CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents required topics namely: background of the study, statement of the problems, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and the definition of the key terms. Each section is presented as follows.

1.1 Background of the study

Writing is one way of communication instead of speaking. It can also help people to express their ideas or arguments when they communicate with others. For example, we can communicate to others by writing an article of argumentation, opinion and report. In this case, we have to create our statements in order to make the language crystal clear in the structure. Besides, the ideas can be understood easily without ambiguous statement. Therefore, it must have good unity or coherence. Then in order to make the article have a good unity or coherence it needs sufficient linkers to connect one idea to others. One of them is transitional words.

Transitional words are known as sentence connector that connects one idea to others. Moreover, Langan (2010: 67) stated that “transitions are words and phrases that indicate relationships betweens ideas”. It also shows relationship between the part of sentence, between sentence in the paragraph, or between paragraph in a longer piece of writing for example, an essay, novel and magazine article. So that, they are very important in linking the ideas together smoothly and logically. Then the paragraphs have coherence. However, the use of appropriate
transitional words make the article flow smoothly and give clear information to the readers.

The discussion above showed that writing a good article needs transitional words. Oshima and Hogue (1999: 43) argued that “using transition words as glue makes it easier for your reader to follow your ideas”. In other words, transitional words are important to make the ideas correlated each other and flowed smoothly in order to make the readers understand the information stated. So that transitional word is essential and gives big contribution in writing a good article.

Considering this fact, transitional words is important to be observed because transitional words are used as the connector in every sentence. In this case, this study also observes transitional words are used in articles. Furthermore, people can get many kinds of articles in printed media, such as, newspaper, magazine, etc. Magazine is one of printed media that provide articles. In addition, magazine also serves much information or news, including daily common events in local, regional and international.

In this study, the researcher focuses on Progresio magazine because it is believed that this magazine is one of the English publications written by students of English department at University of Muhammadiyah Malang. Progresio magazine is published every semester. The magazine also serves much information based on common issues in international or national event. In this present study, Progresio magazine is chosen because it provides much information such as, politics, educations, culture and act. Besides, the articles in this magazine contain various types of transitional words to make ideas clear and easily understood by the readers. Furthermore, studying transitional words in Progresio
magazine will be useful for people especially for English learners. They will know the kinds and functions of transitional words used in Progresio magazine. Therefore, they may be able to apply transitional words for their better writing.

Erin Wulandari (2003), who studied about the error of using transitional signals and counts the error of using transitional signals in narrative paragraphs made by fourth semester students at University of Muhammadiyah Malang. However, the present study is aimed to analyze the types of transitional words used in some articles in Progresio magazine. Besides, this study is also focused at investigating the functions and the dominantly types of transitional words used in articles of Progresio magazine.

1.2 Statement of the problems.

In this present study, the researcher formulates some statement of problems as below:

1. What are the common types of transitional words used in the articles in Progresio magazine?

2. What is the type of transitional words dominantly used in Progresio magazine?

3. What are the functions of transitional words used in Progresio magazine?

1.3 Purposes of the Study

Based on the problems stated above, the researcher proposes some goals on this present study as below:

1. To classify the transitional words found in some articles based on several types of transitional words.
2. To identify the most dominantly type of transitional words used.
3. To describe the function of transitional words used in Progresio magazine.

1.4 Significance of the Study

The findings of the study are expected to give clear descriptions about transitional words, including the types and the functions of transitional used in Progresio magazine. Besides, practically it is expected that the result of the study dealing with transitional words will give valuable contribution to English learners that can be alternative information for them who are interested in learning various types of transitional words and their function in Progresio magazine. So they can learn more from this study and are able to apply their knowledge. Lastly, the next researchers are expected to use the result of the study as a reference or comparison that might be relevant to their researches.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

This study focuses on analyzing the words which are categorized as transitional words used in the articles in Progresio magazine. The data are taken from Progresio magazine in the edition on 2013 in which it is the same period when the researcher was conducting this present study. It means that this study takes the current edition of Progresio magazine.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

Concerning to the present study, the researcher gives some definitions related to the title in order to avoid misunderstanding.
1. Transitional words: Transitional words are words that connect one idea to others so there are no abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas.

2. Unity: oneness, it is one of the important elements of an essay that requires the writer to discuss only one idea.

3. Coherence: interlinked, another important element of good essay in which the ideas stick together and flow smoothly.

4. Article: is an essay written with a certain length is made to be published (through newspapers, magazines, newsletters, etc.) and aims to convey ideas and facts that can convince, educate, and entertain.

5. Progresio magazine: is an English magazine at English Department of University of Muhammadiyah Malang which has aim to give you benevolences as many as it could give. The magazine is designed and handled by News and Publication Devision, English Student Association (ESA) Progressio.

In conclusion, this chapter has already mentioned the introduction of the study that consist of; background of the study, statement of the problems, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and the definition of the key terms.
In order to expand the Chapter One and give more clear understanding about this research, Chapter Two will discuss about the review on the literature namely writing, paragraph, unity, coherence, cohesion, transitional words, types of transitional and related study.