

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of the Study

Language is a very important means of communication in daily human life. Human being uses language, both in written and spoken form to express their ideas. Everyone use language as a media to convey a message or information to other. The language itself has many meanings; it can be a system of communication, a medium for thought, a vehicle for literary expression, a social institution, a matter of political controversy, a catalyst for nation building (William O'Grady, 1996, p.1). The language itself, also it has some elements such as phoneme, morpheme, word, sentence, and so on. Accordingly, the people need a language which is understood. In this case, the international language is very badly needed, especially the international ones that are most widely spoken in the world. One of the language, which are the most widely spoken in the world, is the English language.

Nowadays, English is very significant language to learn because it is one of the international languages which are usually used for communication. English is a language of high importance in the international relationship either formally or informally. As an international language, English also holds an important role in the development of globalization that is as a means of communication in business,

politic, science and technology. So, English is the need of the modern people who want a workable knowledge of English and better improvement.

In Indonesia, a lot of people are interested in learning English as a foreign language, because they know that English is the international language used in many countries all over the world. It has relation to the Holy Qur'an Ar-Rum:22:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتَلَفُ اللَّسَانَاتِ وَاللَّوَانِمِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

Thus, as stated in the Holy Qur'an, Allah explains that it is very important for a human being to know, learn, and understanding with each other in their lives. One of the things that can they learn is about foreign language that can increase their knowledge.

In English, as in other languages, a great part of total vocabularies consist of words that are common in daily speech. These words are the basic elements of language and used in all kinds of English, formal and informal, spoken and written the language. These words are expressions of language.

As an international language, it is also used to disseminate any information dealing with modern science and technology. To our country, English gives many advantages that it helps Indonesian people to keep up with the development of the

world, especially in broadening their knowledge, not only in scientific and technological fields but also in art, literature, and entertainment.

Language is not just sets of symbols. They also often conform to a rough grammar, or system of rules used to manipulate the symbols. The grammar of a language is a complex and highly structured affair because it operates in terms of concepts and categories which have to be defined in the same way. So we need grammar in using English and the understanding about grammar also influences our ability in English.

One of the essential parts of learning English is grammar. According to Gerot and Wignell (2011, p.2) also define grammar as follows:“Grammar is a theory of language, of how language is put together and how it works. More particularly, it is the study of wordings.”

Knowing these definitions of grammar, we can conclude that grammar is really essential and important to every language. Grammar itself is a part of a language since without grammar a language is useless. Without grammar, people will not be able to communicate and understand each other as Raja T. Nasr (1985:52) states:“Grammar is a part of any language. Just as there is no language without sounds (at least no live or oral language), so there is no language without grammar.”

From the statement above we know that grammar and language can not be separated. It means that if someone can speak a language he must know the grammar

of the language. On the other hand, if someone does not know the grammar he will not be able to speak that language or the listeners will be confused in catching the message, so they will never be able to communicate with each other. We also have to understand grammar when we want to make a good sentence by knowing the way to arrange and form the words well. In other words, without knowing the grammar of the language, one cannot be said to have learned the language, and without learning grammar it seems impossible to learn a language since the grammar tells about the language usage.

A gerund is some parts of grammar that we cannot ignore. The ability to understand them is really important. Less understanding about them can make serious problem, especially in the case of the use of English grammatical structure correctly. There is no denying (gerund) that this is a difficult area of English grammar, but with exercises do little to help learners in improving (gerund) their writing and speaking competence in the language.

According to Wliting (1983, p.32-33), the gerund has a force of a noun if the gerund has a substantive feature such as having an article in front of it and having a plural noun. When a gerund has a force of noun, it has substantive meaning. Substantive is a word that can function as a gerund, an infinitive, and a noun. The gerund has a force a verb if the gerund has a verbal feature such as having its own object and having change in the perfect and the passive. When a gerund becomes a hybrid because it has a noun form but it has a verbal meaning.

The infinitive is the basic form of a verb, without an inflection binding it to a particular subject or tense. The infinitive phrase begins with the word *to*. However, the infinitive may function as a subject, direct object, subject complement, adjective, or adverb in a sentence. Although an infinitive is easy to locate because of the *to* + verb form, deciding what function it has in a sentence can sometimes be confusing. The phrase consists of *to*, the infinitive (always a verb), its complements, and its modifiers. Examples: *to run, to play, to sleep, to study, to do, to clean, to grow, to kick, to smoke, etc.*

The gerund and infinitive are the things which have to be learned in grammar to make good sentences. Sometimes most of the students still don't know which verb functioning as the complement must be in the infinitive or the gerund form is. Even they also do not know which particular verbs, particular adjectives and particular nouns that appropriate to precede gerund and infinitive.

In communication, People create language to communicate by forming words which have to mean and can be understood to all people. People can express their ideas, share information and feelings directly or indirectly, in a form of spoken or written by using language.

Nowadays, there are many ways to communicate with the other due to the developments of technology. There are many media, whether electronic or printed media to share information and to keep in touch with the other. People can get the

information about the development of the world and everything happens in a day from electronic and printed media.

