1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Language has the important things in our lives. It is used for communication and to deliver information. Nowadays, every person needs information in his/her life. People need information to increase their skills, knowledge, business, careers, or everything that deals with their life. Language is the tool to deliver the information.

In speaking and writing, people should have the rules. The rules that shows how words are combined, arranged or changed to show certain kinds of meaning. To get the best result, it needs a good grammar.

Greenbaum says that in the concrete sense of the word grammar, a grammar is a book of one or more volumes. We of course also use grammar for the contents of the book. When we compare grammars for their coverage and accuracy, we are referring to the contents of the book: a grammar is a book on grammar, just as a history is a book on history.

Grammar in English language is considered hard to master by the Indonesians because it is very complicated and does not has the same rules as the grammar in Indonesian language. English grammar contains many items, one of it is modals.

Modals are the verbs that combines with another verb to indicate mood or tense. Also known as a modal auxiliaries. They are helping verbs that expresses a wide range of meanings (ability, permission, possibility, necessity, etc). Most of the modals have more than one meaning.
English dominates the exchange of news around the world, such as news article in a newspaper. The writer choose Jakarta Post newspaper because it is one of newspaper that uses English as a language in Indonesia. The writer analyzes the use of modals in the articles of Jakarta Post newspaper. Besides, she wants to know how often the modals are used in the Jakarta Post.

1.2. Problem

The problems of the study are:

1. Which of the modals used by the reporters of the Jakarta Post are found?
2. What are the rates of each modal used?

1.3. Scope of the Study

The topic of the paper can lead the readers to be focused on the explanation of definition, usage and classification of using modals. In order to make the readers not to be confused in reading this paper, the writer limits the study on modals in the articles of Jakarta Post Newspaper published on March 10, 2011, there are 3 articles. March 20, 2011, there are 3 articles, and March 30, 2011, there are 3 articles.

1.4. Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study are:

1) to find out and classify the kinds of modals used in the articles of Jakarta Post Newspaper.

2) to find out the most dominant use of modals used in the articles of Jakarta Post Newspaper.
1.5. Significance of the Study

The significances of the study are:

1) to enrich knowledge about modals.
2) to guide readers in studying modals.
3) to be a reference for the next researcher in analyzing the grammar.

1.6. The Method of research

In writing this paper the writer uses a method of research, that is, library research. She collects and reads English grammar books as her reference. The writer collects some articles from Jakarta Post Newspaper and internet as references. The writer explains the modals based on their type in order to find out the type dominantly used in those articles.