

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

The utterances of compliments and compliment responses on the Ellen DeGeneres Show are something found in our daily lives, not only on the talk show. “Ellen DeGeneres Show” provided the utterances were applied by the host and the guest stars. It was found the topics of compliment and the types of compliment responses were applied by the host and the guest stars.

Holmes (1988) provided five the the topics of compliment but in this study, only found four topics of compliment used on the Ellen DeGeneres Show. The four topics of compliment found were appearance, ability or performance, possessions, personality or friendship. Topics of compliment of **others** did not appear because the utterances from speaker and the topics of compliment were matched and mixing of topics was not found in speaker’s utterances in season 9 episode 105 and season 18 episode 153. Herbert (1990) also provided twelve types of compliment responses but in this study, only found seven types of compliment responses. The types of compliment responses that were found were appreciation token, comment acceptance-single, praise upgrade, return, question, disagreement and no acknowledgement. The types of compliment responses that did not appear were **comment history**; because the hearers did not give the compliment response by explaining the history of the object that was complimented, **reassignment**; because

the hearers did not give compliment response by directing the third person or object itself, **scale down**; because the hearers did not respond to the compliment by pointing out the weakness of the object being complimented, **qualification**; because the hearers did not respond to compliment by comparing the object being complimented with other better ones, usually using the words though but well, and **request interpretation**; because the hearers did not give compliment response by interpreting the compliment given by the speaker to him/her as a request. The hearers thought it was not a simple compliment in hearers' utterances related to these types in season 9 episode 105 and season 18 episode 153.

In the DeGeneres Show, it was found that speakers were more likely to use the topic of compliment on ability or performance. However, in responding the compliment, The hearers were more likely to use the type of compliment response on appreciation token. It showed the acceptance of the compliment given. It could avoid the face threatening act and built a harmonious relationship on the speaker.

5.2 Suggestion

Knowing and applying compliments and compliment responses in daily life is something that is important to avoid the face threatening act. It can make up a good relationship between the speaker and the hearer. Through this research, researcher suggested this research can be useful for readers not only to know what compliments and compliment responses are but can be applied in everyday life.

This is also important for who are concerning in English study. The researcher suggested English department students and also the teachers or lecturers can enrich their knowledge in term of pragmatics, especially in compliments and compliment responses expression. Through understanding compliments and compliments responses expression, English department students and also the teachers or lecturers can use it as a reference in their research and apply it in social life.