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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan tipe-tipe penyimpangan individual dan faktor faktor yang menyebabkan dilakukannya seks bebas, mabuk-mabukan, dan pertengkaran yang ada dalam novel Me Before You karya Jojo Moyes. Untuk mencapai tujuan tersebut, digunakan teori pendekatan sosiologi, dan penyimpangan individual yang merupakan teori dari Karl Marx. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif yang menggunakan metode deskriptif. Adapun data dalam penelitian ini adalah berupa ujaran-ujaran yang mengungkapkan adanya bentuk penyimpangan individual dalam novel Me Before You karya Jojo Moyes, dan sumber data pada penelitian ini adalah novel Me Before You karya Jojo Moyes. Teknik pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan membaca novel Me Before You karya Jojo Moyes, lalu dilakukan teknik penganalisaan data yaitu dengan menganalisa dan mengklasifikasikan data berdasarkan penyimpangan individual lalu diakhiri dengan penarikan kesimpulan. Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, disimpulkan tiga tipe penyimpangan individual, yaitu (1) sex bebas, (2) mabuk, dan (3) perkelahian. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa (1) sex bebas umum dilakukan oleh orang belum memiliki status pernikahan bahkan pada usia remaja dan tidak jarang juga dilakukan ditempat umum, (2) mabuk digambarkan dengan alcohol yang kerap kali ada ditengah sebuah perkumpulan , ditempat ramai, dandilakukan untuk mengekspresikan kebahagiaan, dan (3) perkelahian digambarkan dengan adanya perbedaan pendapat yang menjadikan emosi meluap, disusul dengan suara bernada yang tinggi dan juga faktor yang menyebabkan dilakukannya seks bebas adalah nafsu dan kecemburuan, faktor penyebab dilakukannya mabuk-mabukan adalah ingin mengekspresikan kebahagiaan, dan yang terakhir adalah faktor yang menyebabkan dilakukannya pertengkaran adalah perbedaan pendapat.

Kata kunci: pendekatan sosiologis, penyimpangan individual, Me Before You.

ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe the types of individual deviations and the factors that cause free sex, drunkenness, and fights in the novel Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. To achieve this goal, a sociological approach is used, and individual deviation is the theory of Karl Marx. This research is a qualitative research using descriptive method. The data in this study are in the form of utterances that reveal the existence of individual deviations in the novel Me Before You by Jojo Moyes, and the source of data in this study is the novel Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. The data collection technique was carried out by reading the novel Me Before You by Jojo Moyes, then the data analysis technique was carried out by analyzing and classifying the data based on individual deviations and ending with drawing conclusions. Based on the results of the study, it was concluded that there were three types of individual deviation, namely (1) free sex, (2) drunkenness, and (3) fights. The results showed that (1) free sex is generally carried out by people who do not have marital status even at the age of teenagers and is not uncommon in public places, (2) drunkenness is described by alcohol which is often in the middle of a gathering, in crowded places, and is done to expressing happiness, and (3) fights are described by differences of opinion that make emotions overflow, followed by a high-pitched voice and also the factors that cause free sex are lust and jealousy, the factors that cause drunkenness are wanting to express happiness, and The last factor that causes a fight is a difference of opinion.

Keywords: sociological approach, individual deviation, Me Before You.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

As technology has advanced, human living standards become higher. Most people want to have a better life such as getting more money, having a prestigious job, having a new car, luxury home, or branded clothes and also getting the best service and respect. The desire for goods and services seems to never be satisfied. Therefore money and wealth will influence changes in lifestyle, habits, and behavior. Habits and behavior in the society also widely adopted into literary work. The lifestyle of upper class people is generally more glamorous and modern while lower class people are generally found in the countryside. Social class differences also affect the minds of people who live in urban and city center. The upper class thinks that they are more cultured and more educated while the lower class thinks that the upper class is luxurious because they like to spend money. They also think that the rich people like to force the poor with their wealth.

