

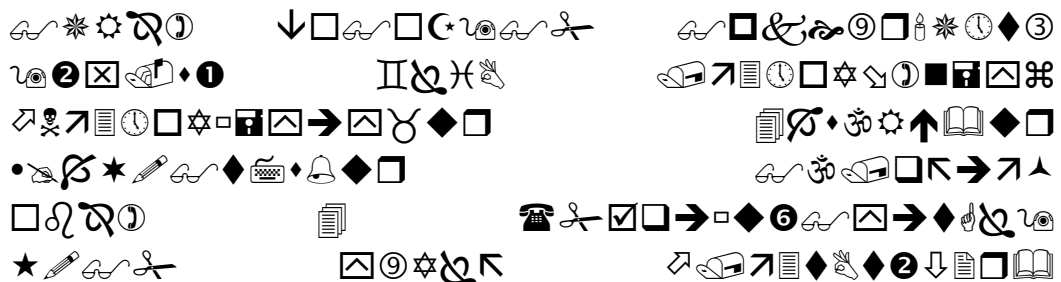
CHAPTER I

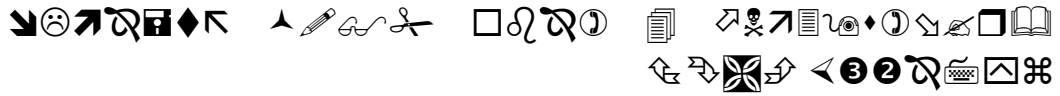
INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Language is a systematic tool of communication by the use of sounds or conventional symbols in written language. So, the language is a medium to express in an idea, thought opinion, wish and feeling. It is the code that we all use it to express ourselves and communicate to others. It is communication by word of mouths. It is the mental faculty of power or vocal communication. It is a system for communicating ideas and feelings using sounds, gestures sign or mark (Mekay and Nancy, 1996, p.3).

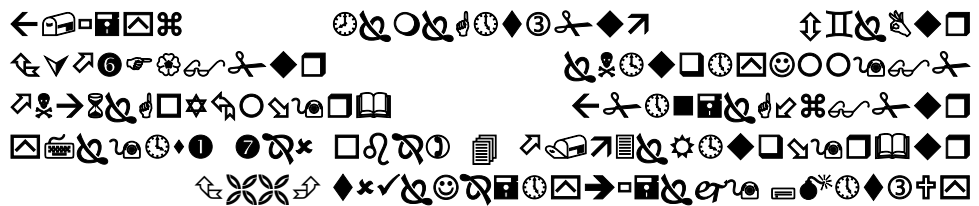
One of the tools to communicate among human is language. "Language is the means by which result of human thought and action are passes on."(Finocchiaro, 1974, p.57). There are so many languages in the world. Every country has its own language that is quite different each other. Then, it will be difficult to communicate with people in other nations if there is no language in order to make the same understanding. It is related to Allah Almighty creates different languages from human beings as stated in Al-Hujarat 13:





From the verse above; it means that God has created a pair of male and female, and made us into different nations and tribes. Every nation and tribe has the different language. So, it is important to learn other languages, because it will make people possible to get to know each other and to make relation with those who come from other nations. Language is very important for life, so the language must be learned, which is language for communication in the world.

There are many languages in the world that we use to communicate. It is suitable with the verse of the holy Qur'an in Ar-Ruum: 22.



From the verse above it means: English is one of the most important languages that is spoken and learned by most people all around the world. Based on the rate of sciences and technology development at this age, English has important rules especially to discover the sciences, because there are many books written in English. So, to transfer those sciences people have to master English well.

Considering the function of the language, English is one of the most important languages in the world. Language is the one of communication instrument especially among human. By using language, we will easily communicate with each other, language is used to deliver message, express ideas, and thought one's feeling to other. As communication device in human life and as

message or information to other, it is also used to learn science and technology. Hence every aspect of life will be well connected.

English is an international language which is used for communication all over the world. It is used in many fields of life such as in education, tourisms, politics, technology, and laws business etc. English also has a very crucial position and become more popular since it is as foreign language in Indonesia, it has been studied thought from elementary school to university.

Vocabulary is one of the elements of language besides the structure, pronunciation and spelling. The elements of language are important because they will support the four language skill. Vocabulary is important to enrich students' skill, because it will encourage reading comprehension. Having a lot of vocabulary makes students able to comprehend the reading. Otherwise, having limited vocabularies, students will be difficult to understand the language.

