

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Background of study**

Public speaking is the skill of a person to be able to speak in public with the aim of to convey information, influence or entertain audience. Public speaking is the capability to speak in public with learning activities that occur through experiences and speaking practices in front of audiences. Different learning strategies the students apply to improve their speaking ability surely result in diverse speaking mastery and performances.

This study uses observation and interview data collection techniques. The results of this study found that first, the muhadharah activities carried out in the Pesantren Modern Al-Furqan do not only give speeches but also use an orderly program with MC, recitation of the Qur'an and taking the core of the material by the Santri representatives from the audience. Second, this activity can train the public speaking of students; this can be seen from the ability of students to speak in public. seen from the ability of students to speak in public, which is carried out in the community and at the school level for higher grades at the school level for high classes.

One issue that comes up when studying a foreign

language, particularly English, is that some students struggle with the fundamentals of the language. It's talking now. The problem of public speaking in the boarding school is that public speaking skills show that many of them are afraid and nervous to speak in public, so some of them feel reluctant to do the mandatory activities held by the boarding school.

Muhadharah refers to a speech most of the time. Muhadharah is an extracurricular activity in which a speech is applied to an Islamic boarding school. One area of Islamic religious knowledge in Islamic boarding schools is muhadharah, or Islamic lectures, as suggested by Kamaluddin (1997).

The goal is to boost self-assurance in one's capacity for public speaking. Additionally, it demonstrates that students from Islamic boarding schools are proficient public speakers. Islamic boarding schools can incorporate and cover multiple languages in their language learning strategies by utilizing muhadharah. It might be argued that using this muhadharah to help students' public speaking can be highly beneficial.

The significance of speech is also explained in the Holy Qur'an. The Qur'an's Surah Al-Fussilat: 33 explains this.

تَدْعُونَ نُزُلًا قَوْلًا مِّن دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

In summary, the principles outlined in Surah Fussilat 33 regarding the importance of effective speech, the impact of

character and style, and the role of speech in education are all relevant to the study of public speaking in Islamic contexts. The Muhadharah method in Islamic boarding schools is designed to internalize these fundamentals, in order to maximize the potential for public speaking and to develop the individual characteristics of students comprehensively. Therefore, speaking skills are important for everyone to communicate with others, as well as to use language that is easy to understand when providing explanations related to concepts so as not to cause misunderstandings. Furthermore, Allah has also commanded humans to communicate effectively, being able to convey ideas and emotions in a way that does not offend the feelings of the listener. Thus, in communication, speaking serves as a means that facilitates mutual understanding, as explained by researchers.

Communicating our ideas or thoughts in a way that is easy for the listener to understand is essential for every individual, especially in situations that require us to speak in public. Some students at Al-Furqan Islamic Boarding School face challenges in speaking, particularly when they are required to perform in front of an audience. In response to this issue, Al-Furqan Islamic Boarding School is striving to implement a multilingual language learning method in the classroom. With the implementation of muhadharah, it is hoped that the students can be more focused and effective in

practicing and be able to overcome nervousness when speaking in public.

Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate how the practice of muhadharah in Islamic boarding school can help in the development of public speaking skills for students. Through this research, it is hoped that a method used by students will be found to improve public speaking skills through muhadharah.

## **B. Definition of Key Terms**

To avoid the possibility of misunderstandings in this study, the researcher provides several definitions of key terms that need to be known and understood as follows:

### **1. Muhadharah**

Muhadharah is an activity program designed for self-development, with a focus on improving speaking skills, courage, and effective communication skills.. It is a lecture like activity where students express ideas through prepared speeches or discourses to an audience with the knowledge, comprehension, and consent of the listener. Muhadharah activities at the Al- Furqan Islamic Boarding School focus on delivering speeches and channeling students' talents.

### **2. Public Speaking**

Communicating in front of a large audience is also

referred to as public speaking. Public speaking is oral communication that involves the art and skill of speaking in front of the public. Public speaking in Islamic boarding schools is a well-planned and scheduled activity aimed at developing students' self-confidence and their speaking abilities. The ability to speak in public is cultivated through continuous practice, evaluation, and support, allowing students to overcome initial challenges and enhance essential communication skills for their personal development and knowledge. The public speaking activities that have been designed in the boarding school play an important role in improving students' communication skills and self-confidence.

### 3. Islamic Boarding School

Islamic Boarding School is an educational institution that includes Islamic and general education. The research focuses on a Islamic Boarding School located in Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan. The students live and study together there. In addition to receiving religious lessons such as the Qur'an, Tafsir, Fiqh, and Aqidah, they also usually study general subjects such as Mathematics, Language, and Natural Sciences. The main task is not only to transmit knowledge but also to help his development as an individual. The education system in Islamic boarding schools tends to emphasize aspects of discipline, cooperation, and spirituality. Daily life there is

really unique because every student is trusted to support each other and develop together in the learning and worship process.

### **C. Research Questions**

1. What are the method of muhadharah applied by the students in building public speaking ability?
2. What are the challenges of students' speech preparation and delivery as an orator in muhadharah at Al Furqan Islamic Boarding School?

### **D. Research Objectives**

Referring to the problem above, the research objectives of this research are:

1. To describe the method used by the students in building public speaking ability through muhadharah
2. To investigate about challenges of the students' speech preparation and delivery as an orator in muhadharah at Al Furqan Islamic Boarding School

### **E. Research Significance**

The results of this study are expected to contribute to:

- a. Theoretical benefits:

The findings of this study may help the Pondok Pesantren's muhadharah learning activities further Islamic education and

communication science.

b. Practically benefits:

- a) Institution, The findings of this study should be able to provide information on every aspect that can help students become more proficient public speakers through muhadharah.
- b) For researchers, it can offer understanding and experience in utilizing the knowledge acquired during the lectures.
- c) For the Library, this research can serve as a reference for pertinent studies.
- d) For santri, this research can offer encouragement so that later santri can be assured in getting ready to become a da'i or preacher.
- e) For Islamic boarding schools, this research can provide input to facilitate muhadharah and its application for students so that da'wah education is effectively conducted.