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(A Case of Tenth-Grade Students

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#### ABSTRACT

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The purpose of the study is to describe interpersonal, ideational and textual meanings are realized in descriptive texts in the form of personal letter written by tenth grade students of SMK 11 Semarang. In exploring the meanings in students' texts, the researcher employed descriptive qualitative analysis in which the exploration focuses to reveal the realisation of meanings through text analysis. The researcher collected the data (students' texts), then divided them into sentences, and then analyzed by using three metafunctions: Interpersonal, Ideational Meanings and Textual Meanings. Having analyzed the data, the researcher found that in interpersonal meanings, the highest frequently of mood types found in students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter is Declarative Mood. To achieve the goal of the texts, mostly the students used declarative mood to give information in the form of statement in the letter and used medium degree of modal verbs (will, would, should, be to, supposed to) to give their intention about what would the writer do to the reader. In ideational meanings, most students used Mental Process in descriptive text. They wanted to describe about their feeling to the addressee, as a result, participant mostly used by the students in writing text is senser and phenomenon. For circumstances, the highest frequency used by the students is circumstance of location. It indicates that some places are mentioned by students to support information described by the students. The last, in textual meanings analysis, the highest theme types used by students is unmarked topical theme. It happens because it is related to the characteristic of personal letter which describe about personality matter about the writer, so the researcher found that students mostly used subject in the beginning of the clause.

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#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter focuses on background of the study, reason for choosing the topic, statements of the problem, purposes of the study, significance of the study, limitation of the study, definition of key terms and outline of the report.

#### **1.1** Background of the Study

English is a global language in this world. People, from where part of this world or what nation they are from can communicate with English, although English is not the official language for some of the countries in this world. The phenomena of English as a global English can be seen in our daily life, for example, applying English in films, internet, youtube channels, books, and advertisements.

Due to this phenomena, English has a significant influence on education system, for instance, English is taught as one of the school's compulsory subject in Indonesia. Learning English has to cover four skills of languages; which are listening, speaking, reading and writing. Speaking and writing are productive skills, whereas reading and listening are receptive skills. Writing skill becomes the most complicated and difficult for students. Written texts are much more than merely 'talk written down'. According to Halliday in Nunan (1993:8) "Writing emerged in societies as a result of cultural changes which created new communicative needs". These needs could not be readily met by the spoken language. Students have to be able to combine all aspects needed in the production of the text such as content, format, length; style and tone; cohesion and coherence; and lexico grammatical structures. It takes more learning and practicing to develop this skill. It is important to note that writing is a process, not a product.

When talking about writing, we also talk about text that students are required to interpret and produce, there are, narrative, explanation, review, exposition, recount, descriptive, and report. When researcher on PPL program in SMK N 11 Semarang, the one text that is taught on tenth grade students of that school is descriptive text. In SMK N 11 Semarang, the students learn descriptive text when they disscus about self-introducing material. The way to teach them how to introduce themselves by learning descriptive text in the form of personal letter which decribe about personality matter to their close friend. Because the students had not been taught by their teacher of how to write and develop the content of letter, researcher found that some of the students in the class felt confused how to convey the meaning, for instance, they were confused on choicing appropriate vocabulary and grammar when developed the content of letter. As a result, this case made I curious on how they convey the meaning, whether they success or not. If the sentences can't convey this, the compose, the meaning and the purpose are failed to be addressed. Thus, I intend to study their descriptive text. In detail, I analyzed the meanings realized in students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter.

In writing, we need to know how the texts work, so we need a theory of grammar. According to Halliday, grammar is about theory of language to organize how the language put together and how it works. There are three grammars which have had a major influence on schools in the western world in this century. These are as follows: Traditional grammar focuses on rules for producing correct sentences; Formal grammars to describe the structure of individual sentences; Functional grammars to describe language in actual use and so focus on texts and their contexts.

As an English teacher, we have to help the students to arrange the production of writing skill especially in writing letter to catch functional grammars. Teacher has to think critically the roles of activity to help students to produce it. In functional grammar, they are not only concern the structure but also the meaning of the text. This study will investigate the meaning which are conveyed in students' personal letter by using metafunctions approach. They are Ideational meaning, Interpersonal meaning, and Textual meaning. According to Butt et.al. (1995: 13-14), "The ideational metafunctions use language to encode our experience of the world and to convey a picture of reality. The interpersonal metafunctions use language to encode interaction and to show how defensible or binding we find our proposition or proposal. The textual metafunctions use language to encode interaction and interpersonal meanings into a coherent, in the case written and spoken language, linear, whole". This study is supposed to help the teachers to analyze the ability of the students in composing descriptive text based on the text.

#### **1.2 Reason of Choosing the Topic**

Based on the previous research, for example, the study from Triastuti (2018) entitled *Ideational Meaning Realization on Students' Descriptive Texts in the Form of Personal Letter* which focused on analysing personal letter in SMA Semesta; the study from Wibowo (2018), "Interpersonal and Ideational Meanings Expressed in the Letters of Rejection written by Students of Eleven Grade of Senior High School" which focused on the letters of rejection written by the students of the eleventh grade of SMA Negeri 6 Semarang in the academic year 2017/2018; other study study is from Basri (2018) which dealt with the interpersonal, ideational, and textual meanings that found in the students' descriptive texts of MTs Al – Huda Kaliabu, which all cases mostly did not analyze student vocational high school's text. On the other hand, it is important to know how student in vocational high school arrange the meaning of the text, consequently, in this study, researcher conducts the research of "The Realization of Meanings on Students' Descriptive Texts in the Form of Personal Letter (A Case Study of Tenth-Grade Students of SMK N 11 Semarang in the Academic Years of 2018/2019)."

#### **1.3 Statements of the Problems**

This study focuses on the solution as follows :

- 1. What interpersonal meanings are realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang?
- 2. What ideational meanings are realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang?
- 3. What textual meanings are realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang?

#### **1.4 Purposes of the Study**

This study aims to :

- 1. To describe interpersonal meanings realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang.
- 2. To describe ideational meanings realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang.
- 3. To describe textual meanings realized in tenth grade students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter in SMK 11 Semarang.

#### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

Hopefully, this study will give benefits to the readers as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit,

As this study in order to investigate the metafunctions in students personal letters, the result of analyzing in the term of interpersonal, ideational and textual meaning can be used for readers who are interested in similar study.

- 2. Practical Benefit,
  - a. The English Teacher

This study can be reference for english teacher in teaching interpersonal, ideational and textual meanings in the class and can be a guidance to prepare strategy in teaching writing.

b. English Department

This study is expected to English Department Lecturers on giving more knowledge and attention about Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) and metafunction analysis to English students.

#### c. English Students

This study can be useful for students of English Department as the future teachers who have to pay attention in analyzing the students' writing.

3. Pedagogical Benefit,

This study can guide the readers on how to use lexicogrammatical analysis to convey interpersonal, ideational, and textual meaning in personal letters.

#### **1.6 Limitation of the Study**

As discource analysis has broad term to be analysed and discussed, it is impossible to analyse all of them. This study only focused on analyzing interpersonal, ideational and textual meaning in descriptive text in form of personal letters in order to describe students' personal matter of tenth grade of SMK N 11 Semarang in the Academic Year of 2018/2019 in order to emphasize that this aim of this study to examine how they represent the ideas and things; how social relation are built and how they organise the messages to the readers.

