CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains about background of the study, statement of the problems, purposes of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key term.

1.1. Background of the Study

Language is the most important aspect in the life of all beings because it enables us to communicate. It helps to connect people in different ways. According to Fromkin, Rodman, and Hyam (2003: 3) language is the source of human life and power to live in a world because we always use language when we do interaction with whomever. It means that language can express ideas, feeling, and emotion of human beings to get some responses from others. People cannot live without interaction and communication with other people. People use a language to communicate with their society. It is proved by Wardhaugh (2006: 1) that a language is what the members of a particular society speak. However, speech in almost any society can take many very different forms.

However, we cannot separate between language and society itself because language is what the member of particular society use for communication. A study that learned about relation between language and society is called sociolinguistics. The development of language is influenced by the society itself, so they create many kinds of language variation. One of them is “Register”. Registers
are sets of language items associated with discrete occupational or social groups. (Wardhaugh, 2006: 52).

There are some studies related with the existence of register. In 2005, Sari had conducted the study about register used by employees of the shoe company of Artisan Jaya InternusaMakmur Malang. The result of her research showed that there are two kinds of English registers: formal register and informal register. There were 142 formal registers and 4 informal registers. Her study found that there were two reasons why the employees of the Shoe Company of Artisan Jaya Internusa Makmur Malang used registers. First, the English registers made the communication run easier and simpler. Second, the employees were accustomed to using English registers as their medium of communication in the shoe company. Then in 2011, Arfian Putri Anggraini also studied the register used by FOCUS in University of Muhammadiyah Malang. In her study Arfian found that there are two reasons that make the community of FOCUS organization use register. First, it has simple terms in photography. Second, it can make the communication easier.

Certain group of people uses register in their daily life because it is related to a sector and profession groups. There are many professions used registers in their activities, such as airline pilots, bank managers, computer programmers, drivers of public transportation, photographers, musician, fishermen, etc. All of people who have different occupation also have specific language or terms in their own community. For example, photographers have a specific term that differs from specific term used by pilots. If register is used in public area, which has many kinds of community, it will cause misunderstanding except certain term that have been known by the public.
Generally, people have the specific reasons that make them used the registers. The register used by each group of people come from many various professions is make their communication become practical, efficient, and understandable. It can be easy to be understood by their own community because they have the same knowledge, experience, and importance. CIBBM uses register to shorten their interlocution and give information more easily with others.

One of the groups of people used register is CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah). CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah) is chosen as research subject because CIBBM like many other professions frequently uses registers in their communication especially in activities that are related with the sports. This community is very popular among University of Muhammadiyah Malang students. So, many of them are enthusiastic to join it. Moreover, in addition to exercises, CIBBM often conducts competitions either in campus or other places. Certainly, it makes them use register more regularly than used others groups. Basically, the languages used by “CIBBM” members are Javanese and Indonesia language or sometimes the combination between those languages. However, the registers usually used by CIBBM are in English. However, not many people know about the registers in CIBBM. The registers that are used by CIBBM will cause misunderstanding to other people who do not belong to CIBBM. According to those phenomena, it is considered that CIBBM is worth to be analyzed. Thus, this research will give contribution to sociolinguistics science.
1.2. Statements of the Problems

Based on the background of the study above, the writer formulates the problems to be investigated as follow:

1. What are registers used by CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah) at University of Muhammadiyah Malang?
2. What are the meanings of the registers used by CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah) at University of Muhammadiyah Malang?
3. What are the reasons of “CIBBM” members in using the registers?

1.3. Purpose of the Study

After stating the certain problems, the researcher decides the purposes of the study. They are formulated as follow:

1. to find registers are used by CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah) at University of Muhammadiyah Malang
2. to find meanings of registers are used by CIBBM (Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah) at University of Muhammadiyah Malang
3. to find out the reasons of “CIBBM” members in using the registers

1.4. Significance of the Study

There are some significance of the study expected by the researcher of this thesis:

a. It is expected that the result of this study may give contribution to the English Department especially to the students who to conduct the similar research.
b. The result of this study can enrich the knowledge of English Department students about sociolinguistics phenomena that exists in particular community.

c. The result of this study is expected to give references for the lecture of sociolinguistic as the supporting material in explaining register for sociolinguistic studies.

d. The result of this study can add the knowledge for people and the student who are interested in studying about the registers that used by the Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah

This research is intended to give scientific information about register used by “Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah” at University of Muhammadiyah Malang. The researcher expects this research will contribute something meaningful in sociolinguistic and it can be useful for students of English Department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang and readers so that their knowledge about register used by “Civitas Basketball of Muhammadiyah” at University of Muhammadiyah Malang will be increased.

1.5. **Scope and Limitation**

This research is focused on what registers are used by “CIBBM”, the meanings of the registers and also the reasons “CIBBM” members in using registers. The researcher limits his study about registers used in exercising and competition process of CIBBM because license B coaches and members of CIBBM use register more regularly than other organization.
1.6. Definition of the Key Terms

1. **Language** is what the members of a particular society speak. (Wardhaugh, 2003: 1)

2. **Register** are set of language items associated with discrete occupational or social groups. (Wardhaugh, 2006: 52).

3. **CIBBM** is one of extracurricular activities in the University of Muhammadiyah Malang whose members are students who are interested in Basketball.