

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Pronunciation is how does one do the pronunciation of a word or phrase in English language as a foreign language, to produce the sound of the spoken word with a proper intonation, good and true and can be understood by others. Richard and Schmidt (2002 : 429), they stated that the pronunciation is a sound way - a certain sound is produced. In learning a foreign language, namely English, indispensable capabilities in terms of pronunciation as understanding the language. This is because when the ability of our excellent pronunciation, then others will also be easier and can grasp and understand the meaning of a word we say. Paulston and Burder (1976: 82), stated that pronunciation is production of a sound system, which doesn't interfere with communication, either from the speakers or from the listeners point of view. Pronunciation is one aspect that must be mastered by the student in learning a foreign language, especially in the English language in order to speak a foreign language well. Hinofitis and Baily (1980), they stated that the pronunciation is considered as one of the most important aspect of second language acquisition because it affect the communicative competence of learners. Eckstein (2007 : 13), he stated that the pronunciation is regarded as a fundamental element in second language acquisition. To be able to master the pronunciation of foreign languages, someone especially the students should be able to learn pronunciation well to be able to