

## CHAPTER 3

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Sources

In this research, the researcher used two kinds of source data. The first is the primary data from *The Little Prince* Novel, and here are the details of the book:

Title	:	The Little Prince
Author	:	Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Genre	:	Fiction
Language	:	French, translated by T.V.F. Cuffe from Penguin Books 1995
Year	:	1995
Publisher	:	Penguin Books

The second sources of data were other books and articles about symbols. The researcher used qualitative research to find out symbols and to explain their meanings in *The Little Prince* novel, the object of the research. The researcher used qualitative research to get more detailed understanding of this issue, because qualitative research is “to develop theories when partial or inadequate theories exist for certain populations and sample or existing theories do not adequately capture the complexity of the problem” and also quantitative research which using numbers and statistical analysis do not fit in to solve the problem (Creswell, 2007, p. 40). The analysis of data was

based on other related researches which were from written sources, articles, books and other online sources.

### **3.2 Research Procedure**

Here the researcher had read *The Little Prince* novel for a long time before. But then she studies Literature and knows about literary work deeper. Since she knows symbols in literary work and had read the novel, she realized that *The Little Prince* novel has a lot of symbols. *The Little Prince* novel was quite famous novel abroad. My sister suggested the researcher to analyze the novel since she likes the novel so much. My major sponsor agreed that *The Little Prince* novel was an interesting book to be analyzed. That was the reason I decided to choose and examine symbolism in *The Little Prince* novel.

To examine this research, the researcher did some steps. First, the researcher who had already re-read the whole novel carefully figured out the symbolism in the novel. Second, the researcher analyzed the major symbolisms in the novel. Then, the researcher explained symbols in the novel and their meaning.