#### **1.7 Definition of Key Terms**

To avoid missunderstanding toward this study, here are the definitions of key terms are represented as follows :

a. Metafunction

According to Halliday (2014) metafunctions is that "part of the system of a language – the particular semantic and lexico grammatical resources-that has evolved to perform the function in question". Furthermore, Halliday (2014) states, "the significance of there being three distinct functions in the clause, subject, actor and theme are clause as a message (textual meanings), clause as an exchange (interpersonal meanings), and clause as a representation (ideational meanings)."

b. Interpersonal Meanings

"Interpersonal meanings are meanings encode interaction and show how defensible to find propositions". So it allows to encode meanings of attitudes, interaction and relationship. The meaning are realized in wordings through Mood and Modality (Butt et.al, 1994). "Interpersonal meaning is the meaning that the roles of and relationships among participants give to the understanding of the text" (Halliday:2014).

c. Ideational Meanings

Ideational meanings is meaning about how we represent our experience of the world to convey a picture or reality. According to But et. al. (1995), "Ideational meanings are meanings to encode experience of the world and to convey a picture of reality". This meaning are realised in wordings through Participants, Processes and Circumstances.

d. Textual Meanings

"Textual meanings are meanings to organise experential, logical and interpersonal meanings into a coherent, and in the case of written and spoken language, linear, whole" (But et. al.,1995). This meaning are realised in wordings through Theme and Rheme.

e. Letter

Letter is a written tool of communication that contains information or messages sent to someone with certain intentions such as telling someone's feeling, saying thank you, expressing sympathy, congratulating someone, inviting someone to some occasions, replying invitations, asking questions, ordering goods, promoting products, complaining, or applying for jobs and many others. Based on Adlan Ali and Tanzii (2006), "Letter is a piece of paper or more that used as a communication tool to deliver the statement or information in written form, from one person to another." Generally, the structures of letter consists of three parts : introduction, body, and conclussion.

#### **1.8 Outline of the Report**

To present the investigation about the study to the readers, the report is systemized as follows:

Chapter I focuses the introduction. It consists of general background of the study, reasons for choosing the topic, statements of the problem, purpose of the study, significance of the study, limitation of the study, definition of key terms, and the outline of the study.

Chapter II discusses about review of related literature that is concerned with review of previous studies, review of related literature, and the theoretical framework. Chapter III concentrates the methodology of investigation which covers research approach, object of the study, role of researcher, types of data, procedures of collecting data, procedures of analyzing data, and technique of reporting the data. Chapter IV presents the findings and discussions. It contains the result and findings of analyzing interpersonal meanings, and ideational meanings of the students' letters of rejection. Chapter V presents conclusion of the investigation and some possible suggestions, or recommendation for the results of study.

#### **CHAPTER II**

#### **REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE**

This chapter presents about review of related literature which has three subchapters: review of previous studies, review of theoretical background, and theoretical framework. Review of previous studies talks about the previous works by other researchers. Review of theoretical background contain about the theory related to guide this study from the experts. Theoretical framework is about the way of researcher do this research.

#### 2.1 Review of Previous Studies

There are many previous studies that were conducted by scholars and experts about metafunction meanings analysis which are interpersonal meaning, ideational meaning and textual meaning.

First study from Triastuti (2018) entitled *Ideational Meaning Realization* on Students' Descriptive Texts in the Form of Personal Letter. In this study, the object almost same with recent study, the difference is this study focus on analysing personal letter in SMA Semesta, whereas recent study the author focused on analysing personal letter in SMK N 11 Semarang. She only analyzed Transitivity which are Participant, Process, and Circumstances in personal letter. In this research, there are some points found. She found the processes are Relational, Mental, Material, Existential, Verbal, and Behavioral process. The dominant process is Relational. It indicates that the process that is characterized in descriptive text is Relational Process. Secondly, the dominant Participants found in this study are Carrier and Attribute. She has explained very detail of how she analyze the meaning. In addition, the author attached examples how she analyze, so it can be an evidence to reader about the statement that she explained to. This research can be a reference for recent study to find out ideational meaning in personal letter.

Second study from Febriyana (2018) entitled An Analysis of Textual Meaning on Students' Writing of Recount Texts. In this study, the author realized Textual Meaning in students' recount text. They deeply focused on analysing thematic structures and thematic progressions. The results of the Thematic structures analysis show that unmarked topical Theme is the most frequently used rather the marked one. Modal adjunct is the only constituent of interpersonal Theme that is found to show the writer's judgement. Moreover, structural and conjunctive adjunct are used in relating the clause to its context or another clause. In addition, there only one continuative found in the text to signal a new move is made. The study also shows that the students used re-iteration to make the text keep focused. Then, zigzag pattern is commonly used in relative clauses which replace subject. While multiple pattern is used to introduce a number of different pieces of information which is made as Theme in subsequent clauses. The content of this research can be a reference to other researchers who want to focus analysing textual meaning in particular text.

Then, the study from Anggreningrum (2012) entitled *The Computerized* Accounting and Information Technology Students' Translations Viewed From *Systemic Functional* is about exploring metafunctions meaning on students' translation by using systemic functional lingustics (SFL). The writer compared the result of analysis from two classes, Computerized Accounting (CA) and Information Technology (IT). This study is almost same with the recent study because the study analyze interpersonal, ideational and textual meaning. The difference are, the object of this study is undergraduated students' translation while the recent study is vocational high school students' descriptive text. The results showed that the similarities between both department are occured in experential meaning and textual meaning. Many students used ideational theme. The differences between those departments are occured in transitivity and interpersonal meaning on the quantity of the process. Furthermore, this study can be reference for recent study of how to analyze the realization meanings of the data.

Next the study from Wibowo (2018), "Interpersonal and Ideational Meanings Expressed in the Letters of Rejection written by Students of Eleven Grade of Senior High School". The aim of the study deals with the interpersonal meanings, the ideational meanings, and the generic structure of the letters of rejection written by the students of the eleventh grade of SMA Negeri 6 Semarang in the academic year 2017/2018. The research approach of the study is descriptive qualitative completed by qualitative analysis in which quantitative data enhance the depth of the analysis. The object of this study is almost same with recent study which took the data about rejection letters from senior high school, while the recent study took the data about personal letters from vocational high school students. This study, she only analysed the Ideational and Interpersonal meaning of students text, whereas she could analyse the realization of textual meaning on the rejection letter expressed by students. On the other hand, she conducted the study was different with other research that she is not only focused on metafunction analysis but also focused on generic structure of rejection letters. The result of the analysis, through MOOD System and Modality, shows that most of the students used declarative mood in the form of statements to give information, to answer questions, and to give acknowledgement responding the elicitation tool. They also used simple present finite to state the reasons of the rejection which are stated by the dominant subject which is the first person point of view "I". However, there are also some incomplete clauses found. In term of modality, they used low modality. The result of the analysis, through Transitivity system, shows that most of the students used relational process (attributive intensive) with the dominant participants named carrier and attribute. The characterized circumstantial element of the students' letters of rejection is circumstance of cause (reason). Letter of rejection is concluded as a genre since it provides generic structure as follows: saluting and naming, contextualizing, rejecting, wellwishing, ending and signing.

Other study related to recent study is from Basri (2018) entitled "*Metafunction Analysis of Descriptive Texts Produced by the Eighth Graders of Junior High School*". This research dealt with the interpersonal, ideational, and textual meanings found in the students 'descriptive texts. The object of the study was the descriptive texts written by eighth grade students of MTs Al – Huda

Kaliabu in academic year 2016/2017. The method of the study is discourse analysis which analyzed interpersonal, ideational, and textual meanings in the students' descriptive texts. Therefore, the data were analyzed by using descriptive qualitative analysis in which quantitative percentage scale data method were also used to provide deeper analysis. Actually, he used the method and the aproach are same with recent study. Meanwhile, he focused the text from Junior High School students. It is different with recent study that focus on more higher level students which is Vocational High School students. The result of the study showed three points of conclusion. Firstly, in term of interpersonal meaning which analyzed MOOD and modality shows that the most dominant mood types in their descriptive texts is declarative mood. The most dominant finite is finite simple present. The modal used by the students are in the middle degree of modality indicating probability in the clauses. Secondly, in term of ideational meaning which analyzed the Transitivity shows that the most frequent process found in students' descriptive texts is relational process accumulated from both attributive and also identifying process, it indicates the description related to the thing is described. Thirdly, in term of textual meanings which analyzed the Thematic structures shows that most of the the clauses used the unmarked ideational theme.

