

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Language is one of the most fundamental aspects of human behavior and a defined instrument of expression and communication. Communication is a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbol, sign or behavior (Chaer & Augustin, 2004:17). There are three components in every communication process, in example: 1) Participant (at least two persons or group), 2) Topic (what is talking about), and 3) Means of communication (form of symbol, sign, etc). Language is used as a means of communication throughout the world. All human beings use language to interact with other members of the same speech community. It can be said that language plays an important role as a means of communication. There are many kinds of languages that can be used to convey our intentions and thoughts. As Merriam and Webster (2001:653) state in their book, "Language is a systemic means of communication ideas or feelings by the use of conventionalized signs, sounds, gestures and marks having understood meanings". It means that language can be presented in many ways, whether by sounds, signs, or gestures. By language, the communication can be made much easier and understandable.

English is a language that can be used universally in the worldwide since many countries use it as a means of communication. English is used in exchange of information, interaction, and activity in the world both oral and written. People who have inadequate proficiency of English often face many problems and difficulties to understand as well as to receive messages or information in English. English is one of

