CHAPTER 3

METHOD OF THE STUDY

3.1 Research Approach

The method used in this study is qualitative research. According to Creswell (2009: 2), a qualitative research involves individual interpreting which means that the researcher is required to make interpretations of the meaning of the data. Qualitative approach was applied and considered appropriate in this study for several reasons that relate to some elemalets in qualitative research. In qualitative research, the writer herself is essentially the main measurement device. In this way, the writer tries to get closer to what is being studied. Second, a deep understanding can be found, therefore, samples are usually small, and it is guided by theoretical rather than probabilistic considerations (Punch: 2005, p. 242). The analysis of the study would be done in words in which the writer categorized the data based on the applied underlying theory.

The writer investigated the use of language in detail, not in the form of number but in the form of words. They are written texts in two novels *Happy Ever After* and *The Christmas Wedding.*

3.2 Sources of Data

In this study, the writer took some of the existing data of female and male writing as seen on two different novels, the title of the novel written by female is

Happy Ever After and the title of the novel written by male is *The Christmas Wedding*.

The first novel is *Happy Ever After* written by Nora Roberts. This novel becomes the First New York Times Bestseller. This novel tells about a female who loves her carrier or her job very much but she never realizes about the proper age to get married. Yet, in her busy activities, she finds a male who will accompany her and marry her. According to Chasteen who is Time's Staff in a book review of this novel, Nora Roberts is a master at describing scenes; the scene of wedding gowns, lovely flower, and all the words related to the female characters.

The second novel is *The Christmas Wedding* written by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo. This novel has become The World's 1st Bestselling writer. This novel has almost the same story as the first novel *Happy Ever After*. The different is lying on the marriage status of the female character in the novel. In this novel, the female character has a marital status as divorcee. On the other side, the female character in this novel has the same career background with the female character in Nora Robert's novel. This female is also a career female who will find her new husband and make her life be more beautiful.

The writer chose these two novels because these two novels have similar story about female's life in which they represent a lot of female character. Because this study is a comparative study, the novels that would be compared need to have the same elements, such as the age of the female characters and the social background of the female characters in the novels. The difference is on the novel's writer. It aims to

find out the differences and the similarities of language use by male and female writers to represent the female characters in the novels.

3.2.1 Synopsis of *The Christmas Wedding* Novel

Novel entitled *The Christmas Wedding* has a story about the character of Gaby. Gaby is a widow who has four children. After her husband died five years ago, there has no celebrated together in Christmas day. Therefore, Gaby announces that she would get married in the Christmas day. Gaby does not announce the male who would be married with Gaby. It makes her four children feel anxious with the news of Gaby's married. Finally, in the day of Christmas, Gaby announce the male who would be married and also her last son announce that he would married with his special girl friend. This novel has story of happy ending, which is Gaby's family feel happiness of the wedding and the Christmas day together. In this novel, there are 5 female character and 8 male character. Yet, in this novel, female character becomes the majority in the dialogues.

3.2.2 Synopsis of *Happy Ever After* Novel

The novel entitled *Happy Ever After* which written by Nora Roberts has the story about a female Parker who has a brilliant dreaming about her career. She has a dreaming about the wedding event. She makes her dream becomes true, and she gets successful. By the time of her successful, she meets a male who makes her falling in love. Because of the male's background of his family, Parker's friends do not agree

with Parker's relationship. The male who has name Malcolm Kavanaugh never gives up to make Parker's friends accept him to Parker. Finally, Parker's friends agree with the Parker's relationship and Parker married with Malcolm Kavanaugh. In this novel, there are 5 of female character who take the majority of the dialogues and only 3 male character.

3.3 Technique of Data Collection

In explanation to collect the data, the first step, the writer searched for two novels written by a male and a female writers in which the stories represent the female characters. Second, the writer selected the novels which mostly tell about the female's characters. That theme is historical romalece in which the novels have the same background of female characters. That background includes the age of the female characters, the social status, and the same story of the female characters in the novels.

For getting the novels, the writer tried to find out the novel written by male. As we know that male writer is rare to write novel and even less with the theme of historical romalece. After finding the novel written by male, the writer tried to find the novel written by female that has the same character of the female character from the novel written by male.

3.4 Technique of Data Analysis

To do the analysis, the writer used eight steps to get a good analysis. They are:

1. read the two novels carefully

2. identify the language use by the male and the female writers

3. identify the language use which represent female's characters in those two novels

4. classify the language use into features in female's language and based on the theory of language and gender

5. analyze the language use related to the features in female's language

6. find out the similarities of the language use related to the features in female's language

7. find out the differences of the language use related to the features in female's language

8. draw a conclusion

In general explanation, the first step is to do the analysis, the writer read the novel carefully. The writer read the novels sentence by sentence and marked the sentence that represents female character in the novels. After getting the sentences that represents female's character in the novels, the writer classified the sentences or the language used expressed by male and female writer novel in the feature of female's language. The writer also identified the language used expressed by male and female writer's novel in representing female's character into theory of language and gender as the second theory in doing the analysis. Next, the writer analyzed the

language used expressed by male and female writer's novel related to the features in female's language. To get the comparison between language used expressed by male and female writer novel, the writer also found out the similarities and the differences between two novels. In the last step, the writer draw a conclusion for this study.