The next study from Anggraeni (2015) entitled "*The Realization of Experential Meanings in Students' Writing of Recounts*". This study are to explain the experiential meanings of participants, and circumstances element realized in the students' recounts. The data were taken from 20 students' recounts of writing at English Education Study Program of Unissula. The unit of analysis was a clause. The result of the study showed that the dominant element of participants are actor and goal; element of processes are material process; and elemnt of circumstances areplace and time. This study can be reference for recent study of how to analyze the realization ideational meanings of the data.

Then the study from Arimafrida (2016) entitled "Textual Meanings Realized in Students' Narrative Texts (A Case Study of the Eleventh Grade Students at SMA Negeri 1 Jepara in Academic Year 2014/2015)". This study investigates how textual meanings works in students' narrative texts for the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri 1 Jepara. The objectives of this study to analyze how the Theme-Rheme, cohesive devices, conjunctions, and lexicogrammatical of narrative texts are realized. The result shows that the most frequent analysis is topical analysis which 242 times appear. The cohesion devices analysis concerns about reference and lexical and field. The longest chain is 7 chains which mean it has 7 kinds of participants. The next is conjunction analysis which relates clauses in terms of temporal sequence, consequence, comparison, and addition; however, the mostly used is addictive. The last is lexicogrammatical analysis which refers to the word and structure of the texts. The analysis shows that past action mostly used in this analysis. This study she only focused on textual meaning in students' narrative texts. It is different with recent study which concern on interpersonal, ideational and textual meaning in students' descriptive texts. However, this study can be a reference for recent study how to analyze textual meaning in students' texts.

The next study from Setiawati (2016) entitled "Thematic Development on Students' Analytical Exposition Texts (A Case of the Fourth Semester Students in the Academic Year 2014/2015)". The object of this study is to examine to what extent the students develop their analytical exposition texts in terms of Thematic Development. Results show that unmarked Topical Theme and reiteration pattern are dominant on students' texts. This study can be a reference for recent study of how to analyze thematic structure in students' texts.

The study from Sayitno (2018) entitled "The Textual Metafunction on Students' Composition: Thematic Choices and Thematic Progression Pattern (A Study on Writing of the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Students of English Department Semarang State University in the Academic Year 2015/2016)". The object of the study is about 4<sup>th</sup> semester students' writing and they analyse textual meaning either. The results of the study show that unmarked topical Theme is frequently used in the compositions rather than marked one. It occurs since the compositions employ declarative mood which put subject as starting point, and only a few of them use adverbial or prepositional phrase as Theme. The study also shows that zigzag pattern is commonly used in relative clauses which replace the subject. This study can be a reference to another researcher who want to focus analysing textual meaning.

Then the study from Andaruli (2015) entitled "Interpersonal, Ideational, and Textual Meanings Found in Students' Recount Texts (A Case Study at Eighth Grade Students of SMP 2 Kudus in the Academic Year of 2014/2015)". In this study, the data were analyzed by using descriptive qualitative analysis. The result of the study showed that in term of interpersonal meanings which analyzed MOOD and modality analysis showed that all of the students used declarative mood types in their recount texts, used finite simple past in their recount texts and also used nouns as the subject of the clause that were categorized in subject "Others" in the analysis. Then, in term of ideational meaning analysis which analyzed the Transitivity analysis showed that the dominant process which mostly occurred in the data analysis was material process and circumstance of location. The last, in term of textual meanings which analyzed the Thematic structures analysis showed that the clauses mostly used ideational theme. And the researcher found that the dominant ideational theme. This study is almost same with recent study which talk about metafunction realization in students text, but the different is the genre of the text which this study discuss about recont texts whereas recent study talk about descriptive texts.

The next study from Kusumawati (2010) entitled "Meanings Realized in Written Recount Texts Developed by Students of the First Grade of SMA Negeri 1 Batang". The method of her study is qualitative. She used references such as: books and theory were used to support data in the analysis. In analyzing the field of discource through ideational meaning, the writer found the most common process appear in the writing texts are material and relational processes. This indicates that most of the texts are explanations. In analyzing the field of discource through interpersonal meaning, declarative Moods are dominant in the texts. It indicates that the text aims at giving information. In analyzing the field of discource through textual meaning, she found that unmarked themes are dominant in the texts. This study is expected to be a reference for recent study, because the focus of this study is same which analyze metafunction meaning in students text.

Then the study from Sipayung (2016) entitled "Metafunction Realization on Students' Descriptive Paragraphs". This research used descriptive qualitative approach with content and interview analysis as a technique. Descriptive textss which is written by students are the source data in his research. He found that most students conveyed the experential meaning by using relational processes; then for interpersonal meaning showed that descriptive mostly dominated with declarative form; next for textual meaning, a half of students used rethorical development. In this study, every meaning, he only analyzed one part, for example, interpersonal meaning only analyzed mood types, ideational meaning only analyzed the processes, textual meaning only analyzed thematic development. But, in technique to find students' meaning, he did not only analyze the content but also analyze the result of interview.

Considering those previous studies, systemic functional linguistic can be used to analyse written and spoken. To analyse written text we can analyse the text from its constituent used in the text, on the other hand, to analyse spoken text we have to record the text then the result will be transcribed. At present, I will conduct the same topic of metafunctions analysis of meanings about interpersonal, ideational and textual with different field in personal letter by tenth grade of vocational high school students. I am supposed to those previous study can help me to conduct this study.

### 2.2 Review of Theoretical Background

Review of theoretical background shows about the theory from the experts which related and applied to guide this study. Before conducting this research, theoretical studies are needed as evidence to support the validity of the analysis. It is started by discussing language, context and text, grammar, systemic functional language, metafunction, interpersonal meaning, ideational meaning, textual meaning, descriptive text, and personal letter.

#### 2.2.1 Systemic Functional Linguistics

When using language, We use both spoken nad written texts to achieve different goals or social purposes. The different functions of language relate to particular areas of the language system. The language system is a network of grammatical and lexical choices which can be seen as a resource for making meaning. Based on Halliday in Butt et.al(15:1995) "A way of describing lexical and grammatical choices from the systems of wording is Systemic Functional Language". Functional grammar does not only focus on the structure of language, but also how those structures construct meaning. Here are the difference between traditional or formal grammars and functional grammar.

Traditional and formal grammars would analyse the clause as follows:

Time	flies	like an arrow
noun	verb	prepositional phrase
Tim	told	of a tragic case

Systemic-functional grammar which labels elements of the clause in terms of the function each is playing in that clause rather than by word class.

Time	flies	like an arrow
Participant:	Process:	Circumstance:
Actor	Material	Manner
Tim	told	of a tragic case
Participant:	Process:	Circumstance:
Sayer	Verbal	Matter

To sum up the main differences in perspective among the above three grammars, the following table is presented

(Gerot and Wighen, 1994, p.7)			
Angle	Formal And Traditional	Functional Grammar	
	Grammar		
Primary concern	How is (should) this	How are the meanings	
	sentence be structured?	of this text realized?	
Unit of analysis	Sentence	Whole texts	
Language level of	Syntax	Semantics	
concern			
Language	= a set of rules for sentence construction	= a source for meaning making	
	= something we know	= something we do	

Table 2.1 Functional, Traditional and Formal Grammar (Gerot and Wignell, 1994, p.7)

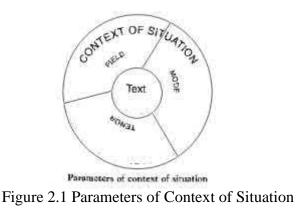
### 2.2.2 Language, Text and Context

One always needs company in his life, which we can call as social human. Human need to cooperate each other to provide and fulfill his necesities of life. To achieve his purpose, they need a means of communication which is called 'language'. According to Halliday, "Language is a resource for making meaning".

Human is vary in how they use language in the context of human cultural practice. People use language to deliver what meanings they want to say to others. A good place to start is to say more precisely what functional linguists mean by text. According to Halliday and Hasan in Butt et al (1995:11), "A text is a piece of language in use; that is, 'language that is functional' ". The important thing is the text as a harmonious collection of meanings appropriate to its context. A text can be spoken or written. Literally, a text occurs in two contexts, they are context of culture and context of situation.

