

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Generally, a figure of speech expresses an idea, thought, or image with words that has meanings more than the concept in spoken or written text. Figurative language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation (Keraf, 2009:126).Therefore, figurative speech can be used in any form of communication, such as in daily conversation, articles in newspaper, advertisements, novels, poems, etc. Figurative language uses some words that go beyond their ordinary meaning because the readers use his/ her imagination to figure out the meaning. It makes figurative meaning difficult to understand because we cannot find the meaning of the figurative language in dictionary just like the other vocabulary words that we usually use in our daily conversation. So, in order that the listener or reader can know about the meaning of figurative language, the speaker or the writer must use imagination to imagine what the words are said or what the words refer to. (Harya, 2016:16)

Figurative language helps the speaker or writer to figure out the ideas in another concept for example, he speaks like a fire that means he speaks in high spirit. Perrine (1982: 10) mentions that there are four main reasons of using figurative language. First, figurative language affords readers imaginative pleasure of literary works. Second, it is a way of bringing additional imagery into verse, making the abstract concrete, making literary works more sensuous. The

third, figurative is a way of adding emotional intensity to otherwise merely informative statements and conveying attitudes along with information. And fourth, it is a way of saying much in brief compass.

Meriam (1995: 415) defines figurative language as a form of expression (as simile and metaphor) used to convey meaning or heightened effect often by comparing or identifying one thing with another that has a meaning or connotation familiar to the reader or listener.

Based on the writer experience, people like to speak in figurative way so the ideas sound elegant in special ceremony. There are many special occasion in Sikka - Maumere like to propose girl, wedding speech, bury people, make traditional house, welcome party for famous people that come to Maumere like pope, etc that use figurative language. Therefore, the writer interests to observe this research entitled **AN ANALYSIS ON FIGURATIVE SPEECH IN SEPUTAR WARISAN ADAT OF SIKKA REGENCY**

1.2 Research Questions

What are the types of figurative speech in *Seputar Warisan Adat* of Sikka regency ?

1.3 Aim of Research

To describe the types of figurative speech in *Seputar Warisan Adat* of Sikka regency.

1.4 The Significance of Study

1.4.1 Implications

The result of this study is to support the theory of Crystal (1999:116) that mentions seven types of figurative language and the theory of Perrine, 1982 who mentions that there are four main reasons of using figurative language.

1.4.2 Applications

- 1) To provide additional information to the readers, especially for English students to understand figurative speech .
- 2) To help students get more to realise about figurative speech that can be adopted as thesis research.