

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

I analyzed the commissive speech acts uttered by Walter White in the TV series *Breaking Bad* and found that various types of commissive speech acts were present with varying frequencies. The data shows that Walter uses six types of commissive speech acts, including promising, threatening, refusing, guaranteeing, offering, and volunteering. Promise was the most uttered by Walter, accounting for 45.07 % of his overall commissive speech acts. Meanwhile, the least frequent type is volunteer, which only accounts for 1.4 % of his overall commissive speech acts.

Walter is considered a character with moral complexity because his circumstances forced him to do bad things, such as criminality. Since commissive speech act mainly focuses on expressing the speaker's intention (Searle, 1976: 4), this moral complexity can be reflected through Walter's commissive speech acts. The research findings suggest that Walter's commissive speech acts contribute to his antihero trait, which is moral complexity. Walter White was a character who had moral complexity, which reflected in his intention to commit to future action.