CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

Chapter I of this research presents: background of the study, statement of the problems, purpose of the study, scope and limitation, significance of the study and definition of the key terms. Each section is presented as follows.

1.1 Background of the Study

According to Wardaugh (2006: 13) “Sociolinguistics is concerned with investigating the relationship between language and society with the goal of being a better understanding of the structure of language and of how languages function in communication”. There are many sociolinguistics components. One of them is language variation. Language variation has several points of view such as slang, register, argot and cant. The uses of them are influenced by contact among people in different communities.

From the above description, every community has a different language variety that is important to know, especially register. According to Holmes (2001: 246) the term register as the language of groups of people with common interests or jobs, or the language used in situation associated with such group. Holmes also stated “others use the term with different occupational groups” (2001: 246). It also happens in commentator of MotoGP program on Trans 7 TV. He uses motorcycle racing register in order to make simple in their conversation.
In fact, there are many fields which use register in their communication especially motorcycling racing field in the MotoGP program. It can make common people confused. As outsiders, we sometimes make a mistake in interpreting what people mean. It is a common thing because they have different background. Besides, the term of register which is used by every field is usually different from that used by other fields.

There have been some studies related to register. The first was conducted by Indriyani (2003). In her study, she used a qualitative design. She found 59 English registers jargons in “ARHANUD community in Karangploso Malang” and twenty two formal registers and thirty seven informal registers. The second was conducted by Sari (2005). She studied about the register used by the employees of shoe company Artisan Jaya Internusa Makmur Malang. She found 142 formal registers and 4 informal registers.

Based on the above description, the writer is interested in analyzing the types of register used by the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV. Moreover, she wants to analyze the word formation process of register used by the commentator. So, she intends to classify the types of register, the most dominant, and word formation process of register used by the commentator.

This study is conducted because most people like this program, especially teenagers and adults. Although they don’t know the types and the formation process of each register, they still watch it. Besides, the writer often finds the commentator uses register of motorcycle racing field such as overlap, race, overtake, etc. So, this study is important to know more about the types, the most dominant and the word
formation process of register. It will minimize the mistakes and make people easy to interact in society.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background of the study above, the writer formulates the problems as follows:

1. What types of register do the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV use?

2. What is the most dominant type of register used by commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV?

3. How is the formation process of register found in the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV?

1.3 Purpose of the Study

Based on the statement of the problems above, the purposes of this study is to provide adequate answers to the questions, they are:

1. To know types of the register used by the commentator in MotoGP program on Trans7 TV.

2. To find the most dominant register used by the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV.

3. To describe the formation process of register found in the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV.
1.4 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is register. The writer will analyze the types, the most dominant and the word of formation processes based on word formation process theory purposed by Yule (1996). The limitation of this study is the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans 7 TV. He was Mateo Guerinoni.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The writer expects that the result of this study will give knowledge and a clear description to the readers about the types, the most dominant and the formation process of register which is done by the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV. So, the reader will be easy to understand and minimize the mistakes about register.

For students, it will be useful for learning sociolinguistic subject about register. The students will be easy to understand register and know some examples of register that is used by the commentator of MotoGP program on Trans7 TV.

1.6 Definition of the Key Terms

In order to understand and to avoid misunderstanding on the concepts of this analysis, the writer gives a short explanation about the essential terms. Below is the terms used in this study:

1. A register is the specialized vocabulary common to a particular trade, occupation, topic or activity (Radford et.al, 2005: 256).
2. MotoGP is the highest level of motorcycle racing in the world. (Norem, 2010; 80).

3. Commentator is someone who describes an event on the radio or television while the event is happening. (Cambridge University Press, 2007; 134).