

# CHAPTER III

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter deals with methodological aspect of the study. It comprises research procedure and tools of analysis. This chapter also gives a brief elaboration about the procedure of analyzing and interpreting the data by using Functional Grammar, especially mood analysis.

### 3.1 Research Question

This study is conducted to answer the following question:

1. What kinds of power relation are exercised by the characters in conflicts of interests in the novel *Dead Poet Society*?
2. In what ways is power exercised in the novel *Dead Poet Society*?

### 3.2 Research Design

This study could be categorized into a qualitative study. The novel is analyzed in the perspective of Foucault's concept of power (1982) and Functional Grammar as the tool to analyze the data. Moreover, one particular chapter, i.e. chapter ten, was selected to be elaborated by the tool which is mood analysis (Halliday 1994).

### **3.3 Data Collection**

Cresswell (1994:148) states that qualitative data can be collected by document analysis or visual materials. Novel is the main source of data.

The data are collected from the novel *Dead Poet Society* by N.H. Kleinbaum. In this context, one particular chapter, i.e. chapter ten, was selected. The selection was based on the reason that the chapter offers many conflicts to analyze.

### **3.4 Data Analysis**

Data analysis is the crucial step in every research because the researcher has to decide what kinds of techniques of analysis that are going to be chosen. Alwasilah says “data analysis is the process of organizing and storing data in lights of your increasingly sophisticated judgments, that is, of the meaning, finding interpretations that you are learning to make about the shape of your study” (cited in Muslimah, 2005:29). In other words, data analysis involves the organization of the data analytically and systematically so it will fulfill the purpose of the study.

The present study employs systemic functional grammar, which is originally developed by Halliday (1960), as the tool to analyze the data. In close relation to systemic functional grammar, the present study focuses on one unit of analysis, i.e. mood. The mood elements, particularly subject, modality and polarity are employed in this study to figure out the representation of power relation (see Halliday 1994).

This chapter has widely discussed the research procedure applied methodological aspect of the study. Therefore, the next chapter presents the analysis, finding, and discussion of the present study.

