1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

Conjunction is one of the items in grammar, a body rules specifying how meaning are created in English. Conjunction is a word that links words, phrases, and clauses. It can be said that conjunctions were “linking” or “joining” words which joined together various things. If a conjunctions “joined” words, then any word that occur between others would be a conjunctions (Ehrlich, 2000: 142).

There are many definitions of conjunctions which are proposed by people or scientist like Robert Harris and Richard Nordquist. Harris (2009) states that as their name implies, conjunctions join together element of thought :words, phrases, sentences, and paragraph. Or Nordquist (2009) also states that conjunctions is part of speech (or word class) that serves to connect words, phrases, clauses, or sentences.

Talking about English especially English sentence we can not avoid talking about conjunctions, since conjunction is one of the elements that construct a sentence. Using conjunctions in English whether it is written or spoken is not an easy to do because the usage of conjunctions are different that make many problems we have to face. As what they said one of conjunctions that can not be used to join two ideas into a single sentence.

When we use conjunctions incorrectly in this way, the result is called to “run-on” sentence, run-on sentences are grammatical incorrect (Edu, 2009). When we used conjunctions, we should consider their function and meaning.

For example: I sweep the floor and clean the window.
Here, conjunctions *and* used to add some information. So by mastering conjunctions, our language will be developed.

There are some functions of conjunctions in writing article, such as, relate the ideas in the following text logically to each other, express the logical flow explicitly, express a polite directive in speech. Unlike adverbs, conjunctions do not modify. They are used for the purpose of connecting.

Writing articles should present good English Grammar based on *Lee (2009)* who states that language used in the articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper also has to present Good English Grammar and clean messages so the readers can understand the language in the articles.

Many people have done research about conjunctions. For example, *Elen (2006)* says that conjunctions are words that link ideas they bring one idea or piece of information into some kinds of relationships with another idea or piece of information. In this way, they help to create continuity or ‘flow’ in a text. If ideas and information are not clearly linked by appropriate conjunctions, your readers have to try to work out the relationships by themselves. Your writing may also appear very descriptive since it is continually making statement without showing the relationship between them.

Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested to know how to use conjunctions in the articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper. The writer chooses the articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper as the source of the study, because The Jakarta Post is one of the popular newspapers in Indonesia and it is also in English.
1.2 The Scope of Study

In writing this paper, the writer just want to focus on the usage of and, or, but, because, before, after conjunctions in ten business articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper issued on June 9, 2008; January 29, 2009; January 30, 2009; February 11, 2009 and February 21, 2009.

1.3 The Objective of Study

The objectives of the study are:

1. To describe the usage of conjunctions especially and, or, but, because, before, and after found in ten business articles of The Jakarta Post.

2. To find out the most dominant conjunctions used in ten business articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper.

1.4 The Significance of Study

Obviously the significances of study this paper are:

2. To make readers know in details about conjunctions used in the articles of The Jakarta Post newspaper

3. To be used as a literature for further study.

1.5 The Method of Study

In writing this paper, the writer uses library research method and gets information from internet to support the description of conjunctions. In this case, the writer takes some business articles from The Jakarta post Newspaper as the source of data. And the data are containing some
sentences of conjunctions. There are ten business articles which are chosen randomly. Miffin (2009) states that writing randomly means that having no specific pattern, purpose, or adjective.

There are certain processes of analysis in the completion of this paper such as reading, collecting, identifying, classifying, and analyzing articles of The Jakarta Post Newspaper based on Junaidi and Suwono’s theory.