INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

In this world people need to communicate each other, communication tool is language. Language can inform many things and express what they want to show of their feeling. By using language someone could make statements, explain or report something, convey facts and knowledge and keep social relations among the language user.

It’s important to know what language is and how we should learn a particular language.

These indicate that by means of language, people can express their feeling, ideas, information, and messages through communication. Languages are different between one region with another; each of them is different in grammar, not only in writing but also speaking.

Grammar is a body of rules specifying how meanings create in English. To be a good sentence in English we have to know the grammar because it is one of the basic element in English. Talking about grammar we have talk about the structure, especially modals.

Modals are auxiliaries or helping verb. They are used to show modality that is possibility, ability, permission, polite request, and obligation. Modals are always followed by the base from a verb. Modals also always use the same from no matter what the subject is.
Modals are function as auxiliary verb which add a certain meaning to main verbs.

Biber (2002:174) states that there are nine modal. As their name suggest, they are largely concerned with expressing ‘modality’, such as possibility, necessity, prediction, and volition. The modals are: can, could, may, might, must, will, would, shall and should.

1.2 The problem of the Study
The problem of study are:
What are the modals used in Stephenie Meyer’s novel “THE HOST”?

1.3 The scope of the Study
This study is focused on modals, limit the description based on modals used in the novel.

1.4 The purpose of the Study
The purposes of the study are:
1) As the requirement for Diploma English Study Program Faculty of Culture Studies, University of North Sumatera.
2) To find out the modals used in Stephenie Meyer’s novel The Host.

1.5 Reason for Choosing This Topic
To describe about what are the modals used in this novel.
1.6 Methods of Research

In writing this paper, the writer used the method of library research by reading, learning some books, collect the information from books, internet and the data from novel.