

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

We know that human is a perfect creature that is created by Allah with intelligence, human is also social creature, human cannot live alone or without the help of other people. We are demanded to make interaction to other people and must make many relationships together with other people especially in our environment. For that reasons humans need to communicate to other people. For communication, a tool that can interact each other that is language, humans have to study about language that they need because learning is the way to get it.

Basically education is an important aspect in human live. Education will make someone gets high degree. For that reason, everyone try to supply themselves with various knowledge, skills, and character.

Based on Islam's doctrine, study is an obligation that humans have to do, to improve and develop human resources until be better and human with good quality. Education is an aspect that support in developing a nation and standard education development of nation. (Bahreisj, 1999).

One of the most important in human life is language, language is tool of communication between one human to other human, between us to other people. Then, the method of human communication, either spoken or written, consisting of the use of words in a structured and conventional way is called language.

Other definition language is tool to express ourselves to other people certainly social adaptation. Based on the expert language can be defined as verbal, physical, biologically innate, and a basic form of communication. Behaviorists often define language as a learned behavior involving a stimulus and a response (Ormrod, 1995). Often times they will refer to language as verbal behavior, which is language that includes gestures and body movements as well as spoken word. (Pierce & Eplin, 1999).

IAIN Antasari is one of institution that provides various education majors for the students in Banjarmasin, South Borneo. There are 4 faculties in IAIN Antasari, the first; Faculty of Tarbiyah and Teacher training, Faculty of Islamic economic and law, Faculty of Ushuluddin and Humaniora and Faculty of dakwah and communication.

Every year, students who study at IAIN Antasari is increasing, that means IAIN Antasari is the number of destination for many students who want to continue their education and learn various academic fields. Various field of science that is studied in IAIN Antasari like; Islamic religion education, Islamic economic and law, communication, and others.

Beside these fields of science, there is an important part to develop all of study, that is language. Especially English, English is one of millions language from millions nations and tribes that created by Allah. Based on Holy Qur'an in Al – Hujurat 13 verse:

يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْتُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۚ إِنَّ

أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِندَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَنُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

This verse tells humans that our God, Allah creates human in many nations and tribes to know each other, to make relationship each other, and to do communication each other. English is one of some ways to do those things. English is an international language that everyone in every place, every town, every country, everywhere using English as tool of international communication to communicate each other besides their first language. People using English if they want to communicate to other people in other place, especially in relationship between countries to other countries. English as an international language is used by people around the world and many sources of knowledge like book is written in English, English can help students to continue education abroad. In this era students should develop their knowledge not only in one field of science but they should know others knowledge.

IAIN Antasari knows that language is an important aspect for increasing students' knowledge, Especially Arabic and English. Those two languages are very important for students to broad their insight.

At IAIN Antasari there is Language Development Center or in Indonesia, Pusat Pengembangan Bahasa (PPB) that is a program in learning foreign language (Arabic and English), it is aimed for all freshman students at IAIN Antasari

Banjarmasin. PPB program is based to develop and improve freshman students in languages.

Language Development Center (PPB) develops English program to build students English ability, its consist of English skills and English grammatical, vocabulary and pronunciation. It is hoped that freshman students can master the English skills actively or passively. The learning process at PPB is held for a year and divided into English A in first semester and English B in second semester.

Learning English means to learn its four skills of language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students should master those four skills if they want their ideas, feeling and opinion can be understood by the interlocutor. English skills are keys to mastery in English, so they are very important for the students who learn English. The others important aspects in English are grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation that they are integrated into four skills above.

But there is always a question, whether is PPB program has significant influence or effect for freshman students' English ability. The writer wants to find, whether there is any significant influence for students' English ability after they take English class at Language Development Center (PPB) IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin.

Based on the description and reason above, the writer wants to know the influence of PPB Class to improve English ability for freshman students at IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin. The title is

“THE INFLUENCE OF PPB CLASS TO IMPROVE ENGLISH ABILITY FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS AT IAIN ANTASARI BANJARMASIN ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016”.

B. Statement of Problem

Based on the background above, the problems which are in the research will formulated, such as:

1. How is English ability of freshman students before they take Language Development Center (PPB) class ?
2. How is English ability of freshman students after they take Language Development Center (PPB) class ?
3. Is there any significant influence of PPB class to improve English ability for freshman students at IAIN Antaari Banjarmasin ?

C. Objective of Study

Based on the reasons above, the purpose of this research are:

1. To know English ability of freshman students before they take Language Development Center (PPB) class.
2. To know English ability of freshman students after they take Language Development Center (PPB) class.
3. To know whether there is significant difference between students' English ability after and before study English at Language Development Center (PPB).

D. Assumptions

1. Learning teaching at Language Development Center (PPB) class has influences (effects) for increasing students' English ability.
2. Every student in IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin has different English ability.

E. Hypotheses

It is necessary for the writer to formulate the hypotheses of the study as follows:

1. Alternative Hypotheses.(Ha)

There is significant difference students' English ability after and before study English at Language Development Center (PPB).

2. Null Hypotheses (Ho)

There is no significant difference students' English ability after and before study English at Language Development Center (PPB).

F. Significance of Study

The result of this research is expected to:

1. Give information for English lecturers, especially English lecturers at Language Development Center (PPB) IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin to take appropriate strategies in constructing improving students' interest in English. It will be useful as an additional reference.
2. Give basic information for other researcher who wants to do the research but it more detailed one.
3. Enrich literary source of IAIN Antasari library.

G. Definition of key term

Avoiding some incorrect interpretation of this research title, the writer wants to clarify and explain the term used.

1. Influence

A person or thing that has an effect on someone or something (Macmillan English online Dictionary for Advanced Learners). In addition, according to Hornby (1995, 611) that influence is the power to effect or change the way something functions or develop.

2. English ability

English ability is the mastery of four English skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. And other aspects like grammar and vocabulary and pronunciation that integrated into those skills. For this research, the writer focuses on writing skill, reading skill, grammatical and vocabulary because the written test focuses on those skills.

3. Language Development Center (PPB)

An intensive learning language program, especially Arabic and English that is aimed to all freshman students to improve and develop their language skills.

4. Freshman Students

Freshman students are all students who study at IAIN Antasari in the first semester, for this research the researcher focus on freshman students who take PPB Class.