"The context of culture is sometimes described as the sum of all the meanings it is possible to mean in that particular culture" (Butt et all:1995). People understand the language based on their culture background. It means that people from different culture can make different interpretation in understanding the meaning. Talk about culture, context of culture can be defined as genre. According to Butt et al (1995), "A genre can be defined as a set of texts share the same purpose that will often share the same obligatory and optional structural elements." There are many genres in text, those are narrative, explanation, report, recount, descriptive, procedure, etc. Within the context of culture, speakers and writers use language in any more specific contexts or situation.

Context of situation is a useful term to cover the things going on in the world outside the text which make the text what it is (Butt et all:1995). Context of situation can be specified through use of the register variables: field, tenor and mode. We see this represented visually in Figure 2.2 below :



#### (Butt et al 1995:11)

In very general terms, definition of field, tenor, and mode in the following way:

Field : what is the topic that is talked;

Tenor : the relationship between the speaker and addressee

Mode : the kind of text that is being made.

## 2.2.3 Metafunctions

Halliday in But et al (1995) states that there are three main functions of language.

These are:

- 1. To talk about what is happening, what will happen, and what has happened;
- 2. To interact (or to do things with language) and/or to express a point of view;
- 3. To turn the output of the previous two functions into a coherent whole.

Halliday calls these main functions metafunctions. Those function not only relates to text, but also to the language itself. The language we use in spoken and written text types serves a number of functions simutaneously. Halliday in Droga and Humphrey (2003:1) describes these function as:

1. The experiential function-the way we use language to represent our experience of the world

- 2. The interpersonal function-the way we use language to interact with others
- 3. The textual function-the way we use language to create well organised and cohesive texts, both spoken and written.

These three headings – clause as a message, clause as an exchange, and clause as a representation – refer to three distinct kinds of meaning that are embodied in the structure of a clause. A configuration of this kind is what is referred to in functional grammars as a structure.

Metafunction	Clause as	System	Structure
Textual	Message	Theme	Theme & Rheme
Interpersonal	Exchange	Mood	Mood (Subject +
			Finite) + Reside
			(Predicator +
			Complement +
			Adjunct)
Experential	representation	Transitivity	Process +
_	_		participant(s) (+
			circumstances)

(Adapted from Halliday:2014, p. 83)

# 2.2.4 Interpersonal Meaning

The way we use language to interact and to negotiate relationships to each other we need the function of interpersonal meaning. Droga and Humphrey (2003) state that Interpersonal resources are concerned with how we:

- 1. Structure clauses for different types of interactions
- 2. Take particular positions (strong, weak or middle) in our interactions
- 3. Evaluate phenomena for the purposes of entertaining or persuading.

Butt et al (1995:64) state that Interpersonal meanings are devided into two areas, they are: one concerns the type of interaction which is taking place and the kind of commodity which is being exchanged. One of the basic concerns the type of interaction; that is, the distinction between using language to exchange information and using it to exchange goods and services. Second basic concerns is the kind of commodity which is being exchanged; that is, the distinction between using language to demand and give information. These two variables define the four primary speech functions of offer, command, statement and question.

Table 2.2 Interpersonal Meaning Speech Roles

	Commodity exhanged	
role in exchange	(a) goods & services	(b) information
(i) giving	'offer'	'statement'
(ii) demanding	'command'	'question'

Actually, the addressee has some discretion as the following table (Halliday: 2014, p. 137):

		Initiation	Response	
			Expected	discretionary
Give	goods &	Offer	Acceptance	Rejection
Demand	services	Command	Undertaking	Refusal
Give	Information	Statement	Acknowledgement	Contradiction
Demand		question	Answer	disclaimer

Table 2.3 Descretion of the addressee

The analysis of Interpersonal meanings are realized in wording through system of mood element and residue element. The function of MOOD element is to carry the argument. The MOOD element consists of subject, and finite; in addition, The RESIDUE element which can be left out or ellipsed consists of predicator, complement, and adjuncts (Eggins, 1994:154-169).

## 2.2.5 Mood Element

According to butt et al (1995, p.69) that The Mood is the name given the Subject and Finite plus the polarity. The way how the mood works will be showed the illustration of speech function and typical mood structure by Eggins (1994:153) below:

SPEECH FUNCTION	TYPICAL MOOD IN CLAUSE
Statement	Declarative MOOD
Question	Interrogative MOOD
Command	Imperative MOOD
Offer	Modulated Interrogative MOOD
Answer	Elliptical Declarative MOOD
Acknowledgement	Elliptical Declarative MOOD
Accept	Minor Clause
Compliance	Minor Clause

Table 2.4 Speech function and typical mood structure

To check a message for its Mood is by adding a brief check which is called Mood Tag. The elements that get picked up in the tag are the MOOD constituent. For example: Jack Sprat could eat no fat, we add a tag: could he?

Eggins (1994) states that there are three main elements to the MOOD constituent:

An expression of polarity; either YES (positive polarity) or NO (negative polarity)

### 2. A nominal-type element, which call the SUBJECT

## 3. A verbal-type element, which call the FINITE

Because of endangering argument, polarity was ellipsed. Nowadays, MOOD constituent only two components: The Subject is the whole nominal group referenced by the pronoun; while the Finite is part of the verbal group. Example of Mood element :

Ι	didn't	
Michael	did	
Subject	Finite	
Mood		

## 2.2.5.1 Subject

Halliday and Matthiessen in Eggins (1994) offered that Subject is the thing by to which the proposition can be affirmed or denied. It provides the person or thing in whom is vested the success or failure of the proposition. identifying the Subject can be achieved by the tag test, which is the element that consist of pronoun in the clause. Example of subject in the clause:

Joe reads 'Discourse Analysis' book, doesn't he?

Subject
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## 2.2.5.2 Finite

The second element of MOOD is Finite and tag rest will show it. The Finite is that part of the verbal group which encodes primary tense or the speaker's opinion. "So the Finite can be a sign of TIME in relation to the speaker, or a MODAL sign of the speaker's opinion" (Butt et all:1995 p.67). According to Halliday and Matthiessen in Eggins(2004), the Finite is identified as follows:

- 1. Temporal Finite Verbal Operators: these word is aimed to time. E.g: present, past, or future.
- Finite Modal Operators: these words anchor the preposition by reference to Modality.

Example of Finite in the clause:

It	was	Bob
Suject	Finite	

According to Halliday (2014:140), "The Finite element is one of the small number of verbal operators expressing tense, modality and polarity". Expressing tense means that The Finite shows when the event occur. Modality shows the speaker's judgement of the probabilities or the obligations involved what he or she is saying. Polarity is positive or negative of proposition. Here is the following table of finite verbal and modal operators :

Table 2.5 Finite Verbal and Modal Operators

(Adapted from Halliday, p.145)
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Temporal operators				
	Past	Present	Future	
positive	did, was, had, used	does, is, have	will, shall, would,	
	to		should	
negative	Didn't, wasn't,	Doesn't,	Won't, shan't,	
	hadn't, didn't,	isn't,hasn't	wouldn't,	
	used to		shouldn't	
Modal operator				
	Low	Median	High	

Positive	can, may, could,	will, would,	must, ought to,
	might	should, is/was to	need, has/had to
negative	needn't, doesn't/didn't + need to, have to	Won't, wouldn't, shouldn't, (isn't/wasn't to)	Mustn't, oughtn't to,can't, couldn't, (mayn't, mightn't, hasn't/hadn't to)

## 2.2.5.3 Modality

Modality expresses strong, medium or weak positions and offer the choices between a definite 'yes' and a definite 'no' (Droga and Humphrey: 2003, p. 89). Speaker or writer have choices to express modality. They may use strong, weak or medium position and express this position in more or less direct ways. The following table shows the structures can be expressed different positions by writer or speaker.

