

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents about research context, research focus, research objective, significance of study, definition of key term and previous study.

A. Research Context

Online learning is being applied to various educational institutions at this time in a pandemic era like now. Pandemic era is the spread of disease from person to person rapidly.¹ Therefore, to avoid the spread of disease to people in Indonesia, the government provides a social distancing policy. This also has an impact on education to protect students from the Covid-19 virus outbreak, so online learning is implemented so that education can continue properly.

Online learning refers to a learner's interaction with content or people via the internet for the purpose of learning.² In online learning, of course, we cannot meet face to face in learning among teacher and students. We must take advantage of internet-based learning media such as whatsapp, telegram, zoom meeting, google classroom and others.

Parents have always been the primary educators of their children but as the boundary between school and home fades parents will be asked to play larger role

¹ Masrul dkk, *Pandemik Covid-19 Persoalan Dan Refleksi Di Indonesia*, (Surabaya: Yayasan Kita Menulis, 2020), 1.

² Barbara Means, *Learning Online : What Research Tells Us About Whether, When, and How*, (New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 2014), 6.

in the formal education of their children and teachers will need to let them in.³ Parents involvement to create fun learning can be made by scheduling children's activities. Children are involved in activities that have been agreed between parents and children. This will train children to be responsible. Parents must work together to create effective learning for their children.

The role of parents is also very necessary to provide education to their children who still do not understand about the pandemic that is currently endemic to remain silent at home so as not to catch and spread this pandemic outbreak. So that the role of parents in the Covid-19 pandemic situation has a fundamental position.⁴ Like it or not parents must play an important role in educating children, especially in online learning.

The role of parents in guiding children is very important. The existence of online learning that is carried out at home makes parents also have an important role in educating children. Parents must become substitutes for teachers at home so that children are always monitored in undergoing education during this pandemic. But there are certainly obstacles experienced by parents in guiding children in online learning, one of which is the limited knowledge of parents about online media.

Previously, the researcher found the study written by Dini Kurnia Sari and Rosyidamayani T. Maningtyas entitled "Parent's Involvement in Distance

³ Tom Vander ARK, *Getting Smart How Digital Learning Is Changing The World*, (USA: Jossey- Bass A Willey Imprint, 2012), 144–45.

⁴ Nika Cahyati and Rita Kusumah, "Peran Orang Tua Dalam Menerapkan Pembelajaran Di Rumah Saat Pandemi Covid 19," *Jurnal Golden Age* 4, no. 01 (June 30, 2020): 154.

Learning during the Covid-19 Pandemic”.⁵ This research told about involvement of parents with children in distance learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is also stated that parental education is good, so that parents understand that they can facilitate their children to learn online by using gadgets, internet service, and understanding learn materials. Parents can spend a lot of time at home during the pandemic because of the application of work from home, so they can accompany their children to study and motivate children to foster good children’s interest in learning even though sometimes children become fussy because they stay at home too long during the Covid-19 pandemic. The similarity of this research with the research that researcher will do is about the role of parents in guiding children in online learning. While the difference is that researcher want to focus on the role of parents in guiding children to learn English in online learning.

Then, the researcher read the study written by Chusna Apriyati entitled “The Role of Parents in Learning During The Covid-19 Outbreak”.⁶ This research explain about the parents’ involvement in learning during Covid-19 outbreak. Most of the parents, especially mother involved in online learning and not engage in the learning process. Most parents used textbooks and students’ worksheets as lerning source. In accompanying students’ online learning of parents not improve their learning media creativity, and parents are creative in handling online learning.

⁵ Dini Kurnia Sari and Rosyidamayani T. Maningtyas, “Parents’ Involvement in Distance Learning During the Covid-19 Pandemic:,” in *Proceedings of the 2nd Early Childhood and Primary Childhood Education (ECPE 2020)* (2nd Early Childhood and Primary Childhood Education (ECPE 2020), Malang, Indonesia: Atlantis Press, 2020), 94.

⁶ Chusna Apriyanti, “The Role of Parents in Learning During The Covid-19 Outbreak,” *IJECA Interational Journal of Education & Curriculum Aplication* Vo. 4 No. 1 (April 2021): 18.

