

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

In this chapter consists of the research design, object of the study, source of the data, instrument of the study, data collection, and data analysis procedure.

3.1 Research Design

In this study, the writer uses descriptive qualitative research design in this research. Function of descriptive is to describe the data which are collected in order to figure out the problems and to get the conclusion result. Patton (2002) said that, qualitative research gives more concentrate on the process than result. It means the qualitative study concerns with the data using words and the quality of the research process.

This research is done to find the elements and effectiveness of the topic sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction sections. In the student thesis, the writer describes, classifies and analyzes the topic sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction section.

3.2 Source of the Data

The data in this study are the topic sentences in the first paragraph of the introduction section of undergraduate theses that are written by the students of English Department. The topic sentences are analyzed to know how effective the topic sentences in the first paragraph of the introduction section

3.3 Instrument of the Study

The instrument of this study is the writer. Since the research design belongs to qualitative method that observation. The observer is the research who manages all things in this research, chooses the subjects, chooses the way of collecting data and analyses the data.

3.4 Data collection procedure

There are some steps that the writer does to collect the data:

- 1) Choose topic sentences in the paragraph of the introduction section as the data to analyze.
- 2) Read the first paragraph in introduction section and find the topic sentence
- 3) Give code each topic sentence.

3.5 Data Analysis Procedure

The ways that the writer analyzed this data is read the topic sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction section and find the elements the topic sentence in that paragraph which is relevant to the theories above. The main steps in analyzing the data that can be clarified as follow:

- 1) Apply the theories effective writing and analyze the effectiveness of the topic sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction section.
- 2) Analyze the elements and how effective the topic sentence in the first paragraph of the introduction section by examining the three elements of effective topic sentences: topic, controlling idea and writer's attitude.
- 3) Analyze the characteristics of effective topic sentences, too narrow topic sentences and too general topic sentences.