Literature has been recognizing by experts and many people. The word literature itself comes from the Latin word 'litter' which means letter (Klarer, 2004). It is referring the words that printed or written. Literary work associated with society

that is as affirmation or innovation and has an important role, which is the effort to become a pioneer of regeneration, as well as to give the appreciation to society's symptoms, but it does not omit the relationship with another branch of society such history, sociology, culture, psychology, and anthropology. Literature as the reflection of human's action oftentimes presenting a picture about what that is said, thinks, and does by people in a society. Literature consists of two forms, those are poetry, and prose. According to Klarer (2004) poetry is one of the oldest genres in literary history. Therefore, the clarity of a poem depends very much on the accuracy of the use of words and the cohesion that shapes them. Poetry is a literary variety that is bound by its elements, such as rhythm, mantra, rhyme, line and verse. Poetry can also be said to be an expression of emotions, imagination, ideas, thoughts, rhythm, tone, word order, figurative words, sensory impressions, and feelings. Poetry is an expression that takes into account the aspects of the sound in it, as well as in the form of the poet's imaginative, emotional, and intellectual experience from his individual and social life. Poetry is expressed with certain techniques so that it can evoke certain experiences in the reader or listener. The prose is the form of language which has an informal rhythmic structure. Prose divided into novels, short stories and novella. The novel is a long narrative in literary prose and the subsequent development of romanticism. A novel is a prose essay that is storytelling, which tells of an extraordinary event from the lives of people (characters). It was said to be an extraordinary event because of this incident a conflict emerged, a dispute, which shifted the direction of the fate of the leaders. The novel only tells one aspect of the

life of the character that is truly special, which results in a change of fate. Novels are defined as long and complex fictional narrative prose that describes characters and normally presenting a sequential organization of actions and scenes as well as a tool to present and express the ideas and feelings of a writer to describe the certain aspects of human like characters. Each story contains of moral value, message which actualize in the life of reader. Researcher uses novel as the object of research and analysis based on the sociological perspective and the point of view.

Real life is the author's capital and also an element that can build the content of the literary work. Literary work is art, where many elements of humanity are included in it, especially feelings so that it is difficult to apply to scientific methods. Literary works are expressions of human personality in the form of experiences, thoughts, feelings, ideas, enthusiasm, beliefs in a form of a picture of life, which can evoke enchantment with the tools of language and be described in written form. Literary works are very beneficial for life because literary works can give the reader awareness about the truths of life, even though they are described in the form of fiction. Literary works can provide inner joy and satisfaction. This entertainment is a type of intellectual and spiritual entertainment. Literary works can also be used as an experience to work because anyone can pour the contents of the heart and mind in an article of artistic value. There are many literary works that discuss about human bad habits. These bad habits are played by characters who reflect the behavior of people in a society. One of the literary works that show the connection between reality and

literary work or literary work that reflect the reality is the novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The main character of this novel is Louisa Clark usually called as Lou. Novel *Me Before You* describes human life in society. Another character in this novel are named William Traynor usually called Will. Lou and Will are a pair of employers and personal nurse. William is suffering from a spinal disease known as quadriplegia. The life of the two before meeting was not much different from after meeting. William from a family of businessmen and usually lives with free sex, and Louisa comes from a poor family who was trapped in promiscuity. William previously had a girlfriend and they had slept in a hotel together and had a husband and wife relationship, also Louisa with her boyfriend did the same as William and his girlfriend. The novel also mentions that Lou's neighbors had a big fight, also when Lou and Will went to watch a horse show, they met a man who was drunk.

After reading *Me Before You* novel, the researcher found the phenomena which can be analyzed by using sociological. The researcher was interested in examining individual deviation as the research title. The researcher decided to choose the description of the problem of types of individual deviation and factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel as a problem in the novel *Me Before You* because the novel clearly describes a social situation or situation in a society and why it caused in common. Researchers describe a novel as a reflection to reveal the condition of society at that time. The novel *Me Before You* was chosen as the object of research because it has never been used before by examining from the point of view of social deviation, especially regarding individual deviation.

