

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will present and discuss introduction concerning background of study, research problem, research objective, assumption, hypotheses, significance of study, scope and limitation, and the definition of key terms.

A. Background of Study

At the end of January 2020, WHO (World Health Organization) had declared that Covid-19 pandemic around the world. The situation had forced almost every activity that could tend to crowds has to be stopped immediately. The common example is as like teaching and learning activity at school and college. Then, the learning process that had been conducted as usual, is carried out online, especially it is called as online learning. The development of digital technology gives a big influence for education in the world, including Indonesia. Online learning is as a form to use the digital technology lately.

Online learning is a learning process that carrying out by networking. It used as method in the teaching learning activity. The existence of online learning could help the learning process. However, applying this technology in education, especially in teaching learning process is not as interactive as like carrying out the learning process by face to face.¹ Ali stated that technology means for delivery

¹ Rahmawati et al., "The Effect of