As a means of communication, both printed and electronic media hold an important role to the development of language. They become a source for people to get factual information or news, whether national or international news because nowadays printed and electronic media are more global. There are many English News TV programs, radio talk shows, entertainment, advertisements, songs, and even newspapers and magazines.

Newspaper, especially daily newspaper, has a big contribution for the people. People can get information about local or international events every day because the news and information are up to date and accurate. There are many daily newspapers published in Indonesia and one of the daily English newspapers is *The Jakarta Post*.

*The Jakarta Post* is one of the media of information that greatest newspaper in Indonesia which is written in English. It gives much information about politics, economics, sports, education and entertainment to the society. The information about this newspaper is packaged in the article form and there are many kinds of gerund and to infinitive construction in the sentences.

This study focused on the online version that is sports articles. In this case, the writer is interested in doing the research on sports articles of *the Jakarta Post* a daily English newspaper for a week. The writer takes articles about the sports because

many people like to read the articles that are published every day in the newspaper. The sports articles are also published every day in the newspaper. So, it is interesting to be analyzed. The reader can find verbs in English that function as nouns. Actually, in Indonesian there is no change in its forms in making a noun from a verb, but in English we must add the suffix *-ing* of the word. On the other hand, the *-ing* form of a verb is not always a noun.

Based on phenomena and explanations above, the writer is interested in conducting the research related Gerund and to-infinitive. This research is expected to identify the kinds of Gerund and to-infinitive found in the articles of *The Jakarta Post*. This research entitled **“AN ANALYSIS OF GERUND AND TO INFINITIVE IN THE ARTICLES OF *THE JAKARTA POST*.”**

## **B. Statement of Problem**

The statement of the problem in the thesis are formulated as follows:

1. What kinds of Gerund and to-infinitive are found in the sports articles of *The Jakarta Post*?
2. What kinds of Gerund and to-infinitive are most frequently found in the sports articles of *The Jakarta Post*?

### **C. Objectives of the Study**

The objective in this thesis are formulated as follows:

1. To find out the kinds of Gerund and to-infinitive that are found in the Sports Articles of *The Jakarta Post*.
2. To find out the kinds of Gerund and *to* infinitive that most frequently appear in the Sports Articles of *The Jakarta Post*.

### **D. Significance of Study**

The significance of this research are as follows:

1. To enrich the writer's knowledge and experience in this specific research, especially about Gerund and to- infinitive.
2. As a contribution for English teachers or lecturers especially they who teach about Gerund and to-infinitive.
3. To add references of Antasari State Institute for Islamic Studies Library.
4. As information for another researcher who want to conduct the same, but different point of view.

### **E. Definition of Key Terms**

1. Analysis is the process of breaking down a something into its parts to learn what they do and how they relate to one another.



2. Gerund is the *-ing* form of a verb used in the same way as a noun or pronoun. It can be used as a subject, (direct) object or object of a preposition.
3. Infinitive is when we use the word “to” before a verb in a sentence. The infinitive is the basic form of a verb, without an inflection binding it to a particular subject or tense.
4. According to Mappatoto (1993, p.113), the article is a factual composition of an event or problem as a part of newspapers, magazines, bulletins and other written texts to inform ideas, opinions or facts to the people. Sports Articles are article discusses the current or recent news of a specific topic about sport in a newspaper. The articles include the happening in the news sports articles on 18 until 24 August 2015.
5. *The Jakarta Post*, there are two version that are published in the newspaper, such as printed version is a daily English newspaper that printed in paper form. While, Online Version is one of a daily English language newspaper in Indonesia that published on the internet. From the version above, the study used online version newspaper to conduct the data.

## **F. Research Method**

### **1. Subject and Object of the Study**

#### **a. Subject of the study**

The subjects of this study are the Sports Articles of *The Jakarta Post*.

b. Objects of the study

The object of this study is the kinds found of gerund and *to* infinitive that used Sports Articles of *The Jakarta Post*.

**2. Data and Sources of Data**

**a. Data**

The data are taken from the sports articles of *The Jakarta Post* newspaper published on 18 until 24 August 2015. All about Gerund and *to* infinitive words, phrases and sentences in the 23 of sports articles of *The Jakarta Post*.

**b. Sources of Data**

The sources of data of the research are the sports articles of *The Jakarta Post* newspaper published on 18 until 24 August 2015.

**3. Techniques of Data Processing and Analysis**

1. Techniques of Data Processing

Bogdan and Biklen (1997) as cited in Brown (2001, p.213) characterize qualitative analysis as “the process of systematically searching and arranging the interview transcripts, field notes, and other materials that you accumulate to increase your own understanding of them and to enable you to present what you have discovered to others”. The data which have been collected are analyzed as follows:

1. The researcher analyzed and described the use of Gerund and *to*-infinitive.

2. The researcher classified the use of Gerund and to-infinitive.
3. The final step is to draw some conclusions.

## 2. Data Analysis

After the data have been collected, the writer is going to analyze the data through classified the data into their kinds of Gerund and to-infinitive of them in the Sport Articles of *The Jakarta Post*.

## 4. Library Research

In doing this research, the writer chooses library research, which describes the kinds of gerund and to infinitive found and the most frequently these kinds of gerund and infinitive that used of the sports articles of *the Jakarta Post*.