

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Language reflects both the individual characteristics of a person, as well as the beliefs and practices of his or her community. Through language human beings can communicate with each other. Writing is one of language ability to communicate with each other. Everyone is able to exchange knowledge, beliefs, opinions, wishes, threats, commands, thanks, promises, declarations, and feelings only our imagination sets limits. Writing is one of the productive skills in language learning. Writing there are a number of language aspects involved in writing such as grammar, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, coherent. In division language ability, writing is always placed at the end after listening, speaking and reading skills. According to Harmer (2002:255) writing has a number of convention which separate it out from speaking. Writing is difficult to learn because authors should be utilize a process that includes planning, organizing, and revising to present meaning in words form Palmer (1994:1).

In writing English the rules are very complicated because some language features such as grammar, vocabulary, spelling and so forth in their mother tongue are different from those of the target language. These make them difficult to express themselves in a clear, correct and comprehensible manner of writing. Difficulties in applying the rules of language in writing caused them to make mistakes. According to Dulay an error is a noticeable deviation from the adult grammar of a native speaker. Brown (1994:205). This means that they made a

mistake because they don't have much knowledge about the rules of the target language. Mistakes made by them contribute to the process.

There are some reasons that make the researcher to choose this title.

Those reasons are as follow:

1. English is an international language used by everyone in the world of technology and science. English is scientific language which is actually the largest academic language association in the world.
2. The place of the research is in PKU (Program Khusus Ulama) Because the PKU (Program Khusus Ulama) option is given to make an English proposal. In writing thesis proposals there is a need for knowledge about how research and the need for writing guidelines. Realize that good English grammar is an important aspect in writing English proposals.

In the holy Qur'an surah al-Alaq ayat 1- 4 and al-Qalam ayat 1-4

إِقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ. خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ. إِقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ.
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ.

Based on the verse above, that is taught to humans various sciences. With a pen, next to the tongue for reading. God also predestined that with the pen of knowledge can be noted. Surah al-Alaq ayat 1-4 Allah taught people how to write using the pen. As an intermediary between mutual understanding among humans, and as an ability to give verbal expressions.

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ ۚ مَا أَنتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِمَحْنُونٍ ۚ وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ
مَمْنُونٍ ۚ وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ۚ .

Then surah al-Qalam verse 1-4 Allah swt swore on behalf of the pen and what was written. So the conclusion of the two surah above, writing is an activity to express thoughts, ideas. Feelings in written form so that they can be understood by the reader. In the higher education system, the thesis is the main requirement for students to get a master's degree or bachelor. Thesis writing is an activity that must be carried out as a result of the final responsibility of the study period.

According to Paul Oliver (2004: 5), the briefest definition of a thesis is a formal academic writing, which reports the result of a research study. The thesis is a scientific paper made with scientific procedures and follows the guideline scientific principles. In writing a thesis, students have to do research. Research does to solve problems, prove theory, develop material, and etc. But, before writing a thesis, the students have to make research proposal.

The component of proposal: title, introduction, literature review, methodology, and references. There are parts: Chapter 1 Introduction: background of study, problem statement, Research Questions, Objective study, and significance of study. Chapter II literature review: Theoretical description and previous studies. Chapter III Methodology: site and time of Research design, technique of data collection Subject of Research Data Analysis Technique.

In *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU) is a program from the central ministry. To enter a special program for scholars, students must take an entrance exam for a special program consisting of two types of scholar. Written and oral examinations.

Written exams cover Arabic, English and English. Oral tests include personal interviews of Arabic, English and the Qur'an. For the facilities provided, students get a full scholarship and boarding education.

In *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU), Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty they have to write a proposal by using Arabic and English. Meanwhile, they are good in Arabic, because they have learnt nahwu and sharaf, and most of them were graduated from Islamic boarding school. However, they have difficulties in writing thesis proposal, because they do not learn about how to write thesis proposal. Likewise, they do not know how to write English research proposal, because they do not study about it. Addition, they do not study academic writing. Based on description above, the researcher is interested in raising the issue of *Students' English Problems In Writing Thesis Proposal at Program Khusus Ulama (PKU) in Academic Year 2019/2020*.

There are also several reasons that encourage the researcher to conduct this research. First, the researcher want to know the problems of theologian students of special program in writing English proposal. Second, the researcher want to analyze the English language proposal for students of the *program khusus ulama* (PKU) which consists of punctuation and grammar.

B. Research Questions

Based on previous explanation, the research suitable with the statement of problems. This research conducted is to find out:

1. What are the students problems in writing thesis proposal at the *Program Khusus Ulama* PKU?

2. How can the students solve their problems in writing their thesis proposal?

C. Objective of Study

The objectives of this research refers to the statement of problems. This research conducted to find out:

1. Student problems in writing English proposal in *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU).
2. Analyze English language proposal consist of grammar, especially Tenses, spelling, vocabulary, conjunction and punctuation at *Program khusus ulama* (PKU).

D. Significance of Study

Theoretically, it is expected that the result of this research could enrich knowledge that related in *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU) students' English problems in writing thesis proposal. Practically, there are some advantages to some parties as follow:

1. To *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU) in Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty, the result of this research is expected to give them knowledge about how to solve the students of *Program Khusus Ulama* (PKU) problems and also they can avoid it when writing thesis proposal.
2. To other researchers, this research is expected to provide reference and evidences to guide them to conduct a further research which is related to students' problems.

3. To lecturers, it is expected that the result of this research can give information about students' problems and they can help students when writing thesis proposal.

E. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid the readers' misinterpretation of this study, it is necessary to define the terms of this study as follows:

1. Writing

Writing is an activity to express ideas in written form and can be understood by the reader. In writing an English language proposal, writing skills consist of five aspect tenses, spelling, vocabulary, conjunction and punctuation. And also the content must be in accordance methodology in English.

2. Thesis Research proposal

Thesis Research Proposal is a documentation that typically written by an academic which describes the ideas for an investigation on certain topic. The research proposal is outlines of the process to begin till the end and also it is used as a required task before beginning write a college thesis. Research proposal in this study is how to they write a thesis proposal in English that is in accordance with the rules of English research.

3. Theologian Special Program (Program Khusus Ulama)

Program Khusus Ulama in English is a Theologian Special Program for scholars of a program at UIN Antasari Banjarmasin. It is program of scholars aims to become a quality *ulama* (Theologian) and scholar of *Ushuludin* with extensive knowledge in the field of faith, shari'a and morality. Based on this goal, students

in the Al-Quran and Tafsir Science Program, are expected to be able to master the salted languages (Arabic and English) more than that, it is also important to write scientific papers properly.