1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

Language is a means of communication. Communication can only take place successfully if the means of communication is agreed upon by its users. We know that society could not exist without language. Sapir (1949 : 8) cites “Language is purely human and non instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, desires by means of systems of voluntary produced symbols.“It means language is a systematical means of communicating ideas or feeling by using signs, gestures, or marks having understood meaning.

Grammar is a body of rules specifying how meanings are created in English. Veit (1986:6) states the grammar is a person’s subconscious language knowledge. To be good in English, we have to know the grammar because it is one of the basic elements in English. Talking about language we have to talk about the structure, especially Passive voice. Passive voice where the subject is done the work.

Based on the previous explanation, the writer is interested in describing tenses pattern of passive voice used in a novel of F. Scott Fitzgerald ‘The Great Gatsby’.
For Examples:

1) The living-room was crowded to the doors...

   (Simple Past Tense). p. 25
   
   Pattern: S + To Be (Was/Were) + Past Participle + Object

2) I’m paralysed with happiness.

   (Simple Present Tense). p. 9
   
   Pattern: S + To Be (Is/Am/Are) + Past Participle + Object

1.2 The Problem of Study

The problems of study are:

1. How many sentences are there used by the author to write this novel?
2. How many tenses are applied by the author found in the novel?
3. What are the percentage of the passive voice found in the novel?

1.3 The Purpose of Study

1. To find out the number of the sentences used in the novel.
2. To find out the tenses are applied by the author in the novel.
3. To find out the percentage of passive voice found in the novel.

1.4 The Scope of Study

In this paper, the writer only describes passive voice that found in the novel.
There are 9 chapters in the novel and the data were taken from 4 chapters in even number. Such as, chapter 2, chapter 4, chapter 6, and chapter 8.
1.5 The Significance of Study

To help reader understand the contents of the novel more easier.

1.6 The Reasons of Study

Passive voice is a part of grammar which is important in learning English. If we do not know grammar, it will be hard to learn speaking or writing in English. And also, ‘The Great Gatsby’ is a popular novel and the writer is interested to analyze every sentence of passive voice in this novel.

1.7 The Method of Study

In writing of this paper, the writer uses some methods to collect the data. The method in this paper is descriptive method. First, reading ‘The Great Gatsby’ Novel. Second, looking for some information on the library to find some books that needed and on the internet to add some references related to the title by browsing data. Third, after all of the data collected, the author continues the research by analysing the data. Lastly, she concludes the analysing.