

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the background of the study, the problems of the study, the purposes of the study, the significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and definition of key terms.

A. Background of study

In Indonesia, English has become the foreign language. English occupies the status of a foreign language in Indonesian education system in all level of education such as in kindergarten, elementary school, junior high school, senior high school and up to institute or university. Indonesian government requires English as one of the optional subject in those levels.

English has skills and components of language. The language skills are listening, speaking, reading and writing. The components of language are vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar. It cannot be separated from each other especially in using it in communication either in oral or in written forms. It is hard for us to master all of the element of language and the language skill above such as grammar. The term of grammar refers to set of prescriptive rules, for example, rules that dictate which forms and structures are "correct" and which are not¹

Grammar is an essential part of the use of language. It is impossible to learn language effectively without knowing and understanding the grammar

¹LyneM. Berk, *English syntax* (New York :Oxford University Press, 1999)

system. Language without grammar would be disorganized. It will cause some communicative problems.

Commonly, in learning process, the teacher uses workbook to teach the students. There are many kinds of workbook used by the teacher. One of them is *Easy to English*. It is a name of English workbook used at MTs Kediri. It is used by *MTs N Puncu, Kandat, Jombang kauman, Pare, Pagu, Grogol, Purwoasri, Kanigoro*. It is used for seventh, eighth, ninth graders.

The research is important to discuss because of some reasons. First, the workbook has been published and used by students at MTsN in Kediri. Second, the students will face difficulties in learning if they often find some errors even in the beginning of the study. The researcher thinks that if the workbook still have problem in language aspect, such as grammatical errors when the students analyze the sentence in detail, they should not be faced by grammatical errors. The researcher thinks that this problem should be solved immediately.

The reason why the writer is interested in analyzing the grammatical errors on workbook *Easy to English* is because the writer wants to know the errors commonly found in the workbook. Sometimes, the students did not know that the workbook has grammatical errors. The students just use them without knowing the correct grammar. Sometimes errors do not change the meaning but learners should know the correct grammar used to improve the quality of the use of English that is why the writer does this research in order to know the correctness of this book.

There were similar researches conducted previously. The first research was

conducted by Endah Kurnia (2011). Her study is about grammatical errors in the English translation in Setiawan G. Sasongko's bilingual kid's books of *seri organ tubuh*. From her study, it can be concluded that there are some grammatical errors found in Setiawan G. Sasongko's bilingual books. The similarity between her study and the writer's study is that both of them discuss about error analysis of grammar. The second study was conducted by Hidayatur Rohmah (2011). Her study is about an analysis on grammatical errors found in written English greeting composed by students of eleventh grade language department MAN 2 Kota Kediri. From her study, it can be concluded that the ability of students of eleventh grade at MAN Kediri II in making written English greeting especially Birthday's and Valentine's greeting is very good. She finds omission error 8.5 (29%), addition errors 3.5 (12%), misformation errors 7 (24%), misordering word 6 (21%) and error in choosing words 4 (14%). From the data finding, Omission error 8.5 (29%) becomes the most common error that happens in those greetings. The third research was conducted by Ayu Anggie Krisni Wahyugie (2011). Her study is about Common grammatical error in writing narrative story of SMAN 1 Prambon. From her study, it can be concluded that the learner of SMA 1 Prambon still faces difficulty in writing narrative story by using English grammar.

These previous studies have found in many contexts of error grammar in writing, but this study will find other contexts. It not only discusses about error analysis in grammar but also discusses about the sources of grammatical error.

Based on the background above, the writer wants to know the grammatical errors found in the English workbook *Easy to English*. So, the researcher takes a

title "*An Analysis on grammatical errors found in English workbook "Easy to English" used at MTs N in KEDIRI.*

B. Problems of the Study

Based on the background of study above, the research problems are "what types of grammatical errors found in English workbook *Easy to English* used at *MTs N* in Kediri and what sources of errors found in English workbook *Easy to English* used at *MTs N* in Kediri?"

C. The purposes of the study

Related to the problem of study above, the purposes of the study is to identify the kinds of the grammatical errors found in English workbook *Easy to English* used at *MTs N* in Kediri and to know the sources of grammatical error in English workbook *Easy to English* used at *MTs N* in Kediri.

D. The Significance of the study

This research is expected to be able to give additional contribution to several parts, for the writer, teachers, students, and further researchers.

1. The writer team

It is expected to contribute to the writer team in order to be more careful in constructing English text.

2. Teachers

3. Students

It can help them to know their strength and weakness in learning English and will encourage them to improve their competence. They will also know to what extent they can understand English especially in grammar. They can study English harder to prove that they can learn better.

4. Further researcher

Hopefully for the further researcher who wants to investigate the same field as this study can fill the gap and lack of this study especially on grammar.

E. The scope and limitation of the study

The scope of this study is error analysis, particularly the analysis of grammatical errors. This analysis is focused on English grammar errors found in the workbook "*Easy to English*" edited by English Teacher's forum at MTs N Kab Kediri. It was published by *Inti Perkasa* in 2012. This workbook includes all level. They are seventh, eighth and ninth grade. The writer focuses on these workbooks.

The limitation of this research is grammatical errors based on the theory of surface strategy taxonomy such as errors of omission, errors of addition, errors of misformation and errors of misordering².

² Heidi Dulay, et.al, *Language two* (New York; Oxford University Press, 1982), 146

F. The definition of the key term.

To understand the concept of this study, the definitions of some key terms related to the study will be clarified in the following discussion.

1. Grammatical error

Grammatical error is a deviation from the grammar norms of the target language. An error takes place when the deviation arises as a result of lack of knowledge. It represents a lack of competence. Then, mistake occurs when the users fail to perform their competence³.

2. Workbook *Easy to English*

In this research, English workbook is a book used by student at MTs in Kediri. It consist of lessons and some exercises.

The researcher will focus on workbooks that have grammatical errors that are written by English teacher's forum MTs N Kab.

Kediri. This workbook is used by seventh, eighth and ninth grade.

3. MTs N

MTs N is the abbreviation of Madrasah Tsanawiyah Negeri. It is kind of State Islamic Junior High School. There are 8MTs N in Kediri. They are *MTs N Puncu, Kandat, Jombangkauman, Pare, Pagu, Grogol, Purwoasri, Kanigoro*.

³ Rod Elis, *The study of SLA* (New York: oxford university press ,2001)