

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Communication is an important aspect in this era. People need Communication to look for and give people benefit information. Language hold the most important aspect of the Communication.

وَاللُّونَ الْأَسْنَتِكُمْ وَأَخْتَلَفُ وَالْأَرْضِ السَّمَوَاتِ خَلْقُ آيَاتِهِ وَمِنْ
لِّلْعَالَمِينَ لآيَاتٍ ذَٰلِكَ فِي إِنْ ۖ كُمْ

And of his signs is the creation of heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors, indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge

There are many languages used in international communication. One of the most used is English. In Indonesia, English is a foreign language. English does not have social function as wide as a second language. English in academic field is taught as a subject matter. English has been taught and learned as a foreign language for many years at Indonesian schools starting from kindergarten (even just introduction some English vocabularies) to junior high school, senior high school even up to university or collage.

Therefore, to support their understanding about the materials that will be given by the teacher in teaching and learning process, and to help

them achieve a good achievement in General English course, mastering vocabulary which related to the students' subject is really important for them.

Allah says in the Al Qur'an Surah Al- Baqaroh verse 31:

وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ
هَؤُلَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝

. Based on the verse above stat that the first language learning to prophet Adam as the the first man created by Allah Almighty is by teaching of names of objects, its mean vocabulary is something important for human to make know names of object .

(Schmitt, 2007) vocabulary has a pivotal role for students in mastering English language skills for examples: in listening, vocabulary gives the students easiness to comprehend what the other person speaks. In speaking and writing, vocabulary gives the students easiness to develop their ideas.

Teacher usually use a traditional technique like force to memorize the vocabulary 50 words a week or even in other case it can be 100 until 200 a week. By using traditional techniques, the teacher is unable to increase the students' vocabulary. That is will make students feel bored and lazy to increase their vocabulary.

At MTsN 1 kota banjarmasin at seventh grade the teacher use Memrise to make students more excited when mastering vocabulary. The Teacher decided to use Memrise as media because it works based on several important scientific discoveries about how the students learn. First, using the system of Memes (mnemonics and memory aids) increasing the learning brain to do more by engaging the imagination, and thus helping to remember vocabulary better in an effective manner.

Secondly, Memrise makes use of Spaced Repetition, it will help the students review words and maintain them in their memory effectively. Memrise can make the students motivation to learn and make them don't forget about the vocabulary. Furthermore, such as Walker (2016) argues that "the students found using Memrise enjoyable and convenient, and would be a useful tool for teachers in teaching vocabulary

B. Research Questions

Based on the background of the study, the research question is How are Students perception on Memrise implementation in teaching Vocabulary.?

C. Objectives of Study

Based on the problems above, the objective of the study is To know what are students perception on Memrise implementation in teaching vocabulary

D. Significance of Study

1. The results are expected to give benefit both theoretically and practically.
2. The result of the research can be used to give portrayal for the teachers regarding the use of Memrise.
3. For the teacher, it is also expected to be a contribution for English teachers to broaden their insight in understanding the concept of Memrise and make the teachers aware of the students' responses of Memrise.
4. For the students, it is expected to motivate them to adapt and be accustomed to the media used by the teacher.

E. Definition of Key Terms

1. Students perception

Students' perception can be understood as the students' ability to justify their own opinions, respond, or they understanding about something or someone. Therefore, the meaning of the students' perception on this research are students opinion about Memrise implementation.

2. Memrise

Memrise is online platform learning community where students can learn almost anything especially language mostly for free. It is the right mix

of science, fun, and community. Learning on Memrise is speedy, enjoyable and lasts.

3. Vocabulary

Vocabulary is one of the language aspects which should be learned. Learning vocabulary is important because we are able to speak, write, and listen. We have to know vocabulary.