

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Research Background

Human as a social being cannot perform their social function without communicating to other people. In daily social life, people need to interact with other people to exchange opinions and ideas. Through communication or interaction, we fulfill our basic needs of survival and maintain the life as we know it. Therefore language as a tool of communication stands resolutely as a basic social skill that people need to learn (Chambers, 2007). Linguistic is the scientific study of the language. It means this field of study determines the types of words used in language, it also analyze the language form, meaning and context (Searle, Kiefer and Bierwisch, 1980). The quality of a speech is assessed through the linguistic aspect of a speech, which means the grammar, context and meaning has a great role in determining the quality of a speech (King *et al.*, 2017). In linguistics, this process of using language as a social tool is named sociolinguistic. Sociolinguistic is a branch of linguistic that learns how language can be a social determinant. This social determinant will vary according to the one who delivers it. Factors like age, education level, gender, economy status and many more has influences on the language spoken (Holmes, 2013).

Speech is the form of communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words. In giving speech whether it is formal or informal, the speaker always perform many speech acts such as informing, declaring, asking, persuading, directing and many more (King *et al.*, 2017). The speaker will also utilize the vocabularies and their knowledge to convey their message to the listener or the reader. The speaker uses many techniques in delivering speech such as enunciation, intonation and many more. This means when the speaker is giving a speech there is always two sides of the speech which are linguistic and paralinguistic (Wani, 2013). We can find many speeches recorded throughout the history of human civilization. In this research we will discuss the speeches performed in a movie. There are of course many movies that have recorded speeches but in this research we will discuss one movie in particular. This movie is titled “The King’s Speech” which

was released in 2010. It is a movie based on a true story of the late King of England, King George VI. The movie is situated in previous time, just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war (Bradshaw, 2010).

The research is important because it analyzes the language used by king George VI who was born prince albert , the second son of king George V who has stutter problem in his speaking. It is said that the possible cause of the stutter was partially from verbal abuse from his baby sitter when King George VI was a small child. Whatever the cause George VI stammered his way through his speeches and this movie explain his attempts to overcome that disability. From the research we can know how each people use different style of language to communicate. A speech also has a function as a way to deliver a message to a listener. This movie has a few examples of speeches delivered by a head of state. After finishing this study the researcher hope that the reader will learn about the context and the significance of the film and especially the language style aspect in the movie. It is also hoped that the reader will understand how a context and language style will affect the deliverance of a speech and how it is perceived by the receiver.

## **1.2 Research Questions**

Based on the research background that is specified above, the research question that the researcher wished to address are:

- 1.2.1 What kind of language style is used by the king in the speeches performed in the movie titled “The King’s Speech”?
- 1.2.2 What is the impact of the language style that the speakers in the movie “The King’s Speech” wish to convey to the audience?
- 1.2.3 What is the function of the speech performed in the movie “The King’s Speech”?

### **1.3 Research Objectives**

The research objectives of this research are portrayed by the questions that rise as the research question for the researcher. In this research the objectives that the researcher wishes to achieve are:

- 1.3.1 To determine the kinds of language style that is used by the king in the movie “The King’s Speech”.
- 1.3.2 To acknowledge the impact of the language style that the speakers in the movie “The King’s Speech” wishes to convey to the audience.
- 1.3.3 To study the function of the speech performed by the characters in the movie “The King’s Speech”.

### **1.4 Scope of the Research**

In order to get a focused analysis of the problem, the researcher will not discuss about the language style that is used in the entire movie. Instead this research will focus on the speech delivering scenes which are performed by the characters in this movie. Several of the speeches that will be analyzed are spoken by four characters which are King George the V, King Edward the VIII and King George the VI and Prime Minister Chamberlain.

In this research the researcher will also focused the analysis in one aspect of sociolinguistic which is the language style as the title of this research mentioned. The researcher will analyze the language style and the impact that is caused by the speeches performed.

### **1.5 Research Benefit**

Through this research, the Benefits that the researcher hoped to achieve are:

- 1.5.1 This research will serve as a learning tool for the researcher and the readers to understand the concept of language style, the types of language style and the impact those language style can have on societies
- 1.5.2 This research will help the researcher and the readers to apply this knowledge to day-to-day speaking practices.
- 1.5.3 The researcher hoped that this research can be a reference to future studies

## 1.6 Definition of Terms

Below are listed the definition of terms used in this research:

1. **Language Style** is the way people use the variant or the combination of words in the language in communication to set specific social meanings. (Holmes, 2013)
2. **Speech** as defined by the oxford English dictionary is the expression of or the ability to express thoughts and feelings by articulate sounds and the formal address or discourse delivered to an audience. (Simpson, 1989)
3. **“The King’s Speech” Movie** is the hit movie released in the year 2010. It was directed by Tom Hooper and starring Colin Firth as its leading actor. (Bradshaw, 2010)