

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Research Context

English is an international language spoken widely worldwide. Where English is important in transmigration and English has been made into a need with this need encourages English as the language of the world because English is considered a language which is easily studied. English is also an important tool and plays a role in the development of the world as well as in the development of science, technology, culture, and technology. It uses English to communicate, share, take and give information and knowledge to others.

In English there are receptive language skills and productive language skills. Receptive language skills are reading and listening. Productive language skill is speaking and writing skills. In harmony with some English language skills, writing is one of the most important skills that include productive skills. Writing involves transferring ideas, ideas and thought through the symbols that are written to someone else. Writing enables us to share information, knowledge, and also to establish communication.

An essay is a paper on the writer's opinion, argument, view or personal expression, essay purpose are to explain or discuss and give a personal explanation, identify a problem and its causes and propose a solution.¹ In which essay requires such extensive knowledge as well as insight that one can present coherent, logical writing. The more you read, the better your essays

¹ Dorothy E. Zemach and Lynn Stafford Yilmaz, *Writing at Work The Essay* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 6.

will be. The importance of understanding and formulating arguments, formulating arguments, create structure and write in a disciplined manner following the conventions of good presentation.

There are quite complex demands for instance an academic essay requires that you organize ideas so that a coherent and logical argument produced. These conceptual of cognitive skills would be just as useful if you were required to make a persuasive speech or arrange the elements of commercial proposal.²

Writing essays is not an easy thing to be sure when there are problems such as lack of vocabulary, grammatical mastery, low motivation for writing and unsure of where to practice writing. In essay there are five kinds of essay. They are analytical report, persuasive essay, objective report, expository essay and argumentative essay. Among all types of genres, argumentative essay writing is different from any other essay for this an essay which has a different generic structure and language feature. The topic rises from an issue and then the writer has to state the supportive ideas to persuade the reader to believe the topic.

In English argumentation is known for argumentative and argumentation is a verbal and social activity of reason aiming at increasing the acceptability of a controversial standpoint for the listener or reader, by putting forward a constellation of propositions intended to justify the standpoint before a rational judge.³ And argumentative is a passage that explains and convinces

²Roy Johnson, *Improve Your Writing Skills* (Manchester: Clifton Press, 1955), 17.

³Frans H. van Eemeren, and Peter Houtlosser, *Argumentative in Practice* (Amsterdam: John Benjamin Publishing Company, 2005), 87

readers about agree and disapproving, often referred to by the argumentative paragraph and this belongs in the essay type.

Therefore, argumentative essay is a complete essay as it involves all aspects of the writers, such as scientific ideas, rhetorical features and adds sense to readers to accept it. In addition, some people are fearful of writing argumentative essays because they do not have the idea of writing and have difficulty organizing their thoughts to form good argumentative essay writing. Essays should be applied to those methods, such as using a shared study method in a small group discussion.

In accordance with a directive from the ministry of education and culture 2020's no. 4 bill of education on the implementation of education policies in an emergency release of corona virus disease where all activities are carried out indoors including the teaching process. A device that is often used during the online learning process is using a smartphone and one of the most widely used applications is the WhatsApp. Where this WhatsApp is often used for online chat, file, sharing, exchanging photos, making video calls, sending voice mail, and so on.

In the WhatsApp is a group chat content, which is in a group of several people, and is capable in large numbers. The WhatsApp group is content in the current popular WhatsApp application, although some have previously used is for chat purposes with friends or extended families. But today the WhatsApp group is made access to the learning process because it is efficient. By using the WhatsApp group of students it is easier to interact with each other both in discussions, reasoning and so on.

Applying a small group this activity was learning groups, discussions and activity, construction and cooperative, thus enabling students to develop more optimally. Applying small group will kept the open minded quality of reasoning into criticism, as we expand our horizons and our knowledge of things.

The purpose of writing argumentative essays is that the forming of the small group discussion will influence each other.⁴ Within the group there must be student who are able to write and cannot write. So from which the group formed to share knowledge and also to motivate each other in essay writing. In this small group talk and discuss with each other for mutually dependent goals such as in improving comprehension, coordination of activities or solution in solving shared problem. Based on the interview resulted of the fourth semester students of TBI, they feel difficulty in writing the first sentence that will be coherence with continou sentence. From the phenomena some people are fearful of writing argumentative essays because they do not have the idea of writing and have difficulty organizing their thoughts to form good argumentative essay writing. The researcher chooses fourth semester of A class because they learn about argumentative essay, besides that, the researcher used random to choose some class.

In this research was to describe student ability for TBI Student at IAIN Madura to write content, organizing ideas, sentence and applying the correct mechanics in writing argumentative essay. So from this research we focus

⁴ Gloria J. Galanes, and Katherine Adams, *Effective Group Discussion Theory and Practice* (America: Me Graw-Hill Companies, 2013), 9.

deeply “**Applying A Small Group Discussion By WhatsApp Group Of Argumentative Essay At The Fourth Semester Of TBI At IAIN Madura**”

B. Research Focus

Donald Ary states that a qualitative problem statement or question indicates the general purpose of the study.⁵ According John W Creswell research problem are the educational issues, controversies, or concern that guide the need for conducting a study.⁶ Based on the background above, the researcher has two problems to discuss:

1. How does the lecturer apply a small group discussion by WhatsApp group in writing argumentative essay of the fourth semester at TBI of IAIN Madura?
2. What are the students’ responses in writing argumentative essay by applying a small group discussion of WhatsApp group?

C. Research Objective

To answer the problem above, the researcher had determined the objective study as followed :

1. To describe how does the lecturer apply a small group discussion by WhatsApp group in writing argumentative essay of the fourth semester at TBI of IAIN Madura.
2. To find out what are the students’ responses in writing argumentative essay by applying a small group discussion of WhatsApp group.

⁵Donald Ary, *Introduction to Research in Education*, (Canada: Wardsworth, Cengage Learning, 2010), 53

⁶John W Cresswell, *Education Research* (Boston: Pearson Education, 2012), 59

D. Significance of Study

The significant of study presents the usefulness or urgency of research, both scientific (theoretical) and social (practical). Scientific significant use of the development of science while for social significant is used to improve the issue in the next period.⁷ The significant of study is formulated as follow:

1. Theoretical

The researcher expected that this research can develop the knowledge and to know about applying a small group discussion by whatsapp group of writing argumentative essay.

2. Practical

a. For the English Teacher

The result of this research can be a reference and help the teacher to know more about the applying a small group discussion by WhatsApp group of writing argumentative essay.

b. For the Students

The researcher hopes that the result of this study can help the student to:

- 1) Help to write content, organizing ideas, and sentence.
- 2) Make them easier to apply the correct mechanics in writing argumentative essay.

⁷*PedomanPenulisanKaryailmiah* (Pamekasan: IAIN Madura, 2020), 19.

c. For the Researcher

The result of this study can be used by the researcher to develop know about applying a small group discussion by WhatsApp group of writing argumentative essay.

d. For the Next Research

The result of this research can be reference for people who want to conduct a researcher in English teaching process.

E. Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research focuses on applying a small group discussion of argumentative essay. Then the limitation of this research is students on the 4th semester of TBI in A Class at IAIN Madura academic year 2020-2021 of English Department academic year 2020-2021.

F. Definition of Key Terms

Definition of key term is required in order to avoid the different understanding or the unclear definition.⁸ To avoid misunderstanding for the readers in classifying about the key terms, the researcher would like to explain the term use in this research. They are as follows:

1. Small group discussion refers to a small group of people talking with each other in order to achieve some interdependent goal, such as increased understanding, coordination of activity, or a solution to a shared problem where the activity using WhatsApp group.
2. Writing is one of the most important skills that include productive skills.

⁸*PedomanPenulisanKaryailmiah* (Pamekasan: IAIN Madura, 2020), 19.

3. Argumentative essay is a complete essay as it involves all aspects of the writers, such as scientific ideas, rhetorical features and adds sense to readers to accept it.

G. Previous Study

According to Maghfuroh her dissertation entitle “*Developing Descriptive Writing Skill By Using Small Group Discussion For Tenth Grader*” has conclude that most students enjoy small group discussion to apply as a technique to help them in getting ideas when they composed written descriptive text.⁹ Another researcher namely Febri Sursam Putra on his dissertation entitle “*Applying Small Group Discussion Technique to Improve The Students’ Writing Descriptive Text Skill at The Tenth Graders of SMK Wahid Ma’arif NU 05 Pekalongan Lampung Timur*”has concluded that the learning process in writing using small group discussion successful. It can be inferred that the learning process has done well and the student were active in the class.¹⁰

Although the second dissertation focus of the discussion is different but the methods used in teaching learning process in this research is the same namely using a small group discussion method but different focus learning in this research focus on writing argumentative essay using whatsapp group because pandemic era (daring). The informants studied are also different in the second dissertation is tents graders but in this research is TBI students for the fourth semester of IAIN Madura.

⁹ Maghfuroh. *Developing Descriptive Writing Skill by Using Small Group Discussion*. English Education, Languages and Arts Faculty, State University of Surabaya.

¹⁰ Febri Sursam Putra. *Applying Small Group Discussion Technique to Improve The Students’ Writing Descriptive Text Skill at The Tenth Graders of SMK Wahid Ma’arif NU 05 Pekalongan Lampung Timur*. State Institute For Islamic Studies Of Metro (IAIN)Metro, 2019.