1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Human cannot be separated from events of communication, during the communication between individuals (literary or verbal words), they need media for telling idea or intention a reality and etc. the most important media for filling the needs is language. According to W. A. Bennett (1968:6) says, “Language is a code to the extent that is a symbolization of phenomena of existence and imagination.”

Language is an object knowledge that is examined by linguistic. There are several types of linguistic base on the research, such as micro linguistic which talk about internal structure of language. The structure are phonology, morphology, syntax, semantic.

Grammar is a science that study norms that arrange the application of language. Leech et al, (1982:2) says, “Grammar is a reference of mechanism according to the function of language of itself when it is used for doing communication with other. Grammar is a rule which combine word, or rule in combinating a sound of meaning.” The biggest part of grammar’s form is a sentence that consist of subject and predicate or verb and have a complete meaning. Predicate or verb is the part of grammar, furthermore the function of verb is separated in to Gerund. Then we can understand about the function of gerund of verb.

Hancock (2005:6) says, “Grammar is the natural, inherent, meaning making system of the language.

Frank (1990:1) says, “Traditionally, word can be classified into eight parts of speech such as noun, pronoun, adjective, verb, adverb, conjunction, preposition, and interjection.

Gerund is one of grammar’s parts. Gerund is one of the parts of speech which is very important in writing. To make it clear, the writer presents some definitions of Gerund. Irma (2014:116) says that Gerund is word (verb) which is added by –ing as a suffix (verb + ing) and have a function as a noun or changed to be a noun in English language.

Gerund and Present Participle is a -ing form that formed with a bare infinitive (the basic form of the verb) and the suffix -ing. Although it has the same form, Gerund and Present participle have different uses in a sentence. Modifier accompanying were different kinds. Differences function Gerund and Participle in the sentence gerund is used as a noun. Therefore, in the Gerund phrase can be positioned as the subject of a verb, object of verb, object of a preposition, or subject complement. In the other hand, present participle can be used as a verb or adjective. As a verb, present participle is placed after the auxiliary verb to form a continuous/progressive tense; while as an adjective, it placed in front of the noun (as attributive adjective), after a noun it can be linked by linking verb (as the
subject complement), or after a noun it can be reduced by adjective clause (active voice). There is case history from this form. Present participle own can be used as verb, then present participle is placed after auxiliary verb to make verb as continuous, example “I am reading English dictionary every day”. If the application as adjective, present participle could be placed in front of noun which makes it attribute adjective, example “you will meet amazing people if you join in echange student”, after noun with interspersed by linking verb which makes it a complement subject, example “Karimun Jawa is amazing because you see the best beach there”, and after noun in reduced active clause which makes it a active voice, example “The student listening there is the good student”.

Gerund has eight functions of gerund: as subject, as object, as complement, after preposition, after word “NO”, after possessive adjective, after certain verbs, as appositive.

Since Gerund plays an important role in English, we can always find it in many different writings which one of them is Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians” which was first published on 2013.

For examples:

1. “okay, I am going to think about this one,” before blowing a kiss goodbye. → Gerund as after preposition
2. Her favorite hobby is hiking. → Gerund as subjective complement
3. They see my acting. I hope they like it. → Gerund as after possessive adjective
4. I remember him telling me all about his place. → Gerund as object
Eleanor enjoyed passing through the kitchens. → Gerund after certain verb

The writer chooses Gerund object in a novel, Crazy Rich Asians written by Kevin Kwan. writer chooses this novel because this novel has interesting story and also there many Gerund used in this novel. Besides, gerund is one of the grammatical case which to study. Many people confuse about what the gerund is. Gerund may see almost like infinitive or present participle. Whereas Gerund sees very different than them. If we have known the definition and the function of gerund and also examples, we can find the differences between Gerund with other grammar forms.

1.2 Problems of the Study

Based on the explanation above, problems which are discussed in this paper are:

a. What are the functions of Gerund found in Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians”?

b. What is the most dominant Gerund in Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians”?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study are:

a. To find out the functions of Gerund used in Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians”.

b. To find out the most dominant Gerund used in Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians”.
1.4 Scope of the Study

This paper discusses Gerund found in the novel. The study is limited on the kinds and the most dominant of Gerund used in the novel.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The significances of the study are:

a. As one of qualifications to fulfill my degree in English Diploma major.

b. As a medium to inform the reader the analysis of Gerund found in Kevin Kwan’s novel “Crazy Rich Asians”.

c. As a medium to inform the reader the explanation forms of Gerund and functions of gerund in English.

1.6 Method of Study

The writer applied a library research method in writing this paper. First, the writer searches and reads some English Grammar book which have relevant to support this paper. The writer read the Kevin Kwan’s Novel in finding sentence gerund in that novel. Second, The writer also got some information from internet and related sources. The writer used Junaidi and Suwono formula (1991:150):

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X = \frac{Y}{n} \times 100\%
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X = The percentage of Gerund

Y = Total of each Gerund

N = Total Gerund