The strategies used to widen the parents' creativity is using surroundings as learning media, including things, tools, activities and settings. The similarity of this research with the research that researcher will do is about the role of parents in online learning. While the difference is that researcher want to explore research on parents who play a role for their children in online learning on English learning.

The last, the researcher also read the study written by Isna Indriati entitled "Parents' Involvement in Supporting Their Children Learn English".⁷ This research describe the involvement of parents in supporting their children in learning English. In general, parents have low ability to teach their children about English, thus encouraging them to send their children to non-formal institutions or English language courses outside of school hours. For parents it is very important to equip their children for broader knowledge for the future, especially English. The similarity of this research with the research that researcher will do is about the role of parents in guiding children to learn English. While the difference between this research and the research that the researcher will do is that this research is carried out when the role of parents in guiding children in learning English normally, while the research that the researcher will do is when the role of parents in guiding children in learning English online so that this research has the novelty of previous research.

During pandemic era like this time, almost all educational institutions implement online learning. Learning is carried out with a distance learning

⁷ Isna Indriati, "Parents' Involvement in Supporting Their Children Learn English," *Journal on English as a Foreign Language* 6, no. 2 (September 27, 2016): 145.

between the teacher and students. Parents have a very important role in replacing teachers during learning at home, especially in learning English.

In the pre research, the researcher come to and interviewed one of the parents who have children in second grade at SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan. She said that for parents who have elementary school children need to pay more attention to their learning because like children who are still in the first or second grade of elementary school, they are still too early to carry out independent learning at home without a teacher. So that the role of parents to always accompany, as a substitute for teachers and motivators to children in online learning is very much needed.⁸

Based on description above, the researcher is interested in knowing about the parents' role and how are the parent' role in guiding children in online learning, especially elementary school students at SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan which applies online English learning. Therefore, the researcher is interested in the research with the tittle "The Role of Parents in Guiding Children to Learn English in Online Learning at Second Grade of SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan".

B. Research Focus

Research problems are the educational issues, controversies, or concerns that guide the need for conducting a study.⁹ Based on research context as described above, this research is focused on the formulation of the problem as follow:

⁸ Interview with Siti Fatimah, The parents who have children in second grade at SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan. (01 April 2021).

⁹ John W. Creswell, *Educational Research Planning, Conducting And Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research*, Fourth Edition (Boston: Pearson, 2012), 59.

1. What are the parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning at second grade of SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan?
2. How are the parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning at second grade of SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan?

C. Research Objective

John W. Creswell state in his book that a purpose is the major intent or objective of the study used to address the problem.¹⁰ Research objectives are usually short statements to indicate the purpose of a study. Based on the research problem above, researcher have the following objectives to be achieved:

1. To describe the parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning at second grade of SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan.
2. To describe how the parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning at second grade of SDN Kangeran 1 Pamekasan.

D. Significance of Study

Significance of study is describing the usefulness or urgency of the research, either scientific use (theoretical) as well as social use (practical).¹¹ So significance of study is an explanation that explain the benefits of research, especially the benefit for education, parents and researcher itself. The researcher establish significances of study which consist of the aspects as follows:

¹⁰ Creswell, 60.

¹¹ *Pedoman Karya Tulis Ilmiah* (Pamekasan: Institut Agama Islam Negeri Madura, 2020), 19.

1. Theoretically

The results of this study will help provide contributions and information about education, especially in the field of language. And it also will be an alternative reference to enrich knowledge about parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning.

2. Practically

- a. For Parents

The aim of this study is to find out directly for the parents to role played on their children to learn English in online learning.

- b. For Researcher

As prospective teachers and parents, the results of this research will be one of experience and knowledge about how are the parents' role in guiding children to learn English in online learning.

E. Definition of key Term

Definition of key terms or operational definitions are required for avoid differences in meaning or lack of clarity of meaning.¹² To avoid misunderstanding and word difficulty for readers in clarifying about the key term, the researcher want to provide an explanation of the term, as follow:

1. Role of Parents

Role of Parents is all efforts made by parents to children to succeed in the child's learning process.

¹² *Pedoman Karya Tulis Ilmiah*, 19.

2. Online Learning

Online learning refers to a learner's interaction with content or people via the internet for the purpose of learning.

F. Previous Study

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