

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

The educational system worldwide has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to the near-total closures of schools and colleges. Most governments around the world have temporarily closed educational institutions to restrain the spread of Covid-19. The Indonesia Government assigns the distance learning system using online learning because of social distancing. But even though school activities are closed, teaching and learning activities can still be replaced by online learning as a solution in this situation (pandemic covid-19).

However, from this policy about distance learning, there are also many parties who are not ready to implement distance learning or what is known as online learning. It is not only the readiness that still needs to be improved from this distance learning, many people are apparently unable to participate in distance learning activities due to the limited ability of the community, many of them do not have devices that support distance learning and have difficulty getting internet access. Until now, Indonesian people have not even been able to enjoy internet access evenly. Due to economic limitations or internet networks that are still not optimal to underdeveloped areas cities. But because situations and conditions may

not be conducive to develop teaching and learning activities as usual, so learning activities done online.

Online learning can be defined in this way too: the applications of an electronic system such as the internet, computers multimedia CDs which their aim is to reduce the number of expenses and goings and comings. Thus, in using online learning some alternative media or applications can be used to support the learning process. The Association for Education and Communication Technology (AECT) defines media as all forms that are used to convey information. While the National Education Association (NEA) defined media as the objects that can be manipulated, seen, heard, read, or talked about along with instruments that are used in teaching and learning activities, it can affect the effectiveness of instructional programs (Asnawir & Usman, 2002, p. 11). Because learning is an obligation for every human being online or offline. By learning, humans can know things that they didn't know before. Furthermore, we, especially as Muslims, must pay more attention to learning, because in Islam the virtues of knowledge claimants have been explained. One of the verses in The Holy Quran mentions the obligation to study is Al-Qur'an surah Al-Mujadalah verse 11:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَإِذَا قِيلَ انشُزُوا فَانْشُزُوا يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

This verse explains that how Allah will raise the degree of those who study several times higher than those who do not study. This sign indicates that it is with the knowledge that humans can become nobler, not with their treasures, let alone their scripture. The correlation between this verse and this research is judging from the word spacious, then whatever the learning conditions, offline or online, it should always be sincerely and enthusiastically intended so that the heart feels free. The right online learning media will facilitate the transfer of knowledge. Minimizing obstacles in the same as providing great opportunities for spaciousness.

Speaking is one of all the primary skills in English. They are listening, speaking, reading and writing. What teachers should do when they teach English speaking to the students are pronunciation, vocabulary, grammatical construction, intonation, and confidence. Both students and the teacher need to meet intensively to make progress in learning speaking. But, because of this situation of the pandemic, the face-to-face school system now makes students unable to enter the school simultaneously or all together. Half of the students in class enter and half study from home. Speaking also explain in the Qur'an which in Q.S Ar-Rahman: 3-4:

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ (٣) عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ (٤)

Based on pieces of the verses of the Q.S Ar-Rahman: 3-4 above explain that Allah Almighty who created man and taught the humans are good at speaking. This means our speaking ability comes from God Almighty.

From both of the Holy Qur'an above, it is explained that Muslims are obliged to study because Allah has promised in the Qur'an that whoever goes to study, Allah will raise his degree and our speaking ability comes from God Almighty. We as humans can only dig our potential in speaking.

The use of online media or applications is one solution for carrying out the teaching-learning process that cannot be done face to face in the class and also to make students able to understand the subject matter well. The researcher knows that the use of media and application in this online learning must be adapted to the conditions of each student. Both financially and the location of the students live which of course will affect the network and will have an impact on the use of these online learning applications.

Online learning using media was implement in SMPN 1 Gambut since schools were temporarily closed during the covid-19 pandemic. But because now in this situation Indonesian the yellow and green zones already dominate, so face-to-face schools can be held simultaneously from 20 September. Of course with limiting the number of students who enter one class. This policy will give impact to the system of teaching learning. Because the school cannot make all the student's do the offline learning in the same time.

