

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

The last chapter represents the conclusions and suggestions of the study. The conclusions are made based on the findings and discussions presented in the previous chapter. The present study was motivated by the use of Facebook as a communication medium by Indonesian society and the theory of non-observance of maxims by Grice (1975). Additionally, the study gives some suggestions for further studies related the study of non-observance of maxims from gender perspective.

5.1 Conclusions

Based on the results of the analysis that are discussed in the previous chapter, there are 2 conclusions for this study. First, there is a similar pattern between male and female Facebook users in terms of how they fail to observe a maxim in their conversation. Both male and female users commonly flout a maxim in a conversation because they expect other users to look for other interpretation for what they say literally. On the other hand, both users have different reasons when they use this non-observance of maxim in their interaction. Male users intend to make a joke when they try to contribute the conversation, while female users intend to stay close with others.

Second, there is a different pattern between male and female users in terms of types of maxims that are not observed by them. Male users commonly fail to observe the maxim of relation by showing no interest to the topic being discussed. Meanwhile, female users tend to fail to observe the maxim of quantity in their interaction by giving more information than is required because they intend to maintain social relationship with other users.

From those explanations above, it can be concluded that non-observance of maxims proposed by Grice (1975) can be found also in written conversation especially in Facebook conversation. This happened because there is no limitation for the users to comment other users post in their interaction. In addition, the use of non-observance of maxims in Facebook can be created by male and female users by using different ways and reasons. Flouting a maxim is the most frequent non-observance of maxim that is found in Facebook conversation. It shows that Facebook users tend to expect others to look for other interpretation when they imply something because they want to make a joke, stay close with friends, or just contribute the conversation.

5.2 Suggestions

There are some suggestions for further studies related the study of non-observance of maxims from gender perspective. First, it would be better for the researchers to have more theoretical foundations on the topic in order to get a better result of the study. Second, this study can be conducted in other different contexts such as conversation in a formal situation by considering gender, age, or institution, for instance.

In addition, some other pragmatic issues are also available to be explored. Other researchers can investigate issue related the implicature in communication situation by exploring politeness strategy, speech act, etc.

