2001: 1) argues that language is a tool used to be able to communicate daily, both oral and written language. The spoken language is a language spoken directly through the mouth to other individuals or in public to communicate. While the written language is a statement, a phrase that is not spoken directly, but contained in written medium. There are so many ways to communicate through written medium; one of them is by scientific work.

Susilo (1995) argues that a scientific work is an essay or writing obtained in accordance with the nature of science and is based on the results of observation, review, research in a particular field, arranged according to certain methods with the systematic of writing the language laid and its contents can be justified. Based on his opinion, the language becomes one of the important things in scientific work. There are kinds of scientific work and one of them is the final report. The final report is a report written on the diploma level. This final report must be consistent, precise and regular language. This final report is available on diploma program in polytechnic; one of them is State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya Palembang.

On the sixth and the eighth semester, students are required to write a final report as a requirement for graduation from a State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya. There are two languages used for writing the final report, Indonesian and English. The language used should be polite, good, correct and appropriate. From the nine departments in the State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya, eight departments must use

Indonesian language and only one is required to use English language. English department is the only department that must use English for final report.

The final report of English department can be found in the English department. There are many examples of final reports from alumni of English department. This final report becomes a graduation requirement of English majors and must be completed before the deadline given by the department. The use of proper English grammar, consistency of using language styles, correct vocabulary, etc become the requirement in writing the final report. The consistent language style here is the use of one English style. There are many types of English styles, but the most commonly used are two, British or American English. Because there are differences between the two English styles, choosing one of the style of language will show the consistency of the students in making the final report in English.

However, there are still some errors in the final report of English department, one of them is inconsistency of language style. Inconsistency of language styles such as mixing the two language styles in a final report. For example, ignorance of some writer about the fundamental differences between British English style and American English style is the main reason for the error. This problem will become a bad habit and show the inconsistency of the writer in using English. For this reason the writer decides to write a final report entitled "Identifying British English and American English used in Chapter 1 on 2017 English Department Final Report in State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya".

## **1.2 Problem Formulation**

From the description above that the writer decides to formulate this problem as:

1. How is consistency of English style used in chapter 1 of English Department Final Report?

2. What is the differences of American and British English?
3. How many mistakes of language style found on English Department Final Report?

### **1.3 Problem Limitation**

The limitation of this final report is focusing on Chapter I in Final Report of English Department from academic year 2017.

### **1.4 The Purpose**

The purposes of writing this final report are as follows:

1. To find out the consistency of English style on Final report
2. To find out the mistakes of languages style found on English Department students final report
3. To know the differences of American and British English

### **1.5 The Benefit**

The benefits of writing this final report are as follows:

- To inform the mistakes on English style used in chapter 1 of Final Report
- To know the identification of English style
- To avoid inconsistency of English style used for the future