

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

3.1 Research Design

In order to conduct the research systematically, there are some methods applied. Research is any activities to collect the data, analyze it, and present the result. It is done in systematic and scientific steps to answer a certain problem. In this research the writer uses descriptive qualitative method in order to analyze the possible word formation used in *Small Great Things* novel. This study is called descriptive because the data of this study are explained descriptively. This research is conducted by collecting, classifying, analyzing the data and draws some conclusions. The writer also uses qualitative research to know the social injustice in Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things* novel. Qualitative research is about learning to understand and interpret new things of people perception by interpretive and naturalistic approach (Denzin & Lincoln, 2003). The qualitative research is a research which is analyzed qualitatively, because the truth can be expressed with some ways without number.

3.2 Literary Approach

The thesis of this applies the extrinsic and intrinsic approach in analyzing the novel. The extrinsic approach means that the study applies Sociological Approach. The intrinsic approach is also applied because the discussion of the study is based on the elements of the novel itself such as the characters and settings of this novel. In this case the thesis writer only focus on the discussion of the social injustice in the novel.

3.3 Data Source

This research is written based on primary and secondary data. Primary data is taken from the novel *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult in 2016. The researcher reads the novel and quotes some important fragments of the story—words, phrases and sentences which show the form of social injustice—in which the injustice exists along with the daily life of society that are related to the topic of this research. The secondary data are taken from various books, online articles sources.

3.4 Research Instrument

The instrument of this study is the thesis writer herself since all of the data are collected, interpreted and analyzed by the writer herself.

3.5 Data Collection Procedure

The technique of data collection in this study is qualitative research. There are some techniques of collecting data :

1. Reading *Small Great Things* novel by Jodi Picoult's carefully and comprehensively.
2. Reading some related source of *Small Great Things* novel to know the previews study of the novel.
3. Taking notes of the data in accordance to the problem questioned in the research question. By this way, the researcher notes some events and quotations which related to social injustice phenomenon.
4. Dividing the related fragments of the story-words, phrases and sentences which show the form of social injustice.

3.6 Data Analysis Procedure

In analyzing the data, the writer applies some steps as follow:

1. After having the complete data, the researcher then reads the data comprehensively.
2. Classifying the data into the types of social injustice which have been explained in the chapter two.
3. Analyzing the data through reading strategies by using sociological approach initiated by Swingewood and Laersonson which focuses on literature as the source of social events and history or the documents of social phenomenon.