**High Modality** Medium Low Modality **Modality** Modal Verbs Must, ought to, need, Will, would, Can, may, could, (auxiliaries) has to, had to should, is to, was might to, supposed to Modal adverbials Probably, usually, Possibly, perhaps, Certainly, definitely, always, never, generally, likely maybe, sometimes absolutely, surely, in fact Probable, usual Possible Modal adjectivals Certain, definite, absolute, necessary, obligatory Certainty, necessity, probability Possibility Modal nouns requirement, obligation Modal clauses and I believe (that).... I think (that)... I guess (that)... phrases It is obvious (that)... In my opinion, (interpersonal Everyone knows It's likely (that)... It isn't likely metaphors) (that)...

Table 2.6 The structures can be expressed by writer or speaker(Adapted from Droga and Humphrey: 2003, p. 61)

## 2.2.6 Residue

After talking about MOOD elements, the writer turn to discuss about Residue. Residue is the component of the clause which is somehow less essential to the arguability of the clause than is the MOOD component. The Residue consists of functional elements of three kinds : predicator, complement(s), and adjunct(s).

2.2.6.1 Predicator

The Predicator is realized by a verbal group minus the temporal or modal operator, which have seen functions as Finite in the Mood element. (Halliday : 2014, p.151). There are also non-finite ('to'+verb and verb-'ing') clauses containing a Predicator but no Finite element, for examples :

So as **to give** Henry more room

Predicator	Complement	Complement
	Residue	

Giving Henry more room

Predicator	Complement	Complement
Residue		

In addition, based on Eggins (2004:155) states that The Predicator is content part of the verbal group to give the actual event, action or process being discussed. Halliday and Matthiessen in Eggins (2004, p.156) points out that the Predicator has three other functions in the clause:

- 1. It adds time meaning through expressing a secondary tense.
- 2. It species aspects and phrases: meanings such as trying, helping.
- 3. It specifies the voice of the clause. For example: active or passive

Halliday (2014:153) claims that there are two verbs in English which is simple past and simple present tense appear as Finite only, without being fused with a distinct element as Predicator. These are 'be' and 'have'.

### 2.2.6.2 Complement

A Complement is an element of the Residue that has similarity of being Subject but it is not. People who analyze the clause without have enough knowledge of theory about functional grammar will be confused in differentiating between Subject and Complement. It is identified as Complement can be Subject through the process of making clause passive. Example of Compelement:

His first car Henry Ford

in his his backyard.

Complement	Subject	Fin	Pred	Adjunct
	Mood			
		Res	idue	
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built

(Adapted from Gerot and Wignell:1994, p.33)

Henry James wrote 'The Bostonians'

Subject	Fin	Pred	Complement
Mood		R	esidue

(Adapted from Eggins:2004, p.157)

#### 2.2.6.3 Adjunct

The final constituents that writer discuss is about Adjunct. Adjunct is clause elements which contribute some additional information to the clause. This elements do not have the potential to become Subject because the elements are not nominal elements, but are adverbial, or prepositional. Adjuncts can be devided into three broad classes, they are: ideational/ circumstantial adjuncts, interpersonal/modal adjuncts, and textual adjuncts.

### 2.2.6.3.1 Ideational meaning: Circumstantial Adjuncts

By expressing some circumstance relating to the process, Circumstantial Adjuncts add ideational content to the clause. Circumstancial meanings may refer to time (probed with *when*), place (*where*), cause (*why*), matter (about *what*), accompaniment (with *whom*), beneficiary (to *whom*), agent (by *whom*). Circumstantial Adjuncts are usually expressed by either prepositional phrases or by an adverb of time, manner, place, etc (Eggins: 2004, p.159).

## 2.2.6.3.2 Interpersonal meaning: Modal Adjuncts

Modal Adjuncts are clause constituents which add interpersonal meaning to the clause (Eggins:2004, p. 160). There are four main types of Modal Adjunct: Mood Adjuncts, Polarity Adjuncts, Comment Adjuncts, Vocative Adjuncts. Here are the brief dicussion about each sub-class of Modal Adjunct:

#### 2.2.6.3.2.1 Mood Adjunct

Mood Adjuncts express interpersonal meanings and do fall within MOOD structure, more particularly with MOOD element. MOOD Adjuncts relate specifically to the meaning of the finite verbal operators, expressing probability, usuality, obligation, inclination (Gerot and Wignell :1994, p.35).

1. Adjuncts of polarity and modality:

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a) Polarity	: not, yes, no, so
b)Probability	: probably, possibly, certainty, perhaps, maybe
c) Usually	: usually, sometimes, always, never, ever, seldom, rarely
d)Readiness	: willingly, readily, gladly, certainly, easily
e) Obligation	: definitely, absolutely, possibly, at all cost, by all means

- 2. Adjuncts of temporality:
  - a) Time : yet, still, already, once, soon, just
  - b) Typically :occasionally, generally, regularly, mainly
- 3. Adjuncts of mood:
  - a) Obviousness : of course, surely, obviously, clearly
  - b) Intensity : just, simply, merely, only, even, actually, really
  - c) Degree : quite, almost, nearly, scarcely, hardly, absolutely, totally, utterly, entirely, completely
- 2.2.6.3.2.2 Polarity Adjunct

According to Eggins (2004:161), Polarity which is *Yes* and *No*, and their common conversational alternatives (*yea, yep, na, nope*, etc.) may function in two different ways:

- 1. As Polarity Adjuncts: when YES or NO are standing in for an ellipsed clause.
- 2. As Textual Adjuncts: when YES or NO occur in unstressed initial position.

2.2.6.3.2.3 Comment Adjuncts

According to Eggins (2004:161), Comment Adjuncts function to express an adjudgment about the clause as a whole. Halliday in Eggins (2004:161) identifies the following expressed by comment Adjuncts:

- 1. Admission : frankly
- 2. Assertion : honestly, really
- 3. How desirable : *luckily*, *hopefully*
- 4. How constant : *tentavely*, *provisionally*
- 5. How valid : broadly speaking, generally

#### 6. How sensible : *understandably*, *wisely*

7. How expected : as expected, amazingly

### 2.2.6.3.2.4 Vocative Adjuncts

Vocative Adjuncts function to control the discourse by designating a likely 'next speaker'. They are identifiable as names, where the names are not functioning as Subject or Complement, but are used to directly address the person named (Eggins:2004, p. 162).

## 2.2.6.3.3Textual Meaning: Textual Adjuncts

Textual Adjunct consists of two types: Conjunctive Adjuncts and Continuity Adjuncts. The Conjunctive type, expressed by cohesive conjunctions which is to provide linking relations between sentence to another. They express the logical meanings of elaboration, extension, and enhancement (Eggins:2004, p. 162) Conjunctive Adjuncts include items such as *however*, *moreover*, *nevertheless*, *in other words*, *for instance, anyway, meanwhile, therefore*. On the other hand, The Continuity Adjuncts is the adjunct that includes the continuative and continuity items, particularly frequent incasual atls, such as *well*, *yea*,*oh*. Continuity Adjuncts merely signal that the speaker will be saying more.

### 2.2.7 Ideational Meanings

Ideational meanings are meanings to encode experience of the world and to convey a picture of reality (Butt et al 1995:42). Ideational meanings also called Experential meanings. In these meanings, we can look at a clause is in relation to how using language to represent knowledge of the world and making sense of experiences. Based on Droga and Humphrey (2003:29), Experential meanings are concerned with how we name and describe:

- 1. What is going on (events, activities, behaviours or states of being)
- 2. Who or what is involved (people, places, things, concepts, etc.)
- 3. The circumstances surrounding these events (where, when, how, with what, etc.)

