

## Chapter I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of Study

Grammar is important aspect as a rule in English communication. Mostly, grammar is used in written communication instead of spoken communication but, spoken communication is not invulnerable to the grammar rules. Most of people use the spoken communication to share speakers' idea and to gain the interlocutors attention.

Spoken communication is not only used in daily communication but also used in multiplayer online game. Online game used the network as a media to connect each player. The development of technology makes the online game being a product of technology with lots of players and fans that could not be denied. The variety of online game could not be classified into general terms, (Ni and Wang 2017). Usually, online games are classified into single player and multiplayer. The multiplayer online game is needed to be played at least two people or more. One of multiplayer online game genre, multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA), is one of the most favorite multiplayer online game genres beside first person shooter (FPS) (Prasetya, Haryanto, and Virgio 2022). MOBA game is usually played by five players with different role. The goal of this game is to destroy the enemies base tower to win this game. MOBA game need a good teamwork to gain the goal of the game.

In the past, playing a game need only a computer but, nowadays game could be played on mobile platform. Gaming in mobile platform is popular because player does not spend a lot of effort to bring a computer everywhere instead of bringing the only mobile phone that fits in pocket. Therefore, many genres of game could be found in a mobile platform especially in a mobile phone whether the phone is Android platform or iOS one.

As technology develops, game is not only offline and single player only but nowadays, the development of game expanded into an online and multiplayer game, (Devia-Allen 2017). One of the online games is Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang. Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang is one of the recent popular games. This game serves 5 vs 5 battle with 3 lanes of map. As reported by cellularnews.com Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang is the most downloaded MOBA game over than 14 million downloads in 2019. Even more specific, in South East Asia Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang only has reached approximately 100 million downloads with about 43 million monthly active players in 2018 which 50 percent of that player data are from Indonesia (Yogatama, Kharisma, and Fanani 2019). as explained before, to reach the goal of the multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) game is need to have a teamwork. To be a good teamwork, each player has to had interaction or communication. Valentina stated on their research that, there were two communication types found on this mobile game, those were verbal and non-verbal communication. Verbal communication contained Microphone feature which players could have an interaction directly by speaking be like phone calling between players and the second verbal communication feature is Quick Chat. according to Valentina, Quick Chat feature is communication feature that is immediately available or we just choose to be sent to all players during the game take place to communicate with each other and provide commands while playing Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang game, (Valentina and Sari 2019). On the other hand, the verbal communication is in form of Chat feature. Players could write their commands on it feature. But not whole words could be written on it because, it features has bad-words filter algorithm.

In this research, the researcher would conduct descriptive research about the grammatical Features Analysis on Quick Chat Feature at “Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang” Online Mobile Game. This game contained unique feature named by “quick chat” to make the communication between players easier and faster without typing a phrase or sentence.

## **1.2 Research Problems**

1. What is grammatical feature used in Quick Chat feature found in this Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang game?
2. How was the grammar structure of those sentences?
3. What kind of tenses are used in sentences?

## **1.3 Research Objective**

As explained before, grammar is one of important aspects in language. Using a proper grammar, we can communicate each people. Then, the objective of this present research is to provide the grammar analysis on Quick Chat feature at Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang game. Therefore, the researcher could find whether or not there were some errors and present to the reader.

Grammar plays a crucial role in language structure and communication. It serves as the foundation for conveying meaning effectively, ensuring clarity, coherence, and accuracy in written and spoken communication. Understanding grammar enables individuals to construct grammatically correct sentences, use appropriate punctuation, and apply language rules consistently. Moreover, grammar helps in conveying nuances, nuances, and subtleties of meaning, which are essential for expressing ideas, emotions, and intentions accurately. For example, knowing when to use different verb tenses, sentence structures, and word choices can significantly impact the message conveyed. Additionally, grammar facilitates effective communication by reducing ambiguity, preventing misinterpretation, and enhancing readability. Overall, a solid grasp of grammar is fundamental for achieving proficiency in language use and fostering clear and effective communication across various contexts.

