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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problems

A foreign language that has become a compulsory subject at senior high school in Indonesia is English. English should be studied because it becomes more important as a tool for global communication and for education, like acquiring knowledge and information. In studying English, students study the four skills and some aspects of the language to make them able to communicate in English. One of them is speaking. Students need to study speaking because it is one of ways to communicate.

Based on *Kompetensi Dasar* (basic competence) of *Kurikulum 2013 SMA/MA*, senior high school students study some monolog texts, like descriptive text, report text, narrative text, recount text, procedure text, explanation text, discussion text, and exposition text. In studying the texts, some objectives should be achieved. Basic competence no. 3 states that students should be able to understand the purpose, the text structure, and the language features of the text. In addition, basic competence no. 4 states that students should understand both written and spoken form of the text, and to be able to create the text, both in its written and spoken form by paying attention to its purpose and text structure and by using the language features of the text. In short,

beside having an understanding about the text, students should also be able to create the text both in written and spoken form.

One of the monolog texts studied by senior high school students is exposition text. According to Dirgeyasa (2016, p. 118), exposition text is a type of texts that belong to the class of argumentations. It is used to present a logical argument from a particular point of view. Some language features of exposition text are the use of simple present tense, modal, and conjunction. Hence, following the basic competence of the curriculum, the students are expected to be able to use simple present tense, modal, and conjunction in their spoken exposition text as they are included in the language features of the text.

However, applying the language features of a text in spoken form of the text is not easy fo senior high school students in Indonesia. Students need to understand about the language features of the text first. Not to mention the fact that some English grammar are different with Bahasa Indonesia. Because of the differences, there might be some difficulties faced by the students caused by the mother tongue inteference. Arif (2015) in his study about mother-tongue inteference in the error of learners' grammar, found that the greater the grammatical differences between mother tongue and target language (foreign language), the greater the difficulty faced by learners.

The difficulties in applying the language features of exposition text in spoken form should be identified, especially in using simple present tense, modal, and conjunction as they are included in the language features of exposition text, in order to know what hinder the students in speaking English accurately. The researcher chose exposition text because the researcher thought that out of all the texts, a type of monolog text that likely will be more useful for students in the future is exposition texts. Exposition text is a text that argues that something is the case, and in the text, arguments are given to convince people about something. Later in their college or working life, the students will talk about an issue and will often be asked to give their arguments verbally. That was why exposition text was chosen for this research.

Moreover, the spoken form was chosen because the basic competence in the curriculum expected that students can present the text in spoken form. Besides, since speaking is a direct production and there is no editing process in it, it could show students' true ability which then could show the difficulties faced by them. Therefore, the researcher would find out the students' grammatical difficulties in presenting spoken text. Specifically, the research was about students' grammatical difficulties in using simple present tense, modal, and conjunction in presenting spoken exposition text.

B. Identification of the Problems

Based on the background above, the curriculum demands that students study some monolog texts. After studying monolog texts, the students should understand the language features of the texts and be able to create spoken monolog texts by using the language features or the grammar of the text. However, for foreign language learners, attaining the outcome might still be a problem. First, there might be problems in learning the component of speaking skill, like vocabulary or pronunciation. Second, there might be problems in understanding the text with its structure and language features. Third, there might be problem in applying the language features in spoken form of the text.

C. Limitation of the Problems

The focus of this research was limited to grammatical difficulties in using simple present tense, modal, and conjunction in presenting spoken exposition text by Grade XI of science program students of MAN 2 Padang.

D. Formulation of the Problem

The problem of this research was formulated in the following question: "What are the second year senior high school students' grammatical difficulties in presenting spoken exposition text?"

E. Research Questions

Based on the formulation of the problem, the research questions were:

- 1. What are the students' grammatical difficulties in using simple present tense in presenting spoken exposition text?
- 2. What are the students' grammatical difficulties in using modal in presenting spoken exposition text?
- 3. What are the students' grammatical difficulties in using conjunction in presenting spoken exposition text?

F. Purposes of the Research

The purposes of the research were:

- 1. To find out the students' grammatical difficulties in using simple present tense in presenting spoken exposition text.
- 2. To find out the students' grammatical difficulties in using modal in presenting spoken exposition text.
- 3. To find out the students' grammatical difficulties in using conjunction in presenting spoken exposition text.

G. Significance of the Research

The research was expected to contribute theoretically and practically for English teaching and learning. Theoretically, this research would give an insight about students' difficulty in grammar when presenting spoken text. It could be used as a reference for teachers to find out which part of lesson should be emphasized. Practically, the results of this research were expected to encourage teachers to improve their teaching because they know what hinder the students in speaking. After that, it was expected that the students will aware of their ability and do better in their speaking later in the future.

H. Definition of the Key Terms

The following key terms were given in order to equate the understanding of the terms used in this research.

1. Speaking	: the action of conveying message verbally
2. Spoken exposition text	: an exposition text conveyed verbally
3. Difficulty	: a thing that is hard to understand and is
	indicated by mistake
4. Grammatical Difficulty	: the mistakes about grammar