CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

Research method is an essential aspect in conducting a research. It is the way to help the writer solve and get the solution to his problem. This chapter discusses research design, research object, data collection, and data analysis.

3.1 Research Design

According to Denzin and Lincoln, (2011), in Creswell (2014:41), “Research designs are types of inquiry within qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches that provide specific direction for procedures in a research design. Others have called them strategies of inquiry”. Quantitative research deals with numerical data that is gathered by using objective measurement to answer questions or predetermined hypotheses. On the other hand, qualitative research is used to gain an understanding of social phenomenon such as reasons, opinions, motivations, and other perspectives of human participant in natural setting. This study applied qualitative method since it was designed to get information regarding the idioms and its contextual meaning and to classify the idioms that are found in Forrest Gump movie.

Ary, et. al. (2010: 640) state, “Descriptive research is the research that asks questions about the nature, incidence, or distribution of variables; it involves describing but not manipulating variables. The qualitative inquirer deals with data that are in the form of words or pictures rather than numbers and statistics.” Thus, this research was categorized into descriptive qualitative research because the data
and the analysis in this study were in the form of words and phrases contained in the dialogues of film.

3.2 Research Object

The object of this study was the film *Forrest Gump* directed by Robert Zemeckis which was published by Wendy Finerman back in 1994. It focused on the idiomatic expression used by the character of Forrest and Jenny in the film, including the classification of idiom and the contextual meaning. The data were obtained from the official subtitle that was provided by the original DVD of film “Forrest Gump”.

3.3 Data Collection

In this section the researcher addresses instrument, procedures, and data collection as follow:

3.3.1 Instrument

The term of instrument in conducting this research is an important thing in collecting the data. Moreover, in supporting the data collection of this study, the researcher used following instrument namely documents.

In conducting the study by means of document analysis, the availability of document is surely importance. The document analysis may be public records, textbooks, letters, films, tapes, diaries, themes, reports, or other documents (Ary et al, 2010). However, in this study, the documents under investigation regarding this study consisted of *Forrest Gump* movie released in 1994.
3.3.2 Procedure

In order to collect the data, there were several steps performed by the researcher. First of all, the researcher watched the film Forrest Gump to get familiar with the idiomatic expression used by Forrest and Jenny contained in the film. In one session, the researcher watched the film using an English subtitle to compare the dialogues on the film with the subtitle. The main resource on this study is the film itself, subtitle was used in order to help the researcher avoid the misheard and also misunderstanding. This session was done twice aimed to get familiar with idiomatic expression contained in the film. It was also important to make sure that there are no idiomatic expressions missed by the researcher.

Moreover, to identify the contextual meaning of each idiom, the researcher used three dictionaries which is one offline dictionary and two online dictionaries. The offline dictionary, the researcher used American idiom dictionary 3 editions by Makkai, et.al. (1995). The online dictionaries, the researcher used ids.thefreedictionary.com and dictionary.com. After the researcher identified the meaning of each idiom in the three dictionaries, the researcher compare them with the context where the idiom used in Forrest Gump movie, aimed to get the contextual meaning.

3.4 Data Analysis

The focus of this study was to analyze the idioms used by the character Forrest and Jenny in the film Forrest Gump. Specifically, It focuses on the idioms
and their contextual meanings, as well as classify them into their classification based on Fillmore’s theory.

The researcher used descriptive qualitative in analyzing the data. The data obtained from the data source were analyzed in the following steps.

Table 3.1

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This table was used to answer the question number one in chapter 1. The text column represented the conversation where the idiom was found. The idiom column represented the conversation where the idioms in each conversation. The source column represented the position of the data in the film based on its sequence and the time.

After identifying the idioms found in the film, the researcher classified each of the idioms used by Forrest and Jenny in the film Forrest Gump based on Fillmore’s theory.

Table 3.2

The Classification of Idioms Used by Forrest and Jenny in the Film Forrest Gump
This table was used to answer the question number two in chapter 1. The idioms column represented the idiomatic expression found in the film. Encoding versus decoding column, grammatical versus extra grammatical column, substantive versus formal column and pragmatic point versus without pragmatic point column was represented the classification of each idiom.

After identifying the idioms and their classifications, the researcher identified the contextual meaning of each idiom by using *A Dictionary of American. 3 editions* by Makkai, *et.al.* (1995) and two online dictionaries; idioms.thefreedictionary.com and dictionary.com. Furthermore, the researcher correlated the meaning of each idiom with the context where it was used in order to get the contextual meaning.

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The Contextual Meaning Idioms Used by Forrest and Jenny in Forrest Gump Movie

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This table was used to answer the question number three in chapter 1. The idiom column represented the idiomatic expression found in the film. The contextual meaning column represented the contextual meaning of each idiom. Furthermore, the explanation and analysis will be performed beneath the table.

Finally, after identifying the contextual meaning used by Forrest and Jenny in the film Forrest Gump, the researcher drew the conclusion out of the process of the data analysis.