

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Every human in this world needs to communicate with each other. They need language as a tool to express their thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Brown (2007, p.5) stated that language is “a system of arbitrary conventionalized vocal, written, or gestural symbols that enable members of a given community to communicate intelligibly with one another.”

There are many languages in this world. However, there are only some languages that are needed in the development of science and technology. One of them is English. English is an international language that is spoken in many countries both as native language or foreign language. And in English there are 4 skills, namely speaking, writing, listening, and reading. However, in learning English students have to master the language skills such as vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and spelling.

Writing is one of the important thing if you want to master a language. We must realize that writing a language comprehensibly tends to be more difficult than speaking it. When people write, they are, as it were, communicating into space. With spoken messages, many things are visible, but part of shared knowledge can not be taken for granted in writing. In Al-Qur'an in QS. Al-Qalam : 1 it is said:

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ ﴿١٤٨٩﴾ مَا أَنْتَ بِمَجْنُونٍ ﴿١٤٩٠﴾

1. Nun[1489], for the sake of kalam, and what they wrote.
2. Thanks to the blessings of your Lord you (Muhammad) are not crazy at all.

According to Harmer (2004, p.75) in his book *How to Teach Writing* “Because writing is used for a wide variety of purposes it is produced in many different forms and in the context of education writing proficiency in order to measure their knowledge”.

According to Oshime and Hogue (2007) academic writing is different from personal writing, we cannot use slang, abbreviations, or incomplete sentences. Academic writing is a formal writing which we have to organize our writing well.

Academic writing is very important in education form. When studied, students usually ask to write an essay, a report, or other texts which the students need outside source included in their writing. Oshima and Hogue (2006) stated in their book *Writing Academic English* to encourage the students' thought in academic writing, sometimes they need to include facts, statistics, quotations, and other information. and in the TBI Department the academic writing was taught in semester 6. And one of the discussions in academic writing was citation. Citation is copying or repeating someone's statement and putting it in a written work, but still indicating that the quote is someone else's statement. In doing the final

project/thesis. students are required to make a research about a problem, and in that research certainly in the opinion of experts to support what he studies, and all of that requires citation.

In writing scientific papers such as papers, theses, dissertations, etc., it is definitely necessary to reference. The reference contains the theories / statements or results of previous studies that function to support or strengthen the research. References can be in the form of books, journals, newspapers, magazines in printed or electronic forms. These references are usually located in the text or can be called a citation or quote, also arranged and placed at the end of the writing better known as a bibliography.

In citation writing and bibliography there are several styles of citations available, such as Turabian for all fields of study, Chicago for all fields of study, Modern Language Association (MLA) for the humanities, American Psychological Association (APA) for social sciences, education, business and Vancouver in medicine. Scientific writers are given the freedom to choose which citation style to use. Each college usually has its own guideline in the citation style used.

The S1 English education program is one of the study programs at the Tarbiyah / Teacher Training Faculty at the Universitas Islam Negeri Antasari Banjarmasin.

The S1 English Education Study Program makes the APA (American Psychological Association) citation style a guideline in writing a thesis.

When a student writes a thesis, one of the things that makes his thesis good is whether or not he takes the theory from experts to strengthen the research he is doing.

In their thesis, students must make to citation to strengthen their research. In English Department in UIN Antasari Banjarmasin use the APA standard in thesis writing. In citation there are two types; indirect quotes and direct quotes. But in reality there are still many mistakes they make in citation.

From the initial observations, the researchers looked at several undergraduate thesis of English Language Education at UIN Antasari Banjarmasin. The citation is partially written according to the format recommended by the APA citation style. However, there are some citations that still experience errors such as not containing information about the page, year, or not containing the name of the author or the book in the reference.

The previous study of this research is a research by Brian Galih Kusuma, entitled *“Analisis Penggunaan Sumber Informasi Dalam Skripsi Mahasiswa Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Ekonomi Bina Bangsa Serang-Banten 2009-2013”*. There are some similarity and differences between this research and the previous study. The study has similarity with this research which emphasizes on academic writing. Both of the studies is to examine the analysis of the use of information sources in the thesis. The previous research differences are focused on bibliography, while in this study, the researcher focuses on citation. The findings

of the literature's indicated that language study are Indonesian and English. Of the 1,100 citations that have available collections in the library, only 230 or 21%.

The second previous study is from Dewi Ratna Permata Indah. ***“Analysis on The Problems in Writing References of Students Thesis in University of Nusantara PGRI Kediri”***. There are some similarity and differences between this research and the previous study. This study focused in the types of inappropriateness in writing references to writing guidelines of students' thesis. This study used KTI guidebook published by *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian pada Masyarakat (LPPM)*. While the study use guidebook from English department that use APA (American Psychological Association). The type of this research used in this study is qualitative approach in content analysis type. The subjects of this research was 10 theses produced in academic year 2013/2014 – 2014/2015. And this research found inappropriateness types of in-text citation in aspect of writing authors name, the use of speaker tag, the punctuation and mechanic of writing in paragraph.

The second previous study is from Reba Leiding. **“ Using Citation Checking of Undergraduate Honors Thesis Bibliographies to Evaluate Library Collection”**. This study utilizes citation checking of advanced undergraduate research papers as a method for evaluating library collections at an institution with growing undergraduate and graduate research demands. A random sample of 101 honors thesis bibliographies from the period 1993–2002 was examined for format, discipline, and local availability rates. The proportion of journal citations in relation to books increased slightly over the period, but no

other clear trends emerged. The incidence of Web citations began during the period but did not steadily increase. The study highlighted specific use patterns and collection weaknesses. Results serve as a baseline for further study of the library's undergraduate user population; further citation studies are encouraged to assess continued use of online resources as the Internet and electronic technologies evolve.

Based on that phenomenon, the writer is interested in doing a research entitled : **Analysis on Citing in English Department Students' Thesis**

B. Research Question

1. How do the students cite for their CHAPTER II?
2. What is the dominan error in writing citation?

C. Objectives of Study

The objective of this study is to find out whether the citation that students use in their theoretical review are in accordance with the rules used in the UIN TBI antasari Banjarmasin (APA).

D. Significance of Study

Based on the statement of problems above, the purposes of this research were:

1. For students, as input for citation writing and references on making scientific work.
2. Providing information and consideration for future researchers in citation.

E. Definition of Key Terms

The definition of terms in this research which are necessary to avoid any misinterpretation toward the title adopted in this research, the writer explained the terms as follow:

1. Citation

Citation is information from other sources that are utilized in research and cite in both their essence and full statements in the text of thesis writing, thesis, or scientific papers and research reports. the author of the source of information taken must be recorded in the bibliography. In this study guided by American Phsycological Association (APA).

In this study, the researcher focused on the citation writing format and looked for whether the source of the citation was loaded in references.

2. APA

APA is a professional organization and academician representing the field of psychology in the United States. APA is a professional organization and academician representing the field of psychology in the

United States. English Department of Tarbiyah and Teachers' Training Faculty of Antasari State Islamic University Banjarmasin use APA style as a guideline in writing thesis.

3. English Department Students' Thesis

Thesis is a scientific essay describing a subject matter that is quite important in a branch of science as a library research branch and / or field conducted by a student based on academic assignments from his college to become one of his graduation requirements (The Liang Gie: 1995). In this research, the researcher choosed CHAPTER II, because in CHAPTER II the students do the most citation. In this research the researcher choosed English Department Students' thesis.