1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

According to Muriel (1976: 45), language is a key component of culture. It is the primary medium from transmitting much of culture, making the process of language learning in children in part a process of enculturation. Language is what people use to talk about the things that are important to them, for example, occurrences in their everyday life. Language plays important role in every aspect of human being in term of communication; therefore, there is no activity done without language, such as communicating, conveying, or exchanging ideas one and another.

There are many languages in the world, such as Indonesian, French, English, and etc. Nowadays, English becomes the International language because many people all over the world use this language to communicate with other countries. The important role to make language better in using it is grammar. According to Diane (2003: 18), grammar is about word order in sentences (syntax) and word formation processes (morphology); it is also about using the correct function words. Grammar is the set of logical and structural rules that govern the composition of sentences, phrases, and words in any given natural language. A formal study of grammar is an important part of education because learning to speak means learning the grammar too.

English grammar is the body of rules describing the properties of the English language. It contains many items; one of it is noun clause. According to Suryadi and Junaida (2007: 292), noun clause can be classified to be 4 kinds; they are: statement, question, request, and exclamation.
In this paper, the writer wants to identify the use of noun clauses. The writer focuses the study only in statement and question, and explains them based on the function of clauses. The writer choose noun clause as her paper because many people especially the students is still confuse to identify the noun clause in the text books. To easy in learning noun clauses in this paper, the writer uses the object “The Jakarta Post Magazine”. The writer wants to identify the use of noun clauses in the articles of The Jakarta Post Magazine. Besides, the writer wants to know how often the noun clauses are used in The Jakarta Post Magazine.

1.2 Scope of the Study

In this paper, the writer limits the study on noun clauses in the articles of The Jakarta Post Magazine published on June and July 2010. This study explains the definition and classification of using noun clauses.

1.3 Purpose of the Study

The purposes of the study are:

1. To find out and classify the kinds of noun clauses in The Jakarta Post Magazine.

2. To find out the most dominant use of noun clauses in The Jakarta Post Magazine.

1.4 Significance of the Study

The significances of the study are:

1. To enrich knowledge of readers about noun especially noun clauses.

2. To help readers in learning noun clauses.
3. To improve the readers’ interest in studying grammar especially noun clauses.

4. To be a reference for the next researcher in analyzing the grammar.

1.5 The Method of Research

In writing this paper, the writer applies the library research method. The writer collects and reads English grammar books as her references. The writer finds out some articles from The Jakarta Post Magazine and internet as sources of data. Then the writer identifies and categorizes the data, noun clauses, which found in the articles. Finally, the writer combines the noun clause based on their type in order to find out the type dominantly used in those articles.