1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of The Study

Language is the most basic mean of communication. It is used and needed every day. Language can express everything in mind by using it. Language known as a communication tool used by man to express his thoughts, emotions, and desires to others using voice, gestures and signals. If people live in a society without knowing their language, a lot of difficulties in communication may arise due to the imbalance of the cultural and behavioral aspects. Human activities are better known as the language of the user experience, so that more opportunities should know the various cultures of the world.

English as an international language has become an important subject in school and English is also taught to students as a compulsory subject from primary school to university level. There are a problem faced by students in learning English, especially those who speak Batak Toba language. The problem is mainly due to the different aspect of the language because no two languages are exactly alike.

In studying the language, the author refers to the linguistic knowledge required. Language is studied in linguistics. Linguistic are the study of language as a system of human communication. Hartley (1982: 3) says, "Linguistic nothing to do with language, it also implies that linguistic is relevant to language learning". Since linguistic have been introduced by experts, linguistic became one of the discussion in the world, because linguistic are a part of language. In linguistics, there are some kinds of discussion, such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantic and pragmatic. Moreover, in these kinds of discussion in linguistic, it’s the major point to be analyzed in the language.
Furthermore, there is the introduction of syntax that can be used in analyzing sentence in the language. Thematic role is one sentence in syntactic analysis. This thematic role can be used to analyze a sentence. As experts introduced, thematic roles used in analyzing a sentence such as passive, active, and also affirmative.

According to Jack Richards (1985:285) “syntax is the study of how words combine to form sentences”. Frank (1972:220), “sentence is the largest units of grammatical organization with which part of speech (eg nouns, verbs, adverbs) and grammatical classes (eg word, phrase, and clause) are said to function. Sentence according to its function can be divided into four, namely interrogative sentence, declarative sentence, exclamatory sentence, and imperative sentence”.

The main purpose of this study is the sentence in English and Batak Toba language especially in interrogative sentence. Interrogative sentence is a sentence that was delivered with the intention got an answer in the form of information, explanations or statements. There are four types of interrogative sentence in English: Yes / No questions, WH questions, alternative questions and tag questions. Interrogative sentence in Batak Toba generally used words saha, ise, didia, nandigan, songon dia, piga, sadia and boasa.

All of these points are taken in order to analyze the Interrogative Sentence in English and Batak Toba language. The writer choose Batak Toba language to be analyzed, because this language that contrast to English which has uniqueness, differences and even complexities in both languages, and also the similarities. The other reason is one of the most used ethnic language in Indonesia and as the second language for the writer as a Bataknese.

1.2. The Problems of The Study

Based on the background the problems of this study are:
1. What of the functions of Interrogative Sentences in English and Batak Toba language?

2. What are similarities and differences of English and Batak Toba language in Interrogative sentences?

1.3. The Purposes of The Study

The purposes of this study are:

1. To know the functions of Interrogative Sentences in English and Batak Toba language

2. To find the similarities and differences of English and Batak Toba language in Interrogative sentences

1.4. The Method of The Study

To complete this paper, the writer needs data about two languages, that is English and Batak Toba language, so the writer use library research. The writer collect data through reading some books, search from internet and studiesome written materials in information related to the analysis.

1.5. The Scope of The Study

The scope of the study is focused on analyzing interrogative sentence of English and Batak Toba language in W+H Questions. In this case, the writer limits the analysis from types, mark and function of interrogative sentence both languages in order to find the similarities and differences.