CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGESSTION

This section presents the conclusions and suggestion of the research.

5.1 Conclusion

After observing and analyzing the data of utterances containing compliments and compliment responses based on Holmes (1988) and Herbert (1990) in the Zach Sang Show podcast, the researcher draws the following conclusions:

1. The analysis resulted in discovering 3 types of compliments. The most used compliment type in the podcast is related to performance ability, with 61% of utterances. This statistic indicates that in all episodes, the host and guest stars mostly compliment each other's achievements or accomplishments. This compliment type is dominant because the topics discussed in Sang's podcast allude to his guest star's achievements. This topic is always discussed because it can inspire many of his viewers. When praising his guests, Sang always pays attention to the topic's relevance to the guest star. Achievement is an interesting topic to discuss and is a source of pride for the recipient whose achievements are highlighted. Therefore, the type of compliment that appears most in the podcast is based on performance ability. Moreover, the other types of compliments used in the Zach Sang Show podcast are related to personality or friendship, with 34%, and appearance, with 11%. Unfortunately, no possession-related compliments were found. This finding indicates the diversity of compliments the host and guest stars used in the podcast interview process.

2. Next is the type of compliment responses. The researcher only found 8 types of compliment responses used in this study. The most widely used compliment response type is acceptance, at 52.6%. Followed by appreciation token at 15.8%, returning the compliment at 10.5%, scaling down the compliment at 7.9%, and upgrading the praise at 2.6%.

Reassignment, disagreement, and questions were the same, at 2.6%. The other types of compliment responses were not found in the podcast. Thus, hosts and guest stars mostly accept compliments by adding context when responding. This result proves that when the recipient is complimented, they do not just accept the compliment, but they also add details to the person complimenting them. The recipients used politeness strategies by always adding comments to the compliments given. Comment acceptance-single is the recipient's technique for providing comments in response to compliments. In this case, the guest stars are movie actors and actresses. This type of response is suitable for maintaining the self-image of public figures because it allows them to accept praise in a context that makes it look polite in communication. This compliment response type also makes the recipient appreciate the interlocutor for giving a response that develops the discussion topic.

Overall, this research found that the Zach Sang Show podcast comprises diverse types of compliment and compliment responses. Compliments are a useful communication tool to maintain positive relationships between individuals. Using the correct type of compliment in certain situations will maintain a harmonious relationship between the speaker and the recipient. As a recipient, paying attention to the importance of responding to compliments is also important. The right compliment response will benefit the recipient in communicating or relating to the speaker. The findings in the linguistic context reveal the habitual use of compliment types and types of compliment responses as a pattern in communication. This research enriches the academic discourse in the field of linguistics in podcast media.

5.2 Suggestion

Based on the findings, the researcher propose suggestions as follows:

5.2.1. Readers

The researcher suggests that readers focus on compliments and compliment responses because it is essential to know the

context of compliments and the appropriate responses to avoid misinformation in the communication process. Using the right compliments and their responses can make everyday communication easier. The right compliment avoids offence, and vice versa with the right response.

5.2.2. Other researchers

Other researchers investigating pragmatics may choose social media objects, such as YouTube, as the object of their research, as social media is close to everyday life. Thus, the research findings will be relevant to the public. This research can still be deepened by exploring politeness as a technique for complimenting. The researcher hopes that this research inspires other researchers, especially those who use Holmes and Herbert's theories.