

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Known as the most universal medium of communication, in practice language plays an important role in the delivery and dissemination of information, both written and spoken. In fact, language plays a role in maintaining cultural identity and facilitating social interaction. Through language we can learn many things ranging from science, art, history to self-expression. Because of this vital role, language has a system that we call structure as well as complex and organized linguistic elements, which from time to time makes humans have to continue to study and find out, as a scientific need in the field of language. Generally, the field of language includes 4 main elements, namely phonology, syntax, morphology and semantics.

This research engaging researcher to focus on the field of morphology, researcher are interested in studying word forms and their functions which then undergo changes in new forms, both grammatical and semantic changes. In the process of morphology in the field of linguistics, there is often a phenomenon of new word formation created from pre-existing basic word formations, known as the process of word formation. This research focuses on compound words. Compound words are a combination of two or more words to form a new word. There are more combinations than [noun + noun] or [adjective + noun] that make up compound words. Compound

words require understanding and recognition. Other adjectives and nouns can be used to modify each compound noun, which functions as a unit.

Christiano, D. (2020) in his research on compound words found that: the types of English compounds are endocentric, exocentric, and copulative compounds. The second results showed that the lexical categories emerged from the construction process were noun constructions, verb constructions, and adjective constructions. Referring to the previous research, the researcher wants to see what types of compound words are used in daily communication in the Bajawa language, and see the structure of the compound words.

In this study, the author will analyze compound words in Bajawa. Bajawa language is a regional language spoken by native speakers living in Ngada district especially Bajawa sub-district, Golewa sub-district, West Golewa sub-district, South Golewa sub-district, Inerie sub-district, Aimere sub-district, So'a sub-district and several other sub-districts. Bajawa is a regional language that is still used today. The Bajawa language also functions as a means of communication used by the Ngada community members in general and the Bajawa ethnic in particular in everyday life. The Bajawa language is use both spoken and written. Spoken use can be observed formally as well as informally, such as in traditional ceremonies and churches ceremonies. The written form can be found in song lyrics and literary works.

The author sees that there is no previous research on compound words in the Bajawa language, so this is also attract for the author. This study aims to provide compound words in the Bajawa language for readers and writers to increase their

expertise, especially in linguistic studies. In addition, the Bajawa language is also one of the languages that are almost extinct due to the development of Indonesian as the national language which has a greater number of speakers than the Bajawa language in the Ngada Regency area. Thus, the writer is interested in conducting research on compound words in Bajawa language as an effort to preserve the language.

1.2. Research Questions

Based on the background above, this study aims to two problems, as formulated in questions below:

1. What are the types of compound words in Bajawa Language?
2. What are the structure of compound words in Bajawa language?

1.3. Objectives of the Study

Going in the line with the research questions, the objectives of this research are the following.

1. To identify and categorize the types of compound words in Bajawa language.
2. To find out the structure of compound words formation in Bajawa language.

1.4. Significance of the Study

This study has some significances. They are practical significance and theoretical significance.

1.4.1. Practical Significance

1. To increase reader and writer expertise, particularly about linguistic study.
2. To help those who desire to learn languages, particularly the Bajawa language.

1.4.2. Theoretical Significance

1. Theoretically, the result of this study. would be utilized as a supplemental reading for future research on the morphological varieties of Bajawa language.