When looking at the experential metafunction, we are looking at the grammar of the clause as *representation*. This clause is not just a giving of information; it is a giving of information about something, for example, giving information in a certain place, some group of people perform an action of an object to someone who benefits. The major system of grammatical choice involved in this kind of meaning is TRANSITIVITY. Through the system of TRANSITIVITY, we shall be exploring the clause in three components:

- (i) a process unfokling through time
- (ii) the participants involved in the process
- (iii) circumstances associated withthe process

Three semantic categories which explain the way phenomena of the real world are represented as linguistic structures. These are: *Circumstances, Processes, Participants*. The following figure shows patterns of experience in the clause

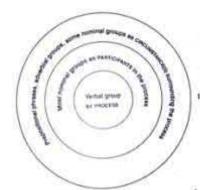


Figure 2.2 patterns of experience in the clause (Adapted from Butt et al: 1995, p.42)

## 2.2.8 Circumstances

Circumstances function to illuminate the Process in some way. They may locate the Process in time or space, suggest how the Process occurs, or offer information about the clause of the Process. (Butt et all: 1995, p.56). In other words, Halliday (2014) states that a circumstancial element itself, a process that has become parasitic on another process. Halliday devides the types of circumstantial element into nine elements. They are: Extent, Location, Manner, Cause, Contingency, Accompaniment, Role, Matter, Angle.

### 1. Extent

Extent construes the extent of the unfolding of the process in space-time: the distance in space over which the process unfolds or the duration in time during which the process unfolds. The interrogative forms for Extent are *how far?*, *how long?*, *how many?*, *how many times?* 

2. Location

Location construes the location of the unfolding of the process in space-time: the place where it unfolds or the time when it unfolds. The general interrogatives of Location are *where?*, *when?*.

#### 3. Manner

The circumstantial element of Manner construes the way inwhich the process is actualized. Manner comprises four subcategories: Means, Quality, Comparison, Degree.

- *a)* Means refers to the means whereby a process takes place; it is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with the preposition *by* or *with*. The interrogative forms are *how?* and *what with?*
- b) Quality is typically expressed by an adverbial group, with *-ly* adverb as Head; the interrogative is *how*? or *how...*? plus appropriate adverb. Less commonly, Quality is realized by a prepositional phrase. The general type is one where the preposition is *in* or *with* and the Head/Thing of the nominal group is the name of "manner" either *manner* or *way*, or of a qualitative dimension such as *speed, tone, skill, ease, difficulty, term*; but phrasal expression of Quality also include more specific types, such as specifications of the manner of movement.
- c) Comparison is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with *like* or *unlike*, or an adverbial group of similarity or difference. The interrogative is *what... like*?
- d) Degree is typically expressed by an adverbial group with a general indication of degree such as *much*, *a good deal*, *a lot*, *or* with a collocationally restricted adverb of degree such as *deeply*, *profoundly*, *completely*, *heavily*, *badly*.

#### 4. Cause

The circumstantial element of Cause construes the reason why the process is actualized. It includes not only Reason in the narrow sense of existing conditions leading to the actalization of the process, but also Purpose in the sense of intended conditions for which the process is actualized. Cause thus comprises three subcategories: Reason, Purpose, Behalf.

- *a)* Reason Circumstantials represent the reason for which a process takes place what causes it; they have the sense of 'because'. It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with *through, from, for* or a complex preposition such as *because of, as a result of, thanks to, due to*; also the negative for *want of.*
- b) Purpose Circumstantials represent the purpose for which an action takes place
  the intention behind it; they have the sense of 'in order that'. They are expressed by a prepositional phrase with *for* or with a complex preposition such as *in the hope of, for the purpose of, for the sake of*.
- c) Behalf represent the entity, typically a person, on whose behalf or for whose sake the action is undertaken – who it is for. They are expressed by a prepositional phrase with *for* or with a complex preposition such as *for the sake of, in favour of, on behalf of.*
- 5. Contingency

Circumstances of Contingency specify an element on which the actualization of the process depends. There are three subtypes; Condition, Concession, Default.

*a)* Condition construe circumstances that have to obtain in order for the process to be actualized; they have the sense of 'if'. They are expressed by

prepositional phrases with complex prepositions *in case of, in the event of, on condition of.* 

- *b)* Concession constue frustrated cause, with sens of 'although'; they are expressed by prepositional phrases with the prepositions *despite*, *notwithstanding* or the complex prepositions *in spite of* or *regardless of*.
- c) Default have the sense of negative condition 'if not, unless'; they are expressed by prepositional phrases with the complex prepositions *in the absence of, in default of*; e.g.
- 6. Accompaniment

Accompaniement is a form of joint participation in the process and represents the meaings 'and', 'or', 'not' as circumstantials; it corresponds to the interrogatives *and who/what else?, but not who/what?*. It is expressed by prepositional phrases with prepositions such as *with, without, besides, instead of.* 

7. Role

Role construes the meanings 'be' and 'become' circumstantially; the Role correspond to the Attribute or Value of an 'intensive relational' clause. Role includes the subcategories of Guise ('be') and Product ('become').

8. Matter

Matter is realted to verbal processes, it is the circumstantial quivalent of the Verbiage, 'that which is decribed, referred to, narrated, etc.'. The interrogative is what about?. Matter is expressed by prepositions such as *about, concerning, with reference to*.

#### 9. Angle

Angle is related either the Sayer of a 'verbal;' clause, with the sense of 'as...says' or to the Senser of a 'mental' clause, with the sense of 'as...thinks'. It is expressed by prepositions such as *according to, in the words of, as in the view/opinon of, from the standpoint of*.

#### 2.2.9 Participants and Processes

Participant can be described in terms of various participant roles such as ACTOR, AGENT, GOAL, CARRIER, SAYER. Processes are central to TRANSITIVITY. Participants and Circumstances are incumbent upon the doings, happenings, feelings and beings. This suggests that there are different kinds of goings on, which necessarily involve different kinds of Participants in varying Circumstances According to Butt et al (1995:46), "A process is realised in the grammar by means of a verbal group, which is either one word, belonging to the class verb, or a group of words with a class verb word as the head or nucleus of the group." The processes have the type that is devided into three basic groups :

- a) Processes that describe what is happening or being done in the external, material world, often known as MATERIAL PROCESSES;
- b) Processes which simply describe relationships, known as RELATIONAL PROCESSES;
- c) Processes which the inner world by speech or thought, known as PROJECTING PROCESSES.

In material process, one Participant, functioning as an Actor or Agent, typically does something, often with an effect on another Participant, the Goal. In relational process, one Participant is related to its Identity, an Attribute or to a Circumstances. In projecting process, the participant roles are a Sayer or Senser, and the words or thoughts they project.

Halliday in Gerot and Wignell (1994:54) states that there are indeed seven different Process types identified:

### Table 2.7 Process Types

(Adapted from Halliday Gerot and Wignel 1994:54)

Material	doing	bodily, physically, materially
Behavioural	behaving	Physiologically and psychologically
Mental	sensing	Emotionally, intelectually, sensory
Verbal	saying	Lingually, signalling
Relational	being	Equal to, or some attribute of
Existential	existing	There exists
Meteorological	weathering	

Process types can be realised by verbs. According to lists above, verbs are not doing words anymore, but rather express of being or having. We will look the detail of process types below.

## 2.2.9.1 Material Processes

According to Eggins (2004:215), Material Processes are Processes that describing doing, usually concrete, tangible actions. They express the notion that some entity physically does something-which may be done to some other entity. Clauses with a Material Process obligatorily have a doing (Process) and a doer (Participant). The entity who or which does something is the *Actor*. Example:

Adri kicked the dog

Actor Material Goal

Based on Butt et al (1995:47) Material processes are about doing: they could answer the question 'What did X do?' or 'What happened to X?' The main participant is an Actor or Agent, and there may be a Goal as well.

Example of material processes with just an Actor:

John	ate
Participant:Actor	Process:Material

Example of material processes with an Actor and a Goal:

John	read	Final project
Participant: Actor	Process:	Circ: Goal
	Material	

2.2.9.2 Mental Processes

Mental Processes which encode meanings of thinking or feeling mental (Eggins:2004, p.225). Mental Processes are mental, cover kinds goings-on. And the Participant involved in Mental Processes is not so much acting or acting upon in a doing sense, as sensing-having feelings, perceiving or thinking. The Participant roles in Mental Processes are *Senser* and *Phenomenon*. The Senser is by definition a conscious being, for only those who are conscious can feel, think or see. The Phenomenon is that which is sensed: felt, thought or seen.