Individual deviation is a view done by someone in the form of a violation of the norms of an established culture. This deviation is caused due to evil behavior / crime. There are some differences in individual deviation which is done in several places also in several times. One example is the following, whereas in Stortford in 2012 the deviation that occurred was one of them being free sex. In one morning William Traynor and his girlfriend were in an apartment. William and his girlfriend have been in the apartment since the night.

"When he emerges from the bathroom she is awake, propped up against the pillow and flicking through the travel brochures that were beside her bed. She is wearing one of his T-Shirt, and her long hair is tousled in a way that prompts reflexive thoughts of the previous night" (Moyes.1)

The quote above shows that it had been a full night the two of them were in one room and had sex. As we know that having sex before marriage is an unusual thing to do.

A quote that shows the factors of individual deviation, especially quarrels are because they have different opinions. This is evidenced when Georgina yells at her mother expressing her disapproval of her mother's decision.

"You can't let him do this mom. You have to stop him" (Moyes, 116)

Georgina's words indicate that it was the protests due to differences of opinion between her and her mother that made her angry. It can be concluded that one of the factors that cause quarrels is disagreement or difference of opinion

Many researcher make the novel *Me Before You* as the object of the research, some of them are Dekika (2018) made a research entitle *A Description of Conflict in*

Jojo Moyes' Novel Me Before You. In this research the researcher focus on the description of the types of conflicts found in the two figures in the novel written by Jojo Moyes. The researcher uses the conflict theory of Robert and Jacobs so that she can found conflicts like what is experienced by the main characters in the novel.

Another researcher the existence of the main character in *Me Before You* novel has been written by Daromes (2019) from SAM Ratulangi University under the title *Ungkapan Pujian Dalam Film Me Before You Karya Jojo Moyes : Suatu Analisis Pragmatik*. The researcher uses New Critism theory to analyze Will Traynor's character. So based on the relationship between literary works and reality and the existence of issues or phenomena that reflect individual deviation and the research that people have done on the novel *me before you*, the researcher is interested in conducting research by focusing on the types of individual deviation and the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel aspect.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the research, the identification of the problem is about:

- 1. The types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.
- 2. Social conflict in *Me Before You* novel.
- 3. The factor that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in Me Before You novel.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The purpose of this research is to specifically analyze the story from Jojo Moyes entitle *Me Before You*. In order to be able to arrange this research neatly and so that the writer does not get lost in the middle of the research, the writer promptly narrows down the scope of problem for this research is:

- 1. There are the types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.
- 2. There are the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the stated above in limitation of the problem, the writer notice one main problem which will be the focal point of this research. The main problem is:

- 1. What are the types of individual deviation shown in Me Before You novel?
- 2. What are the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel?

1.5 Objective of the Research

Related to the formulation of the problem above, the objective of the problem in this research formulated as:

1. To describe the types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.

2. To describe the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in Me Before

You novel.

1.6 Significance of the Research

The results of this study are expected to provide the following benefits:

Theoretical Significance, the researcher argues that this study can contribute

to the development of literature and increase students' knowledge of literature,

especially in prose learning and research.

Practical Significance, the researcher believes this research can stimulate

readers' critical thinking about the impact of social class differences in social life.

Readers are expected to gain an understanding that literature, especially through

North and South, is a work that can provide views, social truths, even the limitations

of society and how it can actualize the dimensions of time, age, and generation.

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

Individual Deviation: A view done by someone in the form of a violation of

the norms of an established culture.

Novel: A story related to real or fictional events imagined by

the author through his observation of reality.

Sociological Approach: An approach is used to study human behavior.

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CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURES AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

In this chapter, the researcher examines the theory and understanding of the literature related to the sociological approach to support the analysis of this research. The theory used in this research is Marx's theory in the *Max Weber and Karl Marx* book as the main theory for analyzing the sociological aspects of this research. In addition to studying theories, researcher also reveals previous studies and theoretical frameworks.

2.1 Sociological Approach

The sociological approach is a study that has a broad scope to examine literary works. Sociology and literature have the same object of study, namely humans in society, understanding the relationships between humans and the processes that arise from these relationships in society. Therefore, literary work cannot be separated from the social reality that occurs in society.

