

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A.1 Background of the Research

According to Altmann, speak is a condition when people have a method of communicating their ideas, experiences, and even feelings to one another by using pronounced sounds which sometimes different in their own ways (2001:129). Unfortunately, there are still some people who experience some difficulty during process of speak, such as stuttering. This phenomenon is also called stammering which belongs to psycholinguistic study (Sleeper, 2007:69). In general, it is a condition when the fluency during speaking is disrupted by some errors, such as repetition, prolongation, pauses, and broken word. Then, the speech would end up produced incorrectly by the speaker.

Stuttering itself is an error during speaking which produced unconsciously by the speaker. Lanier mentioned that although a person who stutters involuntarily makes mistakes like repeats sounds and syllables, but they are usually self-conscious about it, yet they are unable to control the flow to make it right based on the standard speech before it is too late (2010:20). Moreover, Sleeper adds that stuttering is a problem when the speaker knows precisely what he or she wants to say, but in the same time have difficulty in saying it (2007:71).

As the stuttering is a part of psycholinguistics where a study focuses on the relation between language and mind, so it cannot be separated from human

existence and daily life. It is a branch of study which combines two disciplines of psychology and linguistics in one scope and “it examines the processes that occur in brain while producing and receiving both written and spoken discourse” (Aitchinson, 2003:12). In addition, Dardjowidjojo says that the brain is highly functionalized dealing with speech planning and execution in order to produce and use the language (Alim, 2012:1). Basically, their existence depends on each other.

As language is an important tool for sharing ideas, expressing feeling, and transferring some information, then the successful execution of utterances is crucial. It was mentioned as a code that can be learned in order to use in communication activity and express any wants and needs because it holds meanings on its each word (Itqiana, 2008:4). Because of that, it can transfer the ideas correctly to the other party as long as the standard of speak is carried out well, which is very important for human as their live are spent in language-related activities any time.

Stuttering had been through a lot of researches before, but unfortunately there are still many who do not know the cause. However, few of researchers mentioned a scientific way that may be the cause of stuttering cases which related to neurogenic matter or even due to some circumstances such as brain injury or brain damaged. Yet, it is not what usually we found easily in our surroundings. As the example are when people feel nervous during their job interviewing, confessing, lied and other occasions in daily activities. What

present in this study is different compared to cases that related to biological and medical issues. Pamuji (2010:2-3) says that this kind of situations caused of certain causes which are reflected in the utterances of the person in charge (2010:2-3). It has more relation with psychological matter as Zubair states that stuttering is present when an individual shows impaired understanding or expression of a spoken, written, or other symbol system. Moreover, it is proven when someone speak to fast, angry, confused, nervous, surprised, or even dealing with words that are rarely used by them, people tend to cannot speak follow normal or get stutter (2013:16-17).

The issue above is supported further by Jones states that activities would provide an important feature of emotional reactivity and regulation that may present, follow, or act concurrently with more expressions of emotion which could affect the action (2014:3). The question is that, can it happen in a certain event and a certain person, especially public figures who very careful with their speech in public? The answer is within the aim of this article, that is to compare the data found by the researcher from stuttering utterances that produced by two different guest stars in two talk show videos, Taylor Swift and Katy Parry. The main issues are the types and the causes of stuttering that found on it.

Taylor Swift and Katy Parry, both is small portion of singers who observed by the researcher in some talk show videos alongside with others musicians. From the event on the videos both of them show pretty big different in producing stutters due to factors around them which is causing it. As the relation

of the two of them are because they famous and have pretty much of achievements on their job field (music industry). There were explosion of a sudden attentions on both of them before because of their feud which had been settle down during early 2019 that marked by the release of a song entitled “You Need to Calm Down” by Taylor.

As public figures Taylor Swift and Katy Parry had countless talk show events before and they are familiar with the topic of conversation, but do not mean they would not make some errors during the speech. It is known that events such as talk show tend to be pretty informal, but it is natural to make mistakes during speaking because of some distractions. Based on Cambridge dictionary, talk show is an event that is usually held and broadcast on media such as radio and television by inviting famous people as the guest stars on the program (2019). In general, it is show business in entertainment industry. Meanwhile, as the guest stars Taylor Swift and Katy Parry invited to talk and be asked in a more relaxed and informal style about themselves or a certain topics.

The writer uses psycholinguistics theory of Hedge, M. N. and Davis, D. about the types of stuttering. They define the types into four: repetition, sound prolongation, pauses, and broken words. According to Desita and Adam who quoted Hedge and Davis theory, repetition a repetition of a group of words with or without a finite verb, there are three different kinds: part-word, whole-word, and phrase repetition (2016:71-72).