Example :

Boy	doesn't like	Juice
Participant:	Process:	Participant:
Senser	Mental	Phenomenon

#### 2.2.9.3 Behavioural Processes

Behavioural Processes are Processes that realize are mid-way between materials on the one hand and mentals on the other. They are in part about action, but it is action that has to be experienced by a conscious being. Behaviourals are typically processes of physiological and psychological behaviour (Eggins:2004, p.233). The Participant roles in Behavioural Processes is *Behaver*. Like a Senser, the Behaver is a conscious being. But the Process is one of doing, not sensing. The element that specifies the scope or domain of the Process is *Range*. In Behavioural Processes, Range names the behaviour enacted. Example:

Jane	Took	a nap
Participant:	Process:	Participant:
Behaver	Behavioural	Range
Jane	listened	carefully
Participant:	Process:	Circumstance

Behavioural

#### 2.2.9.4 Verbal Processes

Behaver

Verbal Processes are processes of verbal action; saying and all its many synonyms, including symbolic exchanges of meaning.. Very often these are realised by three distinct participants:

- 1. Receiver : the one to whom the verbalisation is addressed
- 2. Target : one acted upon verbally (insulted, complimented, etc)

: Quality

3. Range/Verbiage: a name for the verbalisation itself.

Example:

Jane	told	John	a rude joke
Participant:	Process:	Participant:	Circumstance:
Sayer	Verbal	Receiver	Verbiage

#### 2.2.9.5 Relational Processes

Relational Processes covers the many different ways in which being can be expected in English clauses. They can be classified according to whether they are being used to identify something or to assign a quality to something. Processes which establish an identity are called *Identifying Processes* and Processes which assign a quality are called *Attributive Processes*. In Attributives these are *Carrier* and *Attribute*. In Identifying Processes the Participant roles are *Token* and *Value*. The difference between Attributives and Identifying is that Identifying Processes are reversible.

Example of Identifying Processes:

Barry Tuckwell	may be	The finest living horn player
Participant:	Process:	Participant:
Token	Identifying	Value

Example of Attributive Processes:

William	Has	a big house
Participant:	Process:	Participant:
Carrier	Attributive	Attribute

2.2.9.6 Existential Processes

Existential Processes are processes that is being said to exist is labelled, simply, Existent (Halliday:2014 ,p.309). 'There' has no representational function; it is required because of the need for a Subject in English. Existential Processes are expressed by verbs of existing: 'be', 'exist', 'arise'. Example:

There	are	two book	on the table
	Participant:	Process:	Circ:
	Existential	Existent	Place

#### 2.2.9.7 Meteorological Processes

Meteorological Processes is a special category of processes to do with the weather. (Halliday:2014, p.309). The examples of Meteorological Processes are:

- It's hot
- It's windy
- It's five o'clock

## Meteorological

The 'it' has no representational function, but does provide a Subject.

## 2.2.10 Textual Meaning

Another function of language is to deliver meanings into a coherent and cohesive whole. The way to use language to organise the information in a text and make connections across a text is known as the textual functions of language (Droga and Humprey:2003, p.85). Textual resources are concerned with :

- a) The organisation of information and ideas at both text and clause level.
- b) The different types of cohesive links and connections that can be made across a text.

According to Butt et al (1994:91) English speakers and writers use the first position in clause to signal to their audience what the message is about. The first position in a clause contains *textual meanings* because it signposts the development of text. To analyse and discuss textual meanings we need a simple and distinct metalanguage called the first element THEME and the rest of the clause RHEME.

## 2.2.10.1 Theme

Theme is the 'starting point' for a text, paragraph or clause (Droga and Humprey:2003, p.89). Theme operates at a variety of levels and plays an important role in orienting readers (and listeners) to how the topic is being developed. For example, text previews function as the starting point or theme of a whole text, and orient the reader to the paragraph previews that are to follow. Individual clauses also have a starting point or theme. The choice and patterning of clause level themes across a paragraph or text help organise meaning and structure text in different ways. The theme of clause can be expressed by different grammatical elements, depending on the purpose of the text and its focus. There are three main types of theme: Experiential Themes, Interpersonal Themes and Textual Themes.

## 2.2.10.1.1 Experiential Themes

One major functions of theme is to establish a clear focus on topic or content. In experiential meaning, this focus will be vary according to whether the theme is a noun group, a verb or an adverbial.

- a) When a clause starts with *a noun group*, it highlights the names of the people, place, things orconcepts that writer wants to be focus.
- b) When a clause starts with *verb group*, it takes on the form of a command. In these clauses, the starting point is the specific action or behaviour that is important to achieving a goal.
- c) When a clause starts with an *adverbial group*, the circumstances relating to the topic, such as time, manner, place, etc.

According to Butt et al (1994:92) where the experiences in the clause begin, this first element is known as the TOPICAL THEME. According to Halliday (2014:98) Subject is the unmarked case of the Topical theme, on the other hand, A Theme that is something other than the Subject, refer to as a marked theme.

Example of Experential Theme:

Jane go climbing

On Sunday my father will go Amsterdam

Topical	Rheme
Theme	

## 2.2.10.1.2 Interpersonal Themes

Interpersonal Themes begin clauses with interpersonal meanings that is indicating the kind of interaction between speakers and addresee (Butt et al : 1994, p.94). The most common interpersonal Theme is the Finite in interrogative clauses where it precedes the Subject and immediately signals that the speaker is demanding information. Initial *vocatives, and Mood and Comment Adjuncts* can also function as interpersonal Themes. Example of Interpersonal Themes:

Could we have some bread?

Frankly,	Ι	thought we have a problem.
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Interpersonal	topical	
Theme		Rheme

# 2.2.10.1.3 Textual Themes

Droga and Humprey (2003:93) state that textual themes can use the beginning of a clause to give signal of relationship between ideas and connections between parts

of a text. Textual themes may express relationships to do with cause/effect,time and sequence, condition, concession etc. The two types of textual theme are text connective and conjunctions.

**Text connectives** help structure a text by linking sentences and paragraphs in a logical way. For example: *as a result, moreover, therefore, finally, conclusion, nevertheless.* 

**Conjunctions** join clauses within a sentence and always appear at the beginning of the clause. They tell us how one clause is linked to another by expressing the relationship between ideas. For example: *because, when, but, if.* 

**Continuatives** are a small set of items which, if tehy are there, are always at the beginning of the clause and signal that a new move is beginning. For example: *well, right, OK, now, anyway, of course*.

Example of Textual Themes:

Nevertheless this book is not recomended

Well, we do this assignment.

Interpersonal	Topical	
Theme		Rheme

### 2.2.10.2 Rheme

The definition of the Rheme is that is the part of the clause which the Theme is developed (Eggins:2004, p.300). The Rheme typically contains unfamiliar, or 'new' information. The identification criteria for the Rheme are simple; everything that is not the Theme is the Rheme.

### 2.2.11 Descriptive Text

Descriptive text is a text to describe a particular person, place or thing (Gerot and Wignell:1994, p.208). From that definition, I can conclude that descriptive text is a piece of writing that is purposed to convey meaning to readers through descibe something or object (living or non-living) clearly.

Descriptive text is one genre in writing. "Genre is a term for grouping texts together, representing how writers typically use language to respond to recurring situations" (Hyland:2008).

Furthermore, Jolly (1984:470) in Siburian (2013:3) asserts there are five types of descriptive writing paragraph. They are:

- a. Describing Process, explains why it was done and what was needed to complete the process.
- b. Describing an event, to describe an event, a writer should be able to memorize and remember what happened in the event.
- c. Describing a personality, to describe people occurs fairly areas of physical attribute, moral attribute, and intellectual.
- d. Describing a place, presenting something concrete was the way to describe place.
- e. Describing an object, to describe an object accurately was done by providing the physical characteristics of the object.

Based on Pardiyono (2007:34) desciptive paragraph maintain that three parts, they are (1) communicative purpose, that was to describe an object (human and non-human), (2) rhetorical structure, there are two parts of rhetorical structure

a) identification, that was statement that consist of one topic to describe; b) description, that was consist of the detail description about object that identify in identification, and 3) grammatical patterns, it was needed to understand that in descriptive paragraph, declarative sentence was used and using present forms.

