

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of The Study

English language is an essential communication tool for human life, English language use as international language. Therefore, we have to able to master the language and its elements such as vocabulary, structure, and so forth. The language itself consists of two aspects namely form and meaning. In relation to meaning, the smallest meaningful in language is morpheme.

Morphemes in morphology are the smallest units carry meaning or fulfill some grammatical function. The word 'house' consist of one morpheme, and because it stand by self it can be called a *free morpheme*. In the word 'houses' there are two morphemes, 'house' is free and 's' is a *bound morpheme*.<sup>1</sup> Nida give a simpler definition of morphology cited Ilzamudin Ma'mur and As'ari B. Fathoni, he state that "morphology is the study of morphemes and their arrangements in forming words". There is similar situation with bound morphemes which are subdivided into derivational and inflectional morpheme.<sup>2</sup> Morphologists usually talk in quite different terms about inflection and derivation.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ilzamudin Ma'mur and As'ari B. Fathoni, *Modern English Morphology An Introductory Reading*, Bandung, Humaniora, 2009,16.

<sup>2</sup> Ilzamudin Ma'mur and As'ari B. Fathoni, *Modern English Morphology An Introductory Reading*,16.

<sup>3</sup> Martin Haspelmath and Andrea D, Sims, *Understanding Morphology 2nd Edition*, London, Hachette UK Company, 2010, 81.

Derivational morphemes are those morphemes which produce new words, or change the function of a word, it achieved by means prefixes or suffixes in case of English.<sup>4</sup> According to Nick Cipollone, Steven Hartman Keiser and Shraavan Vasishth “in English the Derivational morphemes are either prefixes and suffixes.”<sup>5</sup> Then, they said characteristics of the derivational, following below:<sup>6</sup> Change the part of speech or the meaning of a word, e.g., -ment added to a verb forms a noun judgment, and re-active means ‘active again’.

For example, the word “following” in the article Youtube Kids Wants to Help Preserve Indonesian Folktales of The Jakarta Post is a process derivational, from verb (follow) to noun (following).

Inflectional morphemes do not create new word, but only show grammatical functions of a word.<sup>7</sup> According to Nick Cipollone, Steven Hartman Keiser and Shraavan about characteristics of the inflectional, following below:<sup>8</sup> Do not change meaning or part of speech, e.g., big, bigg-er, bigg-est are all adjective, and Are suffixes only (in English).

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<sup>4</sup> Ilzamudin Ma'mur and As'ari B. Fathoni, *Modern English Morphology An Introductory Reading*,16.

<sup>5</sup> Nick Cipollone, Steven Hartman Keiser, and Shraavan Vasishth, *Language File Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics Seventh edition*, The Ohio University, Ohio State University Press Columbus, 1998,135.

<sup>6</sup> Nick Cipollone, Steven Hartman Keiser, and Shraavan Vasishth, *Language File Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics Seventh edition*,135

<sup>7</sup> Ilzamudin Ma'mur and As'ari B. Fathoni, *Modern English Morphology An Introductory Reading*,16.

<sup>8</sup> Nick Cipollone, Steven Hartman Keiser, and Shraavan Vasishth, *Language File Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics Seventh edition*,136.

For example, the word “wants” in the title Youtube Kids Want to Help Preserve Indonesian Folktales of The Jakarta Post article is a process inflexional, from verb (want) to verb (wants), its process is from want then added –s, the process do not create a new word only verb. The process is conducted beacuse subject is the third person singular present.

This research aims to know students’ understanding on morphological process of derivation and inflection on The Jakarta Post article. The writer is interested to identify students’ understanding because The Jakarta Post is news on English language to national or international, there are some morphemes process specially are inflectional and derivational.

