CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

3.1 Research Design

This study used qualitative research since the data engaged were displayed in the form of strings of word. As suggested by Miles Hyberman (1994:1), this kind of data is indeed supposed to be qualitative, rather than quantitative. Qualitative research does not give the numeral or statistics but it depends on how is the knowledge of the researcher in analyzing the data.

Based on the consideration above, it means that the data were taken from a script movie as the main source then these were analyzed by using some resources such as books, articles, journals, etc to support the study.

3.2 Unit of Analysis

The unit of analysis was in form of utterances. By analyzing the characters utterances in the drama entitled Independence Day, the use of speech acts can be explored.

3.3 Source of Data

The data of this research are written data. The researcher collected the data from script of “Independence Day” drama by Peter D. Wilson, taken from http://www.peterwilson-seascale.me.uk/.
In this drama there are three characters: Joan, Eric and Bob. Joan is an over-solicitous Mum. Eric is her husband, a harassed minor functionary, with a pedantic manner, inclined to clichés. Bob is their teenage son, at the rebellious stage. The drama tells about a teenage son at the stage of leaving home, but his parents find advantages in his independence.

Example of speech act:

3. Eric: How’s the day been?
5. Eric: *Not good, either, by the sound of it.*

Eric’s italic utterance above uses representatives act because Eric informs his wife that he feel not good by the sound.

1. Eric: Hello, dear. Sorry I’m late.
2. Joan: It’s all right.
   *There’s no hurry.*

Joan’s italic utterance above uses representatives act because Joan gives statement based on the fact to her husband.

1. Eric: Hello, dear. Sorry I’m late.
2. Joan: It’s all right.
   *There’s no hurry.*

Joan’s italic utterance above uses directives act because Joan attempts to get someone to do something, that is propose to her husband that she shouldn’t hurry.
3.4 Technique of Data Collection

In preparing the data related to the subject of the research, the writer used library study method because the data are taken from Website. The data collection technique applies the following steps:

1. Downloading the script of drama.

   The researcher downloaded the drama script of *Independence Day* by Peter D. Wilson from the internet.

2. Reading the script of drama.

   The researcher read the drama script of *Independence Day* by Peter D. Wilson

3. Identifying the data.

   After reading the story several times, the researcher made some notes on the pages that might contain the required data (utterances containing Searle’s speech acts classification). The notes can be underlining or bracketing the utterance in the story.

4. Classifying

   After the researcher obtained the data from the script, she classified the data based on Searle’s speech acts classification, namely
representative, directive, commisive, expressive, and declarations speech act.

3.5 Technique of Data Analysis

This is a qualitative research, and data are in the form of utterance. In this study, the researcher described the use of speech acts in the characters’ conversation, which are found in the drama. The utterances are classified into representative, directives, commisives, expressive, and declarations based on Searle principles. Then, the researcher found the use of speech acts of each utterance in the main characters conversation in the drama script and simplified the data that contains speech acts that would be analyzed.

After all data have been arranged and analyzed, the researcher reported them by giving a description of the use of speech act in the drama of Independence Day by Peter D. Wilson.