

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

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

Language can be interpreted as a tool to convey something that comes to mind. Then language can be used for communicating, in a sense of tool for conveying thoughts, ideas, concepts or feelings.

In every language, request expressions vary in formality, tone, and structure based on the context and the relationship between the speaker and the listener. They can be direct and straight forward or more indirect and tactful, depending on cultural norms and individual preferences.

According to Handyman, Susyla, Baluqiah (2016), request is one kind of speech act that frequently used in daily communication. This is an expression where the speakers expect the hearers to do something to benefit the speaker. To achieve their goals, people do not only say something but also insert an action embedded in their utterances. For this reason, speech acts cannot be separated from conversation. Austin via Cutting (2002), said that speech acts are the actions performed in saying something. According to him, the action performed when an utterance is produced can be analyzed on three different levels. They are locutionary act, illocutionary act and perlocutionary act. Speech acts are commonly given more specific labels, such as apology, complaint, compliment, invitation, promise, and request.

The request expression will help people when they need the help from others. Therefore, it is important for us to know the use of the request expression from the other language because in request, there are several strategies that used by everyone when expressing requests. And the strategy used in requests is also influenced by the culture and language used. So, in this research, the researcher is interested in examining the request expression by Uab Meto speakers.

Request expressions are a fundamental aspect of communication in any language. They are used to ask for information, assistance, permission, favors, or any other type of help or action from another person or group. They are a polite and respectful way to seek cooperation and engage in social interactions and play a crucial role in maintaining harmony and fostering positive relationships in both formal and informal settings.

A lot of research has been done in the field of requests expressions. Some researchers have focused on cross-cultural approaches, comparing one culture with another. And there are also several studies related to Uab Meto including research conducted by Naimnule with the title “A Study Of Traditional Expressions Of Gratitude In A Series Of Uab Meto Spoken By The Community Of Fafinesu A Village, In Insana Fafinesu Subdistrict” and also Kapitan “Saying Apology In Uab Meto Spoken By People in Oelneke Village, TTU Regency.” However, this study examines request expression strategy in one language, without comparing it with another language. The study focuses only on the use of request expressions from the Uab Meto. This is a small-scale study involving

native speakers of Uab Meto and aims to find out the understanding of the Uab Meto people in using request expressions.

## **1.2. Research Questions**

In relation to the limitation of the problems above, the research questions can be formulated as follows:

1. What are the types of request expressions used by the native speaker of Uab Meto?
2. What are the strategies of request expression used by the native speaker of Uab Meto?

## **1.3 Objective of the Research**

Based on the formulation of the problems, the objectives of the research are:

1. To know the types of request expression used by the native speaker of Uab Meto.
2. To know the strategies of request expression used by native speaker of Uab Meto

## **1.4 Significance of the Study**

The research is expected to answer all of statements of the research problem, and can give great contribution for:

1. Reader

Through the research, the researcher hopes the reader can apply the sentence related to the speech act of request in Uab Meto to other people.

## 2. Researcher

Through this research, the researcher can increase the insight and knowledge about the expression of request in Uab Meto.