CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Modality is perspective, consideration of uncertainty things, or personal opinion that could be expressed in the meaning of clause mainly in the speech delivered. It means that the position of modality is in the middle of a choice between yes and no. In modality theory, Halliday states that to obtain yes and no could be expressed in order account to distinction between proposition and proposals.

The concept of modality is use language to express attitude or express thought in utterance in which the expression can be delivered in communication such as in debate, in speech, etc. Moreover, modality is as the speaker’s judgement, or request of the judgement of the listener, on the status of what is being said (Halliday and Matthiessen, 2004:143).

This study only concerns about modalities. It is intended to study the meaning of Hillary Clinton’s speech by using modality theory. By analyzing that it can be interpreted the meaning of modality used by Hillary Clinton into category of modalities. Therefore, the perspective or personal opinion found in Hillary Clinton’s speech can be proved the real meaning of modality based on the category of modalities. Because of through modality the speaker can influence listener of what is said. The relationship between speaker and listener in communication will be success because of playing a role of paying attention toward the using of proposition and
proposition found in indirectly establish modalities. Hence, modality is also important
to be analyzed.

The writer intends to find out the types and values of modalities. In addition,
obtain the most dominant type and value of modalities. From modality is obtainable
express of speaker’s attitude towards about situation, condition or others to detect the
meaning for the listener used in interpretation of the meaning of probable, usuality,
supposed and willing to. Mostly, the modality is used in daily conversation
unconsciously. So, modality is important part of clause exchange to be analyzed in
order to know how modality impacts the meaning of language. For this research, the
writer analyses modalities in debate of the final U.S presidential debate mainly in
Hillary Clinton’s speech.

The presidential debate was conducted before the U.S. presidential Election
Day. The presidential election of United States of America was conducted on
Tuesday, November 08th, 2016. The debate was performed by two parties. There is
Republic Party and Democratic Party. Two parties of nominee was doing debate
between each of candidates in one party before every parties had been already
decided to choose one candidate to represent of each party. The nominee of the both
of parties won by Donald Trump from Republic party and Hillary Clinton from
Democratic Party. Furthermore, the both of nominee had to stand up in presidential
debate before the nominee is chosen as a president. In presidential debate, the
nominees have to express their idea with using their own language. The language can
be delivered their vision and mission as purposes to convince audiences. In note from
www.uspresidialelectionnews.com states that the presidential debate had already
done in three sectioned that began in September, 26th up to October 19th 2016.
In cases of this thesis, the writer was chose one debate of U.S presidential debate mainly in Hillary Clinton’s speech.

The dissemination of Hillary Clinton’s speech, using language in presidential debate is the right way into convincing audiences because candidate will be voted through what they said in candidate statement. Mostly, the candidate in political debate uses the term of politics language. To convince audiences, language plays important role in political debate because Halliday identifies in one of metafunction such interpersonal function found in using of language establish, negotiate and assume their position in social relationships. So it is concerned with clauses as exchange. There was one key system involved in interpersonal meaning namely as the system of ‘mood choice’. Those elements of mood meanings about how the interaction is being organized, and the writer or speaker’s attitude towards the interaction (Eggins, 2004:225). Because Hillary Clinton’s speech in the final U.S presidential debate put on a transcript used in as a text. That is why, discourse analysis related to systemic functional linguistic (SFL).

Hillary Clinton is one of candidate in the final U.S presidential debate. Many people know her because Hillary Clinton served as minister of foreign affairs, American senator and ever became as a first lady. The reason why the writer is interested in Hillary Clinton’s speech is firstly due to Hillary Clinton’s influence to people with deals her notion as proof that a woman can be a leader in the country. It was demonstrated with her victory as representative of Democratic Party to compete in the presidential debate. Secondly, Hillary Clinton is familiar by most people in her achievement in politics, so Hillary Clinton would be able to make good statement till winning in every presidential debate. So this is the reason of writer to choose
Hillary Clinton’s speech as the object of the data. Theoretically, the reason why the writer is interested in Hillary Clinton’s speech using modalities due to the writer finds out some clauses consist of modalities used in types and values different in each of sentences.

In addition, based on www.washington post.com some people have viewed that people view Hillary Clinton as an empress. In whilst, the quote from www.pewresearch.org said that about six-in-ten voters (58%) our latest American trends panel survey say Clinton’s views are liberal on most or almost all issues, while nearly three-in-ten (28%) say she has a mix of liberal and conservative.

In this thesis, the writer focuses onto analyse clauses consist of modalities based on types and values of modalities. The result of this thesis can help the reader in understanding about the use of modalities such as in speech of debate. The writer need to do this research in order to find out how modality constructed through language in order to become better speech as used in Hillary Clinton as one of speaker in the final U.S presidential debate. Therefore, the writer determines to do a research of political debate in speech of final U.S presidential debate about, An Analysis on Modalities in Hillary Clinton’s Speech.

1.2 Problems of the Study

In relation to background indicates some questions to precede the report with an introduction. They are as follows:

1. What types and values of modalities are used in Hillary Clinton’s speech?
2. What is the most dominant type and value of modalities in Hillary Clinton’s speech?
1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objective of the study tends to answer the questions or the problems set before as goal of writer to achieve. The specific objectives are as follows:

1. To analyse the types and values of modalities are used in Hillary Clinton’s speech.
2. To find out the most dominant type and value of modalities in Hillary Clinton’s speech.

1.4 Scope of the Study

In research, it is important to limit the analysis on specific data that had been chosen. This research is on transcript of final U.S presidential debate. The writer chooses the data mainly the final debate because the final debate is last space for candidates in expressing their vision and mission before audiences will be voting their candidates. This analysis only concerns in Hillary Clinton’s speech found in seek the clause consists of modalities. In other words, this study only focuses on types and values of modalities used in Hillary Clinton’s speech. This thesis uses the theory of modalities proposed by M.A.K Halliday (1994) in a book of An Introduction to Functional Grammar and Amrin Saragih (2006) in a book of Bahasa dalam Konteks Sosial, for supporting this analysis.
1.5 Significance of the Study

1. To enrich the explanation about modality particularly in types and values of modalities that is applied to linguistics as part of interpersonal function based on modalities theory by M.A.K Halliday (1994) in the book of An Introduction to Functional Grammar.

2. This analysis is expected to show the effectiveness of applying modalities as systemic functional grammar to make a good interpretation in discourse analysis used in speech of political debate.

3. It is very important to know discourse analysis deals with modality to be used as a reference of study by next researcher or discourse analyst who wants to study about literature as linguistics feature.