The writer chooses this junior high school because the first reason is that in this school not all the students enter the class only students who want to go to class directly and do face-to-face learning. Some students choose to do regular online learning because their parents are still worried about their children who still cannot adopt to health protocols. For the number of students in one class is limited due to health protocols. So one class is divided into two, for example class 7A is divided into 7A1 and 7A2. Second, and the important thing is this school has used some applications as the media in teaching-learning English Foreign especially in teaching speaking. There are so many media that can be used to help the online teaching and learning process, such as WhatsApp, YouTube, Google Meet, and Google Classroom.

Some research on the efficient of applications used to teaching online learning through students' perception. Ermawati (2020) Explore the perceptions of English Education Department Students about efficient application used in the online learning and the most efficient application used in online application during the midst of Covid-19 pandemic. Baron (2020) Identify the suitable online applications for learning to speak English that suit student need. Almekhlafy (2020) Investigate online learning of English language courses via Blackboard at Saudi universities in the era of Covid-19 especially about the perception and the use. Safitri (2021) Investigate the perceptions of English Education Department Students about efficient application used in online learning and the most efficient

application used in the online application during the midst of Covid-19 pandemic. Apart from technology integration in teaching online learning, applications to teaching speaking have received little attention.

Therefore, to fill the gap in the literature, this proposed study attempts to investigate the efficient of applications used in online learning in teaching speaking through students' perception during the covid-19 pandemic. Focusing on what are the students' perceptions of an efficient application used in online learning in teaching speaking and what is the most efficient application used by students in teaching-learning speaking.

Finally in this case the researcher focuses on describing the efficient of applications used in teaching speaking when this pandemic Covid-19 and chooses a qualitative descriptive method to describe the data. This study offers two important things about the efficient of applications used especially in teaching learning speaking. Firstly, to explore the students' perception about an efficient application when they doing online learning in speaking course and to find out what is the most efficient application in teaching learning speaking. Secondly, this study will contribute to the body of knowledge about the perception of online learning in the Covid-19 Pandemic and this study could be a reference for school that doing online learning.

B. Research Questions

1. What are the students' perceptions of an efficient application used in online learning in teaching speaking?
2. What is the most efficient application used by students' in online learning in teaching speaking?

C. Objectives of Study

Based on the research questions above, the researcher formulates the objective as follows:

1. To find out the students perceptions of an efficient application used in online learning in teaching speaking.
2. To find out what is the most efficient application used by students in online learning in teaching speaking.

D. Significance Study

The writer hopes this research can contribute to everyone and both students and teachers. The benefits that the writer intend will be distinguished into two:

1. Theoretically Benefit

The researcher expects this research will be helpful as a reference to another researcher who wants to conduct the research related to the perception of online learning in the Covid-19 Pandemic.

2. Practically Benefit

a. For Researcher

By doing this research, the writer will improve her knowledge related to the perception, especially perception students about the efficient of applications used in teaching speaking during the pandemic.

b. For Reader

The writer expects the result of this study will help the reader to enrich the knowledge about perception, especially perception students about the efficient of applications used in teaching speaking during the pandemic.

c. For the Next Researcher

The writer hopes the result of this study will be helpful for further researchers who want to conduct the following research dealing with the study of perception.

E. Definition of Key Terms

1. Efficient

Efficient is a business that requires the completion of work on time, quickly and satisfactorily. Efficient in this research closely related to punctuality without having to incur excessive costs.

2. Application

An application or application program is a software program that runs on a computer. What mean by applications in this research are Google Classroom, Google Meet, YouTube and WhatsApp.

3. Online Learning

Online learning is a learning activity that is carried out without meet face-to-face between teachers and students and using the internet.

4. Teaching Learning Speaking

Teaching is guiding and facilitating learning, enabling the learner to learn, and setting conditions for learning. Speaking is one of all the primary skills in English.

5. Perception

Perception is the way you think about something and your idea of what it is like, the way you notice things with your senses of sight, hearing etc, the natural ability to understand or notice things quickly.