

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION

This chapter concludes the research. There are two sections for this chapter: First section is conclusion which the research do the summarize for this study and second section is suggestions in which particular matters are suggested to other research.

5.1 Conclusion

This study explored the various types and their function of discourse markers in podcasts hosted by athletes. The findings revealed that these markers are essential for structuring speech, handling information, sustaining engagement, and conveying the speaker's emotions during spontaneous talks. Markers such as *you know*, *so*, *like*, and *I mean* were frequently used, reflecting the natural and fluid nature of podcast dialogue. Each speaker used discourse markers with varying frequency and style, demonstrating individual speaking habits influenced by context, experience, and audience engagement.

When compared with other spoken discourse genres such as academic presentations, scripted films, formal debates, and talk shows, athlete-hosted podcasts revealed a richer, more varied, and more flexible use of discourse markers. The informal and unscripted format of podcasts allowed for greater spontaneity and authenticity in language use. This suggests that podcasts are a valuable source of real-life conversational data and can be effectively used in language learning to improve pragmatic competence and fluency in spoken English.

5.2 Suggestion

This study demonstrated that discourse markers are vital for preserving coherence and smooth interaction in spoken language, especially in casual environments such as podcasts. However, there remains ample opportunity for future studies to expand on these findings by exploring different contexts such as interview, tv shows, and even debate as well. For instance, researchers may examine discourse markers in settings such as

classroom discussions, political speeches, or interviews to identify how different communicative purposes influence their use.

In addition, future studies could focus on how discourse markers relate to factors such as speaker identity, emotional expression, or intercultural communication. Investigating the role of discourse markers across languages or comparing their usage among speakers with different backgrounds could also yield valuable insights. By broadening the scope beyond the context of athlete-hosted podcasts, future researchers can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of spoken various social and linguistic environments.