CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Research

English has been learned as the foreign language in Indonesia. New curriculum makes a new regulation that English is learned as a subject at school since the first grade of junior high school, so there is no English subject at elementary school. It does not mean that the students will not be able to learn English at elementary school, they can learn English in out of the school. We should have master vocabularies well by having thousands of vocabularies of English. It becomes an important thing in learning English because vocabulary mastery is a foundation to know the meaning of words.

There are many kinds of vocabulary that should be mastered by us such as noun, adjectives, verb, and adverb. When telling about vocabulary mastery, we should know what vocabulary is. There is an explanation that vocabulary is a word that people use when they are talking about a particular subject (Hornby, 1506 : 2000). It means that vocabulary is so important to be mastered and also it is necessary for communication in English, so that we have to know about them as well.

One aspect in vocabulary mastery that is considered for us is to understand the word formation of verb. There are many students still confused in changing or transforming the verb. Verb here are word or group of words that expresses an action, an event or a state (Hornby, 2000 : 1498). The verb is also able to be changed into the
other classes of words by adding affixes. It has a relation with the morphology of the words. There are two main forms of morphology of word which are known with inflectional and derivational. They can also be used for morphology of verb. When we can learn about word formation of verb, we will know the word formation of verb to other part of speech and the suffixes that change the verb when they follow. According to the previous research that do a research about verb showed that the students’ mastery of forming words classes from verb is fair, which is proved by the mean of the students’ score is only 58.57 (Yuliastuti, 2005 : 40).

Based on the important of the word formation of verb the researcher wants to know the students’ mastery of word formation of verb of English. Starting from this curiosity of the researcher, I want to find out how good the students in mastery word formation of verb. So from this reason, the researcher is interested to do a research of “A Study on the Students’ Mastery of Word Formation of Verb of the Fourth Semester Students of English Department University of Muhammadiyah Purwokerto in the Academic Year 2013/2014”.

B. Reason for Choosing The Topic

There are several reasons in choosing the topic :

1. Verb is a part of word classes that should be mastered by the students to make perfect English language study, so the students will be able to make a good communication.
2. When mastering the word formation of verb, the students will know the word formation of verb in other part of speech especially form of noun and adjective.

C. Statement of The Problem

1. How good is the students’ mastery the word formation of verb?
2. What kinds of error are made by the students on using the word formation of verb?

D. Aim of The Research

1. The researcher wants to know how good the students’ mastery of word formation of verb.
2. The researcher wants to know what errors that are made by the students in using word formation of verb.

E. Contribution of The Research

The contributions of the research are:

1. For the Learners

The result of this research will be useful for the learners in increasing their vocabulary especially of verb that can be change to noun and adjectives. So as learners they can be easy to critical when the learners find a new word that they found.
2. For the readers

This research will give a new information and also new knowledge to the readers of word formation of verb, and then it will make an inspiration for the readers to be more active when knowing their vocabularies especially in word formation of verb.

F. Limitation of The Research

This research just explains about the word formation of verb not all the explanation of the verb in detail.

G. The Clarification of The Terms

The clarification of the terms that appeared on this research as follows:

1. Mastery

In Oxford Advanced Learner’s defines mastery is a great knowledge about or understanding of particular thing (Hornby, 2000 : 822).

2. Verb

In Oxford Advanced Learner’s, Hornby (2000 : 1498) define that verb is a word or group of words that express an action, an event or a state.

3. Word Formation

Word formation is an action of forming word or the process of being formed of word in a particular way (Hornby, 2000 : 530).