Because vocabulary is difficult to improve by the students, teacher needs an alternative way to help the students learned vocabulary easily and can accept and memorize the vocabularies well.

Reading is a receptive skill which is of a great importance when teaching/learning a foreign language. It enhances language acquisition, develops student's autonomy in the language learning process. It is also vitally important for student's further education since in some higher education establishments the students are required to have a definite score in reading skills.

Reading as listening also can be divided into extensive and intensive. To develop extensive reading the students should be encouraged to read such

authentic literature, as books, periodicals, advertising leaflets, manuals, etc. They can even start with reading product description on the packaging. To motivate extensive reading home reading sessions should be applied. It is vitally important to explain the students the great impact extensive reading have on language skills development, especially vocabulary.

Intensive reading, both skimming and scanning are usually trained during the lessons and there are a lot of different exercises that can be performed while reading, such as gap-filling in the summary, answering the questions, finishing the sentences using not more than, for example, 5 words, finding the synonyms or antonyms in the text, true/false exercises, etc. In order to perform well at reading tests the students should know how to approach them.

MTs Siti Mariam is one of junior high school that has the Islamic in Kelayan. As an integrated school, MTs Siti Mariam always increases the quality of education for competing in this modern era. One of quality improvement of the education that MTs Siti Mariam develops is learning English as distinctive feature of that school. One of the learning English improvements is using reading comprehension that can add the students understanding of English. There are two classes of seventh grade at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan.

Based on the writer pre-observation found problems in reading, when I thought reading and I give some the text, the students can not get information and they do not understand the text. The students asked me to translate all the words in the text, for example "My school is big", students ask;"what is the meaning of my, is and big?. Than, students also difficult to read the word, example" buy, cut, and

another teacher "read the actual letter. Vocabulary is very important to encourage students' skills in reading even the students can learn vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation well. So, the writer interested to observe and conduct research under the title "on Reading Comprehension Vocabulary influence of student in Class VII MTs Siti Mariam kelayan Academic Year 2012/2013".

B. Statements of Problem

In order to get clear information for this study the problem are being to be studied:

1. How is the seventh grade students' ability in vocabulary at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan academic year 2012 / 2013?
2. How is the seventh grade sttudents' ability in reading comprehension at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan academic year 2012 / 2013?
3. How is the influence of vocabulary on reading comprehension of the seventh grade students at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan academic year 2012 / 2013?

B. Objective of study

Based on the statement above, there are three purpose the writer's follow:

1. To know the students' ability in vocabulary of the seventh grade students at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan year 2012/ 2013.
2. To know the students' ability in reading comprehension at MTs Siti Mariam Kalayan year 2012/2013.

3. To describe the influences vocabulary on reading comprehension of the seventh grade students at MTs Siti Mariam Kelayan year 2012/ 2013.

C. Assumptions and Hypothesis

1. Assumptions

The assumptions for this research problem are:

- a. Each student has different ability in vocabulary and reading comprehension
- b. The students' vocabulary influences their reading comprehension.

2. Hypothesis

Based on the assumption above, there are two hypotheses which are to be tested in this correlation research, as follow:

- a. Direction or alternative hypotheses (H_a)

There is a significant correlation between students' vocabulary and their reading comprehension

- b. Null hypotheses (H_0)

There is no significant correlation between students' vocabulary and their reading comprehension.

D. Significance of study

The following should be the results of this research:

1. For the students, to be able to understanding, communicate and respond from the other in good English.

2. To be easy find vocabulary in reading and easy to process teaching learning in the classroom as good as for teacher or students
3. To add the writer's knowledge and experience, especially about vocabulary and reading.

E. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid any misinterpretation toward the title, the writer needs to explain some terms in the title as follows:

1. Influence: on something power to produce an effect or action of natural forces. The power of persons or things to affect others. Seen only in its effects.
2. Vocabulary: total number of word in a language. Vocabulary is the group of words that a person or group of people knows how to use.
3. Reading comprehension: reading is a process of thinking, evaluating, judging, reasoning and problem solving.

So, the title of study above means the research about the effect of students' vocabulary toward the improving of their reading comprehension by correlating between their vocabulary test result and reading comprehension test result at MTs Siti Mariam kelayan.