

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

English is the way to communicate between people in the world. The importance of language become a significant direction in connection amongs states in the world. The students need to be completely able to communicate with English. English is the way to become a genuine *lingua franca* used for communication among people who do not share the language. English, in other words, and native speakers are in a proportionately ever-decreasing minority. English is spoken by at least a quarter of the world's population it is not spoken by three quarters of the same population (Harmer, 2007:20).

Vocabulary learning is an essential part in foreign language learning as the meanings of new words. It is very often emphasized, whether in books or in classroom. It is also central to language teaching and is on paramount importance to a language learner. Teaching vocabularies are problematic because many teachers are not confident about best practice for teaching vocabulary in the classroom and don't know where to begin to form an instructional emphasis on word learning (Berne & Blachowicz, 2008:21).

The most important thing which should be paid attention by English teachers who would like to succeed in teaching the material is the use of appropriate media. In order to make students interested in learning English and enjoying the teaching learning process, this thing should be applied in the classroom. If this way can be done well, the goal of teaching can be achieved easily.

One of the good media in teaching English for Junior High School is using stick puppets. Because many school still use traditional ways to teach students, so students feel bored. The teacher can use stick puppets to teach vocabulary, teacher can make stick puppets about sign, family, animal, things, and etc. For example, when the teachers teach vocabulary about family teacher can make stick puppets of father, mother, brother, teacher, grandfather and grandmother. All of these depend on the topic in teaching Vocabulary.

Based on statements above, the conclusion can be drawn that English teachers may use stick puppets as the appropriate media in teaching vocabulary. It is because the use of stick puppets has a lot of advantages. Therefore, the aim of this study can be achieved, that is the junior students are able to improve vocabularies through the use of stick puppets.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

In this research, there are two problem statements which become main discussions:

- a. How to teach vocabulary by using stick puppets in MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar?
- b. What factors that influence the use of stick puppets in teaching Vocabulary at MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar?

1.3 The Objectives of Study

Based on the problem statements above, the objectives of study can be elaborated like the following:

- a. To explain the way how to teach vocabulary by using stick puppets at seventh grade students at MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar.
- b. To know the factors that influence the use of stick puppets in teaching Vocabulary at MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar.

1.4 Scope of the Research

The scope of this study concerns on the Vocabulary which not only focused in Vocabulary, but also on writing skill and reading skill of using stick puppets as media in seventh grade students of MTs. Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar in academic year 2016/2017. The subject of this research is seventh grade students of MTs. Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepar in academic year 2016/2017.

1.5 Significances of the study

In this study the writer expects that the research papers have benefits both theories and practice.

1. Theoretically

- a. This research can develop English learning process by using stick puppets method in vocabulary.
- b. This research can be used as a foundation and reference for young learners who want to conduct the next research in English teaching and learning process.

2. Practically

a. Teacher

The teacher can use a new media for students, with the result that students do not feel bored in teaching and learning process. The teacher also can increase the concept and choose the method of teaching and learning process. This method is effective to enrich the students' vocabulary.

b. Students

Students can enrich the vocabulary by using stick puppets. They do not feel bored in teaching and learning process.

c. School

This research can give positive aspect for school and become alternative method in English education that can increase quality of the school as an education institute in society.

1.6 Reasons for Choosing The Topic

The researcher has some reasons of choosing the topic "*Teaching Vocabulary By Using stick Puppets (A Descriptive Research at Seventh Grade in MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepara)*" are:

- a. Stick Puppets can be used improve student's vocabulary.
- b. Some schools are still using traditional ways in teaching and learning process, in turn makes it students feel bored. So, the researcher uses the

stick puppets as new media in teaching and learning process especially for teaching vocabulary.

- c. Students in Mambaul Ulum Junior High School will easily guess and remember some vocabularies from stick puppets.
- d. To make students in MTs Mambaul Ulum Pakis Aji Jepara feel enjoy and fun by using stick puppets in teaching and learning process.