

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. Basic Consideration

The aim of learning English should be mastered four skills of language, there are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Besides that there are some elements of language components such as structure, pronunciation, and vocabulary.

Vocabulary is one of the language components in learning English. Learning vocabulary is a process of mastering new words. Mastering vocabulary is the important thing in learning English, because when we doing the activity of language like: reading, speaking, or writing, we need to mastery words of language. It will be impossible to express ideas without mastering the vocabularies. According to Zhihong (2000:10) “if someone has limited vocabulary, he will be difficult to communicate effectively in life”. It means that vocabulary have important role in related with other.

Essentially, learning English at junior high school targeted in order the learners can achieve the functional level to communicate orally and written. Whereas at senior high school is expected to reach the informational level because they prepared to continue their education to the college. In fact, the students' at junior high school are not able to communicate both in orally and written because they produce some English words is still difficult.

Based on my observation when I followed the English Teaching Practice Two in Junior High School. I got a fact that most of the students still have low in mastering vocabulary. When I gave some exercises to them about vocabulary, the students' cannot answer exactly because their mastery vocabulary is still low. It indicated in learning English process, students' have not spirit to study English. In this case, to solve their problems, teachers should create media, strategies, and methods to motivate students in mastering vocabulary.

In this research, I take one of alternative media in teaching vocabulary. According to Hamalik in Arsyad (2007:2) “mengemukakan bahwa pemakaian media pembelajaran dalam proses belajar mengajar dapat membangkitkan keinginan dan minat terhadap siswa. It means that media is important in learning process because media can influence for motivating the students. Then, the students will understand when they use proper words in English subject especially in learning vocabulary.

Related on the statement above, the teacher should choose the differences and interesting media, which make English learning more exciting and motivating their students. There are many media that is used in teaching vocabulary. According to Rossi and Breidle in Sanjaya (2009:161) “media is all of instrument or tools that can use to attain the destination of education such as radio, television, books, newspaper, magazine, pictures, blackboard, slide projector, stick figure, comic strip, etc.

From the explanation above, I want to apply one of media that can be use in teaching vocabulary. The media is comic strip; comic strip is series of drawings telling an amusing story. According to Brown in Csabay (2006:3) “comics can be used to facilitate teaching vocabulary”. It means that comic can help to build the students’ vocabulary and make the students more exciting and enjoying in English learning especially in mastering vocabulary.

In relating of explanation above, I am interested in conducting research with title “*The Influence of Comics Strip towards the Students' Mastery on English Vocabulary*”.

2. Problem Statement

The problem in this research is “can comic strip influence the students’ mastery on english vocabulary?”

3. The Objective of Study

The objective of study is to find out whether or not the use of comic strip can influence the students’ mastery on English vocabulary.

4. Delimitation of Study

This study is focused on students’ mastery on English vocabulary identifying adjective, noun, and verb that contained in comic especially in comic strip.

5. Reason for Choosing the Topic

- a. Comic strip is a good media that can make students be motivated to study English especially mastering of vocabulary.
- b. Comic strip can help students to memorize the words.

6. Significance of Study

The significance of study as follows:

- a. For the Students

This media can be used in order to help the students motivate and memorize new words that they found.

- b. For the Teacher

It is easy for English teacher in teaching vocabulary and explaining material by using comic strip.

- c. For another Researcher

It will be a reference for another researcher who interest to research about vocabulary especially by using comic strip.