In addition, Tenses are a fundamental aspect of grammar that play a crucial role in conveying the timing of actions or states in language. They provide a framework for expressing when an event occurred, whether it is happening now, has already happened, or will happen in the future. Understanding tenses is essential because they allow speakers and writers to communicate with precision and clarity about the sequence of events and the duration of actions. For example, using the

past tense indicates that an action took place before the present moment, while the present tense signifies actions happening currently or habitual actions. Similarly, the future tense conveys actions that will occur later. Proper use of tenses ensures coherence, logical sequencing, and accuracy in conveying information, stories, descriptions, and narratives. Without tenses, communication would lack chronological order and context, leading to confusion and ambiguity in understanding the intended message. Therefore, mastering tenses is vital for effective communication and conveying accurate temporal information in language.

#### **1.4 Scope and Limitation**

The scope of this research is the grammatical feature analysis on game Mobile Legends as a chat template for players communication. Therefore, this research limits the series of Mobile Legends game which researcher only analyze on Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang series besides Mobile Legends Adventure.

Communication feature at multiplayer online game should be existed. But each multiplayer online game has its own ways to facilitate their players in communication. Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang as one of multiplayer online games has feature named “Quick Chat” in game. In another hand, Quick Chat feature divided into several versions and functions, there were Default, Transformers, and The Aspirants version. Then, each those versions separated into Defend, Attack, and Communicate. In addition, there is another version which that version has no division in function, named by Quick Chat as the default setting from game developer. Furthermore, the writer limits the research only analyzing grammatical feature on Quick Chat system default whether other versions and functions.

#### **1.5 Definition and Key Terms**

1. Mobile Legends game is created by China developer is Moonton Technology Co. Ltd and shanghai mulong network and technology Co. Ltd. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang is a game designed which only for a phone (Moonton, Mobile Legends, 2016)
2. Quick Chat feature is communication feature that is immediately available or we just choose to be sent to all players during the game take

place to communicate with each other and provide commands while playing Mobile Legends: Bang-Bang game, (Valentina and Sari 2019).

3. According to Gupta patch is a part of software which created to repair or renew the software by adding the latest security system, feature update, renew former software purposes, and changing the software behavior, (Gupta et al. 2021). Therefore, Patch notes are official documents released by game developers that detail the changes, updates, and fixes implemented in a new version of a game. They are crucial for informing the player base about what to expect from the latest update, including new features, improvements, and bug fixes. Patch notes typically include a list of added content, such as new characters, levels, or items, as well as modifications to existing gameplay mechanics, balancing adjustments, and performance enhancements. Additionally, they often address known issues that have been resolved and may provide context or rationale for certain changes. By clearly communicating these updates, patch notes help maintain transparency between developers and players, ensuring that the gaming community is well-informed and can adapt to the new changes, ultimately enhancing the overall gaming experience, (Gallo 2022).
4. FPS (First Person Shooter) definition game typically encompasses several key aspects:
  - a. Perspective: An FPS game is characterized by its first-person perspective, where players view the game world through the eyes of their in-game character. This perspective immerses players in the action and provides a direct view of the environment, enemies, and interactions.
  - b. Combat Focus: FPS games primarily focus on combat mechanics, emphasizing shooting and engaging enemies using a variety of firearms and weapons. Players often need to aim, shoot accurately, manage ammunition, and strategize to defeat opponents and progress through the game.

- c. Real-Time Gameplay: FPS games feature real-time gameplay, where actions occur instantly and require quick reflexes and decision-making skills from players. This fast-paced nature adds excitement and intensity to the gaming experience.
- d. Multiplayer Options: Many FPS games offer multiplayer modes, allowing players to compete against each other in online matches or collaborate as a team to achieve objectives. Multiplayer FPS games often include various game modes such as deathmatch, capture the flag, domination, and more.
- e. Progression and Customization: FPS games often include progression systems where players can unlock new weapons, gear, abilities, and cosmetic items as they play. Customization options may allow players to tailor their character's appearance, loadouts, and playstyle to suit their preferences.
- f. Storytelling and Campaigns: While multiplayer is a significant aspect, some FPS games also feature single-player campaigns with narrative-driven storylines, missions, and objectives. These campaigns may immerse players in a compelling narrative while incorporating FPS gameplay mechanics.

FPS game expert would describe FPS games as immersive, action-packed experiences focused on combat, often featuring multiplayer modes, real-time gameplay, customization options, and sometimes a narrative-driven single-player campaign. These games require skill, strategy, and quick reflexes, making them popular among gamers who enjoy fast-paced and competitive gameplay, (Prasetya et al. 2022).