

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of study

Language helps people in the world to communicate and express ideas, thoughts, and feelings from one person to another. It is used to speak each other, write and text. According to Oxford dictionary (2008:247), language is system of communication in speech and writing used by people of particular country. Language is one of important instruments for human. Language is a part of culture; it is a part of human behavior.

Language is a medium to express an inner will, opinion, and feeling which expressed with symbols according to certain purposes of human. Language becomes important thing for people. Language is a gift from God for human. God created different languages, so that language is a part of His power.

Allah SWT creates different tribes, nations and language in the world in order that people are able to know each other by using various languages as the tool of communication; it is said in the Holy Qur'an Surah Al-Hujurat: 13

يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ

أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اتَّقَنُكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

Based on surah Al-Hujurat, Allah SWT has ordered us to learn and explore about language because it is very important in our life. So, we must learn more about language, we can learn and interact with other country.

Language allows people to say things to each other and express their communicative needs. Language is used to deliver message, express ideas, thought and one's feeling to others. To communicate with other people we have to be good in pronunciation, so that they can understand what we say and the meaning. Talking about pronunciation, it is the way how to pronounce the words or how to pronounce the correct words. Pronunciation is the way in which the words of a language are made to sound when speaking. Pronunciation refers to the ability to use the correct stress, rhythm, and intonation of a word in a spoken language. When we talk about pronunciation, we focus on the word rather than individual sounds, as which articulation. So pronouncing English word is not easy, it depends on our dialect. Study English often finds errors and troubles. Nowadays many students have a problem about pronunciation, they think pronounce English words are difficult things to do, it's because their tongue is not usual in pronouncing some words that they seldom pronounce, in other words it is different from their mother tongue. Some of them often find error in pronouncing English words. They pronounce English words the same as they pronounce Indonesian words.

Pronunciation is one of the most important things in the learning in second language. Pronunciation is one of the components that are generally recognized in analysis of speech process. This is appropriate with the holy Qur'an Al Baqarah: 31

وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ هَٰؤُلَاءِ إِنْ

كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

The verse describes that there is a command from Allah the almighty to pronounce the name of things.

Phonology is just one of several aspects of language. It is related to other aspects such as phonetics. Phonology is the pronunciation patterns of speakers. Pronunciation is the correct way pronouncing a word, sound, in a given language. In the area of pronunciation, English is considered a difficult language to master. One of the reasons is because English requires the use of oral muscles that some other languages do not use.

Pronunciation is very urgent to learn. When we speak, we must use a good pronunciation to make clear the meaning of our mean or understand what we said. Bad English pronunciation may confuse people even if you used advanced English grammar structures that make people understand you but we cannot use “simple pronunciation. Good pronunciation make the communication easier, more relaxed and more useful. On the other hand, good English pronunciation will make people understand you easily and be willing to listen to you. A word may be spoken in different ways by various individuals or groups, depending on many factors. These factors include the area which students grew up, whether you have a speech or voice disorder, students’ ethnic group, socio-economic class, or education. Based on this

statement, the writer focuses for researching students from Tabalong Regency. Since, the students grew up in Tabalong Regency, so their native language very influential on English. They have more errors in pronouncing English pure vowels

A vowel is a speech sound made by allowing breath to flow out of the mouth, without closing any part of the mouth or throat (although the lips may move to create the correct sound). The vowels are produced by movements of the tongue up and down, front and back.

The types of vowels are monophthongs (pure vowels), diphthongs (double vowels) and triphthongs. A monophthong is a pure vowel sound, one whose articulation at both beginning and end is relatively fixed, and which does not glide up or down towards a new position of articulation; compare diphthong. Diphthong is merely the combination of two vowels. Pure vowels or monophthongs are said to have one target tongue position, diphthongs have two target tongue positions. English pure vowels, pure here means that there is no alteration of the lingual position. Diphthong and triphthongs are also other types of vocalic sounds. They are very similar to glides in the sense that they also imply the movement from one vowel position to another vowel position. In opposition to glides, diphthongs and triphthongs imply in starting position that lasts longer than the following position. Triphthong imply the combination of three different positions of the tongue in the production of a vowel. From the three types of vowels, the writer focuses on monophthongs that called pure vowels.

The writer found that some of students are still not able to pronounce English words especially in pronouncing English pure vowels. The English pure vowels examined were /i:/, /ɪ/, /ʊ/, /u:/, /e/, /ə/, /ɜ:/, /ɔ:/, /æ/, /ʌ/, /ɑ:/, and /ɒ/.

Based on the problem above, the writer is interested in getting a research with the Title:” **ERROR ANALYSIS OF PRONUNCIATION OF ENGLISH PURE VOWELS MADE BY STUDENTS FROM TABALONG REGENCY AT TABALONG FEMALE DORMITORY.**

### **B. Statement of Problems**

The problems of study can be formulated as follow:

1. What are the students’ errors in pronouncing English pure vowels?
2. How is the students’ ability in pronouncing English pure vowels?
3. What are the students’ problems in pronouncing English pure vowels?

### **C. Objective of Study**

The objectives of study in this research are:

1. To know students’ errors in pronouncing English pure vowels.
2. To know the students’ ability in pronouncing English pure vowels.
3. To find out the students’ problems in pronouncing English pure vowels.

### **D. Significance of the research**

The result of this research is expected to contribute to the field as follow:

1. Enriching the writer's knowledge and experience in this specific research.
2. Giving information and knowledge regarding importance of pronouncing English pure vowels to understand speak natural English.
3. Providing information about the students' pronunciation English pure vowels in the effect of improving the students' pronunciation skill.
4. Providing information and considerations for future researchers.

#### **E. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

It is important for the writer to limit the topic that is discussed in doing research as follows:

1. The study focuses on the error of the Students from Tabalong Regency in pronouncing English pure vowels at Tabalong Female Dormitory
2. The populations are all of the students from Tabalong Regency at Tabalong Female Dormitory.

#### **F. Definition of Key Terms**

To avoid misunderstanding the researcher needs to clarify the title as follow:

1. Error is the condition of having incorrect or false knowledge. (The Grolier international dictionary, :445)
2. Pronunciation is way in which a language or word is spoken (Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary, 1995:331).

3. Vowel is a speech sound in which the mouth is open in the tongue is not touching the top of the mouth, the teeth, etc, (Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 1995, p. 1334).
4. The students from Tabalong Regency means the students who are studying at IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin and live in Tabalong Female Dormitory.

### **G. Organization of the Contents**

This research is divided into five chapters, are follows:

Chapter one is introduction, which included background of study, statement of problems, objective of study, significance of the research, scope and limitation of the study, definition of key terms, and organization of writing.

Chapter two is theoretical review, which included English pure vowels and the influence factors of the error in pronouncing.

Chapter three is method of the research, which included subject and object, data and source data, techniques of data collecting, measurement design, technique of data processing and analysis, and research procedure.

Chapter four is the report of research result, which is achieved in this research; there are presentation of data, and data analysis.

The last chapter is chapter five that is closure which included conclusion and suggestions.