

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

In this part, the writer explains the background of the study, research question, definition of the key terms, objective of the study, and the organization of the thesis.

#### A. Background of the Study

As human beings, people cannot be separated from the process of communication. In their lives, people need to interact with others due to they cannot live by themselves. Through communication process, people can exchange their minds, ideas, thoughts, and intentions. In communication, people need a means to deliver messages.

Language is a means to convey all human activities in communication. Language holds an important role in society's life and it is always used in every aspect of human life. Hence, no one can be separated from language. Language is used by every male and female to converse. In linguistics, the study between people and their language is under the frame of sociolinguistics. Sociolinguistics is the study that is concerned with investigating the relationships between language and society with the goal being a better understanding of the structure of language and of how languages function in communication (Wardhaugh, 2010: 12).

Sociolinguistics is study of relationship between language and society. Language and society are concerned with identifying the social functions of language and the ways. It is used to convey social meaning.

Language and society is interested in explain why we speak differently in different social contexts (Holmes, 2013: 1).

According to Holmes (1992: 2), people usually use language to ask for and express their feeling of indignation, annoyance, happiness, sadness admiration, respect etc. People also can share experiences or stories, state the idea, opinion, information, and deliver message to others. Language has an important role in the process of social interaction.

Communication according to Crystal (2008: 89), it refers to the transmission and reception of information ('a message') between a source and a receiver using a signaling system. The signaling system are speaking system, writing system, body language, hand signal). Either what system used, the most crucial thing in a communication is whether other people understand the meaning or not.

It means that in sociolinguistics, the use of language is not only determined by linguistic factors but also influenced by several factors, namely by situational factors and social factors. Who speaks, what language, where, when, to whom and about what are included in situational factors. Whereas in social factors is social status, age, education, sex, gender, economy and so on are included in social factors. (Gustina, 2019: 2).

Based on Wardhaugh (2005: 315), sex is different with gender. Sex is to a very large extent biologically determined whereas gender is a social construct. Wardhaugh (2005: 316), states that gender is also something we cannot avoid, it is part of the way in which societies are ordered around us, with each society doing that ordering differently. One of important variables in communication is gender differentiation. It means that male and female have differences in communication.

The issue of female interacting differently from male has been discussed for hundreds of years. The way of male and female speaks has become an interesting topic to study. In some cases, male and female have different ways in using a language. These differences could arise from the structure, form, vocabulary, syntax, and so forth. The way language used by male and female is influenced by the differences between male's and female's language, for instance, when male and female are involved in a conversation (Wardhaugh, 2005: 316).

The differences between male's and female's language in conversation are presented in various media. One of the media is a movie. People can get information or messages delivered by the movie. One of movie that contain the interaction between male and female is "Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle". The movie tells a story of four high school students, a nerdy geek Spencer (Alex Wolff), a pretty and popular Bethany (Madison Iseman), a football jock 'Fridge' (Ser'Darius Blain) and a shy bookworm Martha (Morgan Turner). Their lives turn upside down when

they accidentally get sucked into the video game 'jumanji'. In the alternative reality of video game, Spencer gets transformed into Dr. Smolder Bravestone (Dwayne Johnson), Bethany turns into middle aged man Sheldon "Shelly" Oberon (Jack Black), Martha becomes Ruby Roundhouse (Karen Gillan) and Fridge becomes a short man named "Mouse" (Kevin Hart). In order to save their lives and return to the reality, the quartet must complete the levels of the game to defeat Van Pelt (Bobby Cannavale), an explorer seeking to control the "Jaguar's Eye", a green jewel. The players meet Jefferson (Nick Jonas) in the journey, who has been stuck in the game for years. The crazy adventure forms the rest of the story.

Thus, it is interesting to see the context of male's and female's language in the character's conversation. So far many researcher tends to analyze only the female language while in this research, researcher examine both male and female language.

In addition, there are many moral value of "Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle" movie such as how to working together as a team, learn to accept our own and each others strengths and weaknesses, never look down on ourselves or anyone, don't be somebody but be our own real self, and never regret and make a confession to the one we in love with today.

Moreover gender language in "Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle" movie has never been analyzed before. Meanwhile this research uses sociolinguistic to learn male and female language.

From the reason above, the writer decides to conduct a research under the title “ Sociolinguistics analysis of language used by male and female characters in ‘Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle’ movie by Jake Kasdan”.

## **B. Research Question**

In relation to the research focus above, the research question can be formulated as follow: How are male and female language realized in “Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle” movie?

## **C. Definition of the Key Terms**

To clarify the meaning of the research, there are some key terms to give a clear description as follows:

### **1. Sociolinguistics**

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### **2. Gender Language**

Sex is considered as something biological. Gender is what societal convections make of that. It is not only does gender concern divergence between women and men, but also similarities as well as differences within and across gender (of which there are many).

“It is a mistake to see gender as residing solely in embodied individuals. Gender can be seen in what is said and written about women and men” (Beigi, 2008: 2).

### 3. Jumanji welcome to the jungle movie

“Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle” movie tells a story of four high school students. Their lives turn upside down when they accidentally get sucked into the video game ‘jumanji’. In order to save their lives and return to the reality, the quartet must complete the levels of the game.

#### **D. Objective of the Study**

The purpose of this study are to analyze language features used by male and female characters in “Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle” movie.

#### **E. Significances of the Study**

The benefit of this research are expected can be useful as the

following expectations:

##### 1. Theoretically

This study is expected to be useful for the next researchers who want to conduct a research about male and female language in sociolinguistics. Other researchers may use the findings of this study as one of references in conducting further studies about sociolinguistics especially regarding with male and female language.

## 2. Practically

The research give benefit practically for the writer and the readers.

### a. The Writer

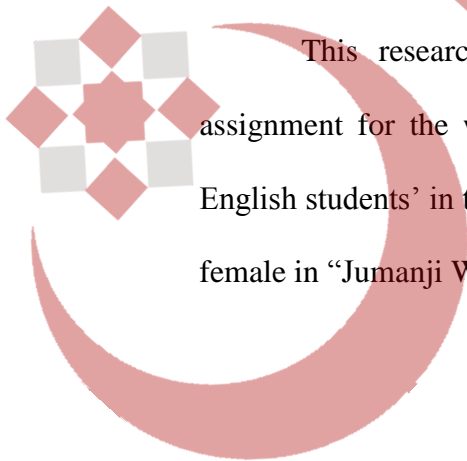
The writer understand and get knowledge about language features used by male and female characters in “Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle” movie.

### b. The Readers

By reviewing this study, the readers get information related to linguistics branch especially sociolinguistics that will enrich their knowledge. The writer hopes it will help them much in learning about sociolinguistics especially about male and female language.

## 3. Pedagogically

This research is not only as a subject to fulfil the last assignment for the writer but also it can provide knowledge to the English students’ in the analysis of language features used by male and female in “Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle” movie.



## **F. Organization of the Thesis**

This research organized into five chapters. Chapter I, introduction consists of background of the study, research question, definition of the key terms, objective of the study, significances of the study, and organization of the thesis. Chapter II, review of related literature concerns with theoretical study, previous studies, and theoretical framework. Chapter III, method of investigation presents of research design, the source of data, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis. Chapter IV discusses findings and interpretation. Chapter V covers conclusion and suggestion, which deals with the answer of the problem statement and also proposes some suggestions to the other researchers and readers.