The second is sound prolongation. While the pauses is a stop that longer than an ordinary pause. It differs into two types: block or silent pause is a complete stop of speech. On the other hand, filled pause is filling the blank spot with word, syllable, a sound, or a phrase, though it is still not according to the standard of speech. Then, the last is broken word that happens in a condition when the speaker experiences some interruptions.

The theory of stuttering by Hedge and Davis would be used by the writer to answer the questions in this article through analysis the stuttering utterances produced by the guest stars from two different talk show videos. The first is entitled *Learn English with Taylor Swift Talk Show - English Subtitles* (2018), which uploaded by a YouTube channel called *Learn English Online* and the second entitled *The Therapist Season 1 Episode 7 Katy Perry* (2017), which uploaded by a YouTube channel named *The Therapist*.

A.2 Problem of the Research

The problems of the research are as follows:

- 1) What are the types of stuttering produced by two guest stars on two different talk show videos due to the topic and the atmosphere on the event?
- 2) What are the causes to the emergence of stuttering on both videos talk show?

A.3 Objective of the Research

The Objectives of the research are as follows:

- 1) To identify and describe the types of stuttering produced by two guest stars on two different talk show videos due to the topic and the atmosphere on the event.
- 2) To analyse the causes that emergence of the stuttering on both videos talk show.

A.4 Significance of the Research

Generally, this research has theoretical and practical significance. Theoretically, it is expected to give contribution in analyzing stuttering phenomenon especially the one that appears due to situation and condition by using Hedge and Davis's theory. It is to find out the types as well as the causes to the emergence of stuttering that appear in the talk show videos.

The first video is entitled *Learn English with Taylor Swift Talk Show - English Subtitles* (2018), which uploaded by a YouTube channel called *Learn English Online*. Then, the second entitled *The Therapist Season 1 Episode 7 Katy Perry* (2017), which uploaded by a YouTube channel named *The Therapist*. It because, there are no study that compare two videos with different pressure because of the circumstances in a similar event, talk show. Practically, this research aims to generate new information and knowledge for readers and

expected to be a reference for other researcher who interested in similar field and make some new researches regarding to the application of stuttering theory.

A.5 Limitation of the Reasearch

The object of this research is two talk show videos with some similarity such as the event is talk show with a famous singers as the guest stars who have some connections with each other, and the reason behind their stutters show pretty big different although produced in similar ways. The first video is entitled *Learn English with Taylor Swift Talk Show - English Subtitles (2018)*, which uploaded by a YouTube channel called namely *Learn English Online* and the second is entitled *The Therapist Season 1 Episode 7 Katy Perry (2017)*, which uploaded by a YouTube channel named *The Therapist*. Furthermore, this research focuses on stuttering utterances produced by the guest stars on the videos with limit of 20 minutes questions and answers section of each. The analysis focus on stuttering theory by Hedge, M. N. and Davis, D. in the videos.

A.6 Definition of Key Terms

A.6.1 Utterance

In fact, utterances being used by people in their daily activities such as when communication with others. It can be described as an act of uttering or vocal expression and something uttered such as a statement (Dictionary.com, 2019). This statement is supported by the definition that found in the Lexico.com

(2019) that it has meaning of a spoken words, statement and vocal sound (2019).

It also adds it as the action of saying or expressing something aloud.

A.6.2 Stuttering

When thinking further, it shows that speaking is a pretty complicated thing to do as mentioned by Indri, because it involves a complex process of thinking language aspects and skills (109). Moreover, in speaking people need to think how to deliver their ideas or messages to other while think of how to produce language clearly and smoothly at the same time and it is especially more difficult to achieve in a state of spontaneous speech (Rogers, 2010:1167-1168). These aspects in speaking frequently trigger people produce stutters in their speech. In general, it is a condition when a speech disrupted by some errors and end up produced in an inappropriate way or not according to the standard of speaking.

A.7 Organization of the Research Report

This thesis is organized into five chapters. The first chapter consists of background, research problem, research objective, significance of the research, limitation and thesis organization. The second chapter consists literary review and the related research dealing with stuttering theory. The third chapter contains of research methodology, technique and procedure of data analysing. The fourth chapter is the analysis of two talk show videos from YouTube channel

by using theory by Hedge and Davis. The first video entitled *Learn English with Taylor Swift Talk Show - English Subtitles* (2018), which uploaded by a YouTube channel called *Learn English Online* and the second is entitled *The Therapist Season 1 Episode 7 Katy Perry* (2017), which uploaded by a YouTube channel named *The Therapist*. Then, the last chapter is conclusion and suggestion.