According to Karl Marx in (as cited in Turner, 2003) sociology is a special science which in fact becomes universal. In other cases, it can be interpreted as a deeper social science research related to human life. Sociology can be defined as the study of human life, both in groups and individually. More simply, sociology is the

science of social life that deals directly with humans and their interactions in a society.

In studying social life, many things will be found that occur in society. One of them is deviation. Deviance according to Marx (as cited in Hisyam, 2014) is behavior that is contrary to the interests of community groups. These deviations occur in the background of the crime. Deviation occurs in several forms, one of which is individual deviation. This individual deviation is a deviation committed by people by violating the applicable norms. Some examples of individual deviations are free sex, drunk, and quarrel is:

2.1.1 Free Sex

Kuswandi (2019) argues that free sex is an activity carried out by a pair of humans that begins with holding hands until they are at the end point, namely having premarital sex. According to him, free sex is not only having a relationship like a married couple, but also holding hands, hugging is included if this is done by a couple who is not married or does it not with their partner. Seeing this understanding, it can be concluded that free sex occurs in many places. Based on the two opinions before, it can be concluded that free sex is driven by sexual desire which begins with touching such as holding hands, hugging, kissing, and finally having sex which violates existing norms or prevailing in society.

2.1.2 Drunk

Drunk is a condition that has been poisoned due to excessive consumption of alcohol to a condition where there is a decline in mental and physical abilities. Common symptoms include unclear speech, chaotic balance, poor conditions, red eyes, and other strange behavior. If a person experiences poisoning due to consuming alcohol, the first symptom experienced is dizziness. This was followed by difficulty concentrating, causing his speech to sound slurred, followed by bloodshot eyes. Next is the disturbance of balance that causes the person to fall often and the last is strange behavior such as angry for no reason or laughing for no causes.

2.1.3 Quarrel

Quarrels also occur which can be caused by conflicts that occur and the perpetrators cannot find a solution point for the conflict. Quarrels here are not only done physically but also verbally. People who fight tend to start with words, but if that can't solve the problem, then physical contact is needed as a last resort for perpetrators who can't control their emotions or are not good at responding to each conflict.

In addition to the forms of individual deviation, there are also factors behind the occurrence of individual deviations. Hisyam (2014) stated that biological factors, family experiences, environment, lifestyle, and economic conditions are the things that influence the conduct of deviant behavior. Here are the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel. First is free sex. Free sex is an intimate relationship that is

only based on lust that is done freely without the bond of husband and wife. According to Kartono (as cited in Cynthia 2007) Seks bebas (free sex) sendiri merupakan perilaku yang didorong oleh hasrat seksual, dimana kebebasan tersebut menjadi lebih bebas jika dibandingkan dengan system regulasi tradisional dan bertentangan dengan system norma yang berlaku dalam masyarakat. Based on the understanding, free sex occurs because of abuse of freedom to violate existing norms in society which also has a negative impact on physical and mental. Many factors that influence a person to have free sex, ranging from family factors, religion, and the biggest are environmental factors. Free sex also can be done because of the lust and jealousy. The second is drunk. There are four factors that cause a person to get drunk based on Rori (2015) they are family factor, personal factor, religion factor, environment factor, and education factor. But the biggest factor is personal factor because no matter how big the other factors are, if the personality is strong, there will be no drunk. Drunk is not only done because of frustration or other negative things, also done to express happiness by partying drinks until drunk. The last is quarrel. Quarrel is a situation where differences of opinion occur between one person and another person, thus provoking emotions between the two parties. According to Amin (2015) quarrel is an act of violence. Generally the quarrel arises because there is a problem and the way of resolution between the two parties is different. The quarrel caused several losses including the tenuous relationship between the two parties.

2.1 Previous Study

In the background of research in the previous chapter, the researcher has several previous studies that discuss the novel *Me Before You* which is used as a source of data. In addition to discussing the novel as a source of data, the researcher also discusses several previous studies which also discuss the sociological approach. In this sociological approach, researchers use it to examine literary works in the form of short stories and novels. The following are some studies that discuss issues of the sociological approach.