## 2.2.12 Personal Letter

This study explains about students' descriptive texts in the form of personal letter. Letter itself is a statement, that is written one piece of paper or more to express information to other. It has function as a written form communication, documentation, safety information. Based on Adlan Ali and Tanzii (2006) "Letter is a piece of paper or more that used as a communication tool to deliver the statement or information in written form, from one person to another." Furthermore, Personal Letter is a way to send message in written form (Rizal:2003). Personal letters have many kind of types, they are written for variety of the reasons.

Personal letters include in type of friendly letter, because it containts of feeling expression, private things, and important things to communicate and keep in touch with a small number of people. So, personal letter is used in personal relationship.

As written communication way, letter consists of several parts. Generally, the main part of letter consists of heading, the salutation, the body of letter, the complimentary close and the signature.

 Heading, is put at the right or the left side of paper. It is includes the address, the date line. 3. The body of letter

The body of letter consists of :

- Opening paragraph
- Content paragraph
- Closing paragraph
- 4. The complementary closing
- 5. The signature

The example of personal letter can be seen as follow

To : Alia

JL Kenanga 18

Jakarta

Hello, Alia! Let me introduce myself. My name is Hannah. I know your name from my friend, Caroline. She told me that you sent her an email telling her that you would like to have more **pen pals** from the US. I'd really like to be your E-pal. You **sound really cool!** 

I guess I'd better tell you something about myself first. I'm 16 years old and I attend Thomas Edison High School here in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. I have two brothers and two half sisters and I'm the middle child. My father died a few years ago so my mother runs the house and the family business. My father was a barista.

I have lots of hobbies. I like music – mostly classical music and folk music – but I don't play an instrument. I like sports, especially tennis and basketball. At school I'm in the basketball team and I spend most of my extra-curricular time playing basket ball. I'm into animals very much. My sister and I have three dogs. They need lots of attention as you can imagine. My favorite subjects at school are art and geography. I think I'd like to become a park ranger when I graduate, perhaps work for the National Parks Service.

I don't like reading but I love drawing and painting. How about you? Please drop me a line, Alia! Can't wait to hear from you!

}	Heading
}	Salutation
ł	Opening Paragraph
	Contout Doubors ab
	Content Paragraph
}	Closing Paragraph

Hannah

Signature

(Adapted from Bahasa Inggris SMA/SMK/MAK Kelas X by Kementrian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia: 2017)

# 2.3 Theoretical Framework

This study focuses on students' writing of descriptive text in form of personal letter. The researcher provide the discource analysis of interpersonal metafunctions, ideational metafunctions and textual metafunctions of language in Systemic Functional Language (SFL) of students' descriptiv texts in the form of personal letter. The interpersonal metafunction of language reflects negotiation of relationships and expression of opinions and attitudes which focuses on analyse the mood system. The ideational metafunction of language reflects how researcher use language to represent knowledge of the world and make sense of experience which focuses on the transitivity, The textual metafunction of language reflects how researcher organise the messages. The framework is as the diagram follows below:

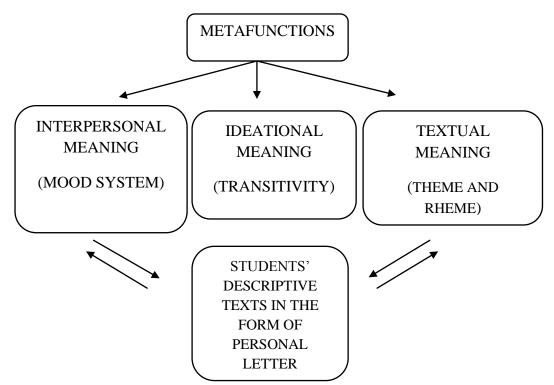


Figure 2.1 Framework of The Study

#### **CHAPTER V**

## **CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

This last chapter will discuss about conclusion and suggestions. In conclusion part, researcher will discuss finding and dicussion related to the topic of this study. Besides, in suggestions part researcher will discuss about suggestion addressed to English teachers, the students and others who are interest to the topic related the study.

## 5.1 Conclusions

Firstly, in term of Interpersonal Meaning which analyzed MOOD and Modality shows the realization of interpersonal meanings of the total 194 sentences with 152 sentences of Declarative Mood, 14 sentences of Interrogative Mood, 7 sentences of Exclamative, 6 sentences of Imperative and 15 sentences of Minor sentence. From these data we can conclude that the higher frequently of mood types found in students' descriptive text in personal letter is Declarative Mood. It happens because the purpose of the text to describe and share information about personality matter to addressee. In order to accomplish their purpose, mostly the students used declarative mood to give their statement in the letter.

In the students' statement, there are some subjects and finites. Subjects that found in students' descriptive text are I 139 times, you 20 times, we 3 times, he 2 times, it 6 times, and others (my name, my hobby, my father, my favorite, my brother, my mother) 38 times. From these findings, we can conclude that the highest of subjects frequently found in students' descriptive text is subject I. It indicates that in the letter the most students describe and declare information

about themselves, about their personal opinion, and about their feeling. Finites that found in students' descriptive text are simple present 165 times, present continuous 4 times, present perfect 3 times, present passive 1 time, simple past 9 times, past continuous 1 time, past passive 2 times, modal 32 times, and incompletes sentence 1 time. It can be conclude that the most students used simple present tense to write this descriptive text in personal letter. It related to the characteristic of descriptive text that is to describe something actual, on the other hand because the students wrote personal letter, they had to describe recent personal matter, so that they used simple present tense.

The researcher also found the modality that involved in students writing, they are, medium degree of modal verbs (will, would, should, be to, supposed to) 17 times, low degree of modal verbs (can, may, could, might) 15 times, medium degree of modal adverbial (probably, usually, generally, likely) 1 time, and high degree of modal adjectivals (certain, definite, absolute, necessary, obligatory) 1 time. We can see that mostly students used medium degree of modal verbs (will, would, should, be to, supposed to). It indicates that the students wanted to state their intention about what would the writer do to the reader.

Secondly, in term of Ideational Meanings analyzed Processes, Participants, and Circumstances. In Processes analysis, the process types involved in students' descriptive text are Material Process 60 times, Mental: Perceptive 6 times, Mental: Cognitive 15 times, Mental: Desiderative 22 times, Mental: Emotive 23 times, Verbal 1 time, Behavioural 10 times, Relational: Attributive Intensive 35 times, Relational: Attributive Possessive 17 times, Relational: Attributive Circumstantial 4 times, Relational:Identifying Intensive 30 times, Relational: Identifying Possessive 1 time. The most students used Mental Process which total 66 times in descriptive text. It shows that most of the students describe about their feeling of thing to addressee. Not to mention, participant mostly used by the students in writing text is senser and phenomenon which total 132 times. We turned to circumstances that involved in students' descriptive text, circumstance of extent 5 times, circumstance of location 41 times, circumstance of manner 26 times, circumstance of accompaniment 2 times, circumstance of matter 8 times, circumstance of angle 10 times. The highest frequency of circumstance used by the students is circumstance of location. It indicates that some places are mentioned by students to support information described by students.

Thirdly, in term of Textual Meaning Meanings analyzed Theme Types. The researcher found theme types used by students are unmarked topical theme 22 tmes, marked topical theme 8 times, interpersonal theme 15 times, textual theme 30 times and multiple theme 41 times. The highest theme types used by students is unmarked topical theme. It happens because it is related the characteristic of personal letter which describe about personality matter about the writer, so the students mostly used subject in the beginning of the clause.

# 5.2 Suggestions

Consideration from result and significance of study, there are suggestions for English teacher, for students and for researcher who interested this topic.

First, for English students. I suggest to you to learn more about metafunction. This is the important basic skill that you have to know. If you have known and mastered this theory, your skill level of English will be increase and it will be benefit for your future.

Second, for researcher who interested this topic. Hopefully, this study can be a good reference for your research, but you should have topic more deeper, newer, more interested than this for the sake of language education.

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