Finally, based on the backgrounds above, the writer would like to conduct an experimental research in students’ inflectional and derivational ability. And the writer would like to carry out the research under the title **“THE STUDENTS’ UNDERSTANDING ON MORPHOLOGICAL PROCESS OF DERIVATION AND INFLECTION ON THE JAKARTA POST ARTICLE”**

## **B. Research Question**

The writer in this study is to identify:

1. How is students’ ability in analyzing of derivational and inflectional morphemes on The Jakarta Post article ?

### **C. Objectives of The Study**

Base on the statement of the problem above, the main aims of this study are:

1. To identify students' ability in analyzing of derivation and inflection morphemes on The Jakarta Post article

### **D. Significance of The Study**

The result of this study will be able to provide the information about inflectional and derivational morphology process found in The Jakarta Post Article and students' understanding on morphological process of derivation and inflection on The Jakarta Post article. the readers will be to increase their knowledge about inflectional and derivational morphology.

The result of this research also will be useful for the teachers who are going to teach about inflectional and derivational morphology and use The Jakarta Post Article as the media teaching aid.

To the writer, the result of this research will give new knowledge about inflectional and derivational morphology on The Jakarta Post Article as the media teaching aid. The last is for other researchers who would like to conduct the same issue of this study can find out the additional information and references trough reading this study.

### **E. Limitations of The Study**

To make this study more focused, the writer intends to formulate the limitations of the problems as follows:

1. The writer will focus on using The Jakarta Post Article is taken in The Jakarta Post website, then student will analyze the script of The Jakarta Post Article to measure student understanding of inflectional and derivational morphology.
2. The object of research is English student in sixth grade of The State Islamic University Sultan Maulana Hasanuddin Banten
3. The research methodology that will be used in this research is Qualitative research.

### **F. Previous of The Study**

In this research, the researcher summarizes some relevant previous studies from a paper and a journal that:

1. Morphological analysis is the main areas in studying vocabulary. Morphological analysis itself is analysis that is breaking a word into its elements (root, prefix and suffix). Meanwhile, derivational affixes is the part of morphological analysis. So, it is important for the students to study about derivational affixes. When the students are able to identify derivational affix, they can develop their vocabulary because from just one word it can gain many words with different part of speech. Having seeing

such phenomenon, the writer found that mastering English is not easy if the students are lack of vocabulary. This research aimed to find out the derivational affixes. From the conclusion of this research, the writer suggests that to improve their mastery of vocabulary, the readers should be apply the derivational affixes by breaking the word into its elements root and affixes because from one word they can get the structure of words and they also find how the words built. By knowing the roots, the readers can build the word by themselves.<sup>9</sup>

From research above, researcher can conclude that vocabulary is important in English study, to improve vocabulary, we have to improve knowing of the formation word, like morpheme, especialy affixes.

2. This study discusses the process of forming English words in a way morphology. The problems of this research are the form, function, and meaning of derivational suffix found in The Jakarta Post online news. This research to explain the form of the suffix and to explain the function and meaning of the derivative suffix found in the data source.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Maharani Sri Aryanti, *Thesis: An Analysis of Derivational Affixes in The Land of Five Towers Novel By A, Fuadi Translated By Angie Kilbane*, Universitas Muria Kudus, 2014, 10.

<sup>10</sup> I Kade Doni Mahendra, Ni Luh Ketut Mas Indrawati, and I Nyoman Aryawibawa, *Derivational English Suffix With Reference to The Jakarta Post*, , Bali, Jurnal Humanis Fakultas Ilmu Budaya Unud, 2017, Vol 19.1, 45-51.

## **G. Organization of Writing**

To make this research to be comprehended, the writer divides this research into three chapters:

**Chapter I is introduction** : in this chapter writer puts some points: background of the study, the statement of the problem, the objective of the study, the significance of the study, and the writing organization.

**Chapter II is theoretical framework** : this chapter consists of the theories from some experts about Morpheme, Word, Inflectional, derivational and The Jakarta Post.

**Chapter III is Research methodology** which consists of the research method, the site and time of study, the thenique of data collecting and the technique of data analyzing.

**Chapter IV is Result and Discussion**, it consists of the description of data and analysis of the data.

**Chapter V is conclusions and suggestions.**