The first research is entitled "Racism Against African American Slave in Solomon Northup's *Twelve Years As A Slave*" Adawiyah (2015). This study aims to find out the forms of racism against African American slaves found in Solomon Northup's novel Twelve Years as a Slave, the process taken by Solomon Northup to get out of the slavery system, and the relationship between racism against African American slaves in the novel with racism against African American slaves in the nineteenth century. The approach taken in this research is the sociological approach. The result of this research is the discovery of forms of racism against African American slaves called discrimination, segregation, prejudice, and violence.

The second research is from Loindong (2012) by taking a sociological approach. The objectives of Loindong's research are to identify, analyze and describe how Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice depicts the social life and circumstances of British society in the early nineteenth century and to identify, analyze and describe

how is the social stratification depicted in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. The title of this research is "The Picture of British Society in *Pride and Prejudice*: A Sociological Analysis of Literature".

Next is research from Afida (2015) entitled "Social Segregation in Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*: The Sociological Approach". This research is about social discrimination in society which is told in the novel The Help. This study aims to determine the form of social discrimination in Jackson Mississippi in 1960 as depicted in the novel and the researcher focuses on the views of the characters on social discrimination. The result of Afida's research is that researchers found aspects of social discrimination physically and at the attitude of each white and black person. Stockett describes his views on social discrimination that he wants equality between whites and blacks and hopes that there will be no more social discrimination.

The next research is to discuss the relationship between sociology and literature. This study aims to identify and describe the elements of the sociology of literature in the short story *Senyum Yang Kekal* by Korrie Layun Rampan. This research was researched by Mursalim (2019) with the research title " A Sociological Approach of Literature in Short Story *Senyum Yang Kekal* By Korrie Layun Rampan"

There is also a study entitled "The Influence of Social Condition on the Personality of the Main Character In R.J Palacio's *Wonder*". The research by Rahmayanti (2017) aims to analyze the personality development of August Pullman in which he is the main character in the novel *Wonder*. The result of Rahmayanti's research is that it is social life that greatly influences August Pullman's personality

such as parents, school friends, and friends. Sociological approach is used in this study which focuses on the social aspects of the story in the novel.

The next previous research is research from Sugianto (2016) which aims to show aspects of both traditional and modern cultural values. The researcher used a sociological approach in his research. In collecting data, the researcher used a qualitative descriptive method and used the note-taking instrument. His research is entitled "The Analysis of Traditional and Modern Culture Values in David Nicholls' Novel "One Day" (Sociological Approach)". The results of the research show that the values of modern and traditional culture are clearly visible from the style, life, character, behavior, habits, attitudes and moral people. The moral value that exists in David Nicholl's One Day novel is that arrogance and arrogance are shown in male characters as evidence of modern culture, while shame and humility are shown by female characters in this novel as evidence of traditional culture.

The last previous research was "Social Conflict in Owen Matthew's *Stalin's Children*" Hikmah (2016). This study aims to analyze the social conflicts in the novel *Stalin's Children*. There are two problems discussed in this study, the first is what kind of conflict is described in the novel, and the second is what the factors that cause conflict in the novel are. In his research, the researcher used a sociological approach to aspects of literary works as a reflection of society. The results of this study are the discovery of three categories of social conflict in the novel such as: conflict between individuals and individuals, conflicts between groups and groups, and conflicts between individuals and groups in the form of infidelity conflicts, slander, expulsion,

arrests, and marriage annulments such as crime, family disorganization, war, violation of societal norms, and bureaucracy.

Based on all the previous research above, the researcher concludes that there are similarities and also differences between previous research and this research. Talking about similarities, the similarities are that previous researchers and this research both use sociological as the approach in analyzing the data. Meanwhile, when talking about the difference, this research uses the novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes as the data source, while previous research used other novels and some even used short stories as data sources.

2.2 Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework in this study began with the researcher used a sociological approach by used the theory of Karl Marx, in which the theory discussed individual deviation. This individual deviation was then developed into three types, namely into free sex, drunk, and quarrel where the object used is the novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. Each type has its factor that causes it happen. The factors that cause free sex are lust and jealously, the factor that cause drunk is expressing happiness, and the factor that cause quarrel is difference opinion.

The following is the theoretical framework of this research

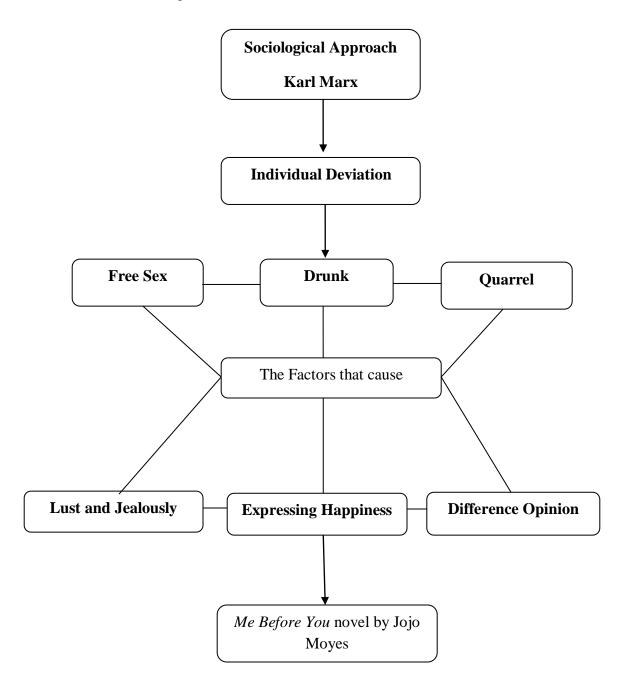


Figure 2.1 theoretical Framework

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In a research, it is important for a researcher to determine research method. The research method is the way or path taken in connection with the research carried out, which has the following systematic steps. Research methods include research procedures and techniques. Research method is an important step in solving problems study. Therefore, this chapter describes the research methodology applied by the researcher. This chapter contains research designs, object of the research, method of collecting data, method of analyzing data, and the ways of presenting the data analysis.

3.1 Research Design

This research is a descriptive qualitative research. Researcher used descriptive qualitative because it makes easier for researcher to find more information related to individual deviations where individual deviation is the topic of this research and the information obtained can be used to determine research objectives. Novel *Me Before You* used as the data source and the results of this research are explained using word and sentence.

3.2 Object of the Research

Determining the object in research becomes an important point to consider to support the activities during the research so that things that are needed when the research can be found easily. The object of research is the problem or issue that is the focus of research to be conducted by researchers. The object of research used in this research is an individual deviation taken from the novel *Me Before You* by Moyes (2012)

3.3 Method of Collecting Data

In process of collecting the data, researcher used observation method. Based on Kothari (2004) stated that observation method is the most commonly used method specially in studies relating to behavioural sciences. Because of that the researcher used observation method because this research analyzed individual deviation which is related to human behavior. The researcher observed by reading and understanding the data. There are some procedures to collect the data: the first, researcher read novel *Me Before You* as the data source several times, the second looked for the phenomenon which is contain with individual deviation and arranges it, and the third rewrite the data that has found through highlight based on Karl Marx's theory.

3.4 Method of Analyzing Data

In analyzing data, researcher used qualitative method. Sugiyono (as cited in Suryawardani, 2017) stated that qualitative method is to get the data from a certain

source, or in other word qualitative method is a method that find the data based on the correct interpretation. In analyzing data, the researcher used several steps to analyze data after the data collection was complete. Followings are the several stages in analyzing data.

- 1) Reviewing the data related to the theory of Karl Marx
- 2) Carried out the data analysis related to the formulation of the problem
- 3) Researcher draw conclusion from the result of analysis.

3.5 Method of Presenting Data

The final step on this research is presenting the data. Researcher used an informal presentation method which in this method, the presenting of result data does by verbal descriptive or explaining with words. The researcher presents the results of data analysis based on the researcher's objectives.