

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer discusses background, research problem, aim of study, and significance of study.

1.1 Background

Language is a tool of communication in society because language will help people to communicate or interact each other. Also language can keep and pass human civilization achievement. It means that without language people can't communicate with other. People can understand one another through the use of language. Ferguson (1998:8) said that communication is a vital part of our daily routines. Students sit in school and listen to teachers. People read books and magazines, talk to friends, watch television, and communicate through the internet. It means that every day in everywhere people always communicate with others. The function of language as tools of communication. By the language as tool of communicate that used by people they can express their needs, feelings, and thoughts.

Communication is the process of sharing meaning through verbal and nonverbal behavior (Levine et al 1982). It means that in communication people share ideas can be verbal or nonverbal. Verbal communication is use of sounds and words to express yourself, especially in contrast to using gesture or mannerism. To understand other people, it is necessary to understand both verbal and nonverbal communication. This is especially important when people want to understand the

emoticon that they are expressing. Although, everyone experiences the same emoticon, the way emoticons are expressed can be different cross-culturally. In this writing that their only limits her study to non-verbal communication.

Communication non-verbal is known as body language that is important to be understood in communicating with others. The study of body language is called Kinesics. Kinesics explored how we use the movement of our body and face to communicate, distinguishing between signals and gestures (Kahtleen and Louise 2008:2). Nonverbal communication often uses by people to express feeling, etc, with other people. People speak using body language and gestures to make expression about something standing indifferent place or situation.

Every culture in the world has its own body language. This also occurs in cultures of East Nusa Tenggara. Certainly, each culture has different body language. East Nusa Tenggara has many islands with various local languages and cultures. Each culture is different one from another. East Nusa Tenggara is a meeting place of language, cultures, people, flora, and fauna. Grimes et.al (1997:5) So, in communication also has different style to convey the information. Geographically, Lamaholot constitutes one of the Island East Nusa Tenggara (East Flores and Lembata). The people who live in Lamaholot called *Inaor* female and *Amaor* male. Each culture in East Nusa Tenggara has different culture. It is like Lamaholot has different culture and costume of body language from another island in east Nusa Tenggara, for example is fold hand in the back (ligu lime). In the lamaholot culture when we talk to someone and suddenly our hand fold in the back, that meaning we

don't respect or not like to the personal and the same meaning if people talk to us with fold hand in the back. Those are one of body language that expressed by Lamaholot or show crumple face means they do not like or agree with the speaker. Based on the reason above, the writer is interested to conduct a research under the title "**AN ANALYSIS ON BODY LANGUAGE IN LAMAHOLOT CULTURE**"

1.2 Research Problem

Based on the background above, the writer formulates the research questions as follows:

1. What are the types body language in Lamaholot cultures ?
2. What are the functions of body language in Lamaholot cultures ?

1.3 Aim of Study

The aim of this study are :

1. To identify the types body language in Lamaholot cultures
2. To explain the function of body language in Lamaholot cultures

1.4 Scope of Limitation

Noaimi (2016) mentions the types of body language can be distinguished that is usually grouped along two lines, namely parts of the body and intent.

There are many types of body language in this world. It is occur in many languages with varieties of expression. However, in this study the limits her writing only to find out the body language and its types in Lamaholot cultures

1.5 Significance of Study

This study has its own implication and application

1.5.1 Implication

This study is supposed to support the theory proposed by Butt (2011:35) which stated that body language is a form of non-verbal communication, which consists of body postures, gestures, facial expression and eye movement. Human send and interpret such signals subconsciously. Body language may provide clues as to the attitude or state of mind of a person. Types of body language (Patel,2014:91) involves facial expression, body movement and postures, gestures, eyes contact, touch, space, and voice.

1.5.2 Application

1. This study will help the reader to identify the body language and its types in Lamaholot culture
2. This study can enrich and improve the knowledge of English study program who wants to find out more about body language in lamaholot cultures