

CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, I would like to explain the result of my analysis of non-observance of Gricean maxims which has been flouted and caused a conflict in the end. According to my analysis based on *Parenthood TV Series*, Seasons 2-4 as the source of my data, a type of Gricean maxims which is mostly found is flouting the maxim of manner. It is mostly found in the data because the speakers give an unclear utterance as a response to their listeners. Thus, the speakers refuse to be cooperative in speaking with their listeners, and that is why a conflict occurs between them.

The speakers do it because they think if they did not state their dislike directly, their listeners would know what actually they meant without being told, and so they could avoid a conflict. Unfortunately, the listeners do not get the actual purpose of the utterance. Therefore, a conflict occurs in the end. I discover that the type of Gricean maxims (flouting the maxim of manner) occurs ten times in the data that I have analyzed. In the four different speech events I have explained in Chapter Three, flouting the maxim of manner occurs in four different

speech events. For example, in the fourth speech event, Julia is the person who always causes a conflict with Joel by giving an unclear response to him. Julia does it because Julia wants to make Joel focus on Victor, their adopted child. Unfortunately, Joel cannot make it because he has to take a job as a contractor in Berkeley. Moreover, Joel does not discuss his decision to take the job with Julia first.

Another type of Gricean maxims that mostly occurs is flouting the maxim of quality. This type of Gricean maxims occurs mostly in the data because the speakers want to make the listener look for another plausible interpretation. It means that the listener is supposed to understand the purpose from the speaker's utterance in order to be able to avoid some misunderstanding happen.

Based on the analysis in Chapter Three, I notice that the type of Gricean maxims (flouting the maxim of quality) occurs four times in two different speech events. For example, a speaker who flouts the maxim of quality is Julia. The conflict can be seen when she has a conversation with Joel.

I also notice that flouting the maxim of quality is the second type of Gricean maxims that occurs in the data. Flouting the maxim of quality occurs four times. It occurs because the speakers say something that is totally false. They sometimes want to emphasize their disagreement about something by saying the opposite. They do it because they want to make their listeners aware of what actually they want them to know.

For example, in the first speech event, Julia's anger explodes by saying something which is totally false. She says that nobody looks after Sydney at home. Actually, Joel looks after Sydney when Julia has to work; yet, it becomes

problematic because Joel also takes a job as a contractor in the end. Julia does it because she wants Sydney to get much attention at home from Joel when she works.

Other types of Gricean maxims that have been found in the data are opting flouting the maxim of relation and violating a maxim. Both of flouting the maxim of relation and violating a maxim occurs once.

Considering the analysis in Chapter Three, I do not find the other types of the non-observance of the Gricean maxims such as: flouting the maxim of quantity, infringing a maxim, opting out of a maxim, and suspending a maxim that can be analyzed. There is not a situation when a speaker or listener flouts the maxim of quantity. Neither of them give any responses which become more or less informative than what are required.

There is not a situation when neither the speaker nor the listener are able to communicate well because both of them are able to do it without having some imperfect conditions, such as when they are nervous, drunk, and excited. There is not a situation when a speaker indicates unwillingness to cooperate. Then, there is not a situation when neither of the speakers suspend while they are having a conversation.

According to the topic of my thesis, *The Occurrence of Conflicts due to the Non-observance of the Gricean Maxims in Parenthood TV Series, Seasons 2-4*, some conflicts that I have analyzed are easily triggered by flouting the maxim of manner. Flouting the maxim of manner is the cause of conflict that occurs mostly because people sometimes like to show something unclear in different

ways. They show something unclear because they want to make the listeners become aware of the purpose in saying it without first telling them.

Based on the analysis in Chapter Three, flouting the maxim of manner triggers the conflicts because the speakers only want to avoid making a situation become worse. Thus, they choose not to state what they want to say. They hope their listeners can understand their hidden purpose by themselves. Unfortunately, the result is far from their initial expectation because of misunderstandings.

According to the analysis of the non-observance of Gricean maxims in Parenthood TV Series, I conclude there are some benefits to study it. Thus, how to analyze the topic of my thesis, *The Occurrence of Conflicts due to the Non-observance of the Gricean Maxims in Parenthood TV Series, Seasons 2-4*, I use the theory of pragmatics which is related to the rule of being cooperative. As a consequence, when people refuse to be cooperative in speaking, a conflict can happen between them.

In addition to Pragmatics, I use another theory of maxims proposed by H.P. Grice. Grice explains if a speaker sometimes refuses to state what they want to their listener directly, there will be a hidden meaning in the utterance. It means that the speaker's utterance has an intended meaning. That is why, their listener can misunderstand the utterance because they do not notice it during the conversation. Sometimes, the speakers try to hide the truth on purpose; as a result, a conflict occurs.

The benefit of studying this topic is to avoid having a conflict; moreover, as listeners or hearers, we must be aware of what we hear from a speaker. It will be better if we do not hide the truth from our listeners. We also need to appreciate

our listeners when they have a problem. It means that we must be attentive while they are talking. In this way, we can help them to solve their problem. A conflict will not happen if we show respect to our listeners. Besides, we can learn how to appreciate other people in our life to keep a harmonious relationship with them.

In my opinion, as a researcher, I conclude that the non-observance of maxims can trigger a conflict if I connect it with the title of my thesis. For example, a member in the family thinks that as a family, they can understand one another's feeling because they have been living together for many years. The family members hope that without being told of what actually has happened, they will understand the situation that are facing. As a result, the relatives can help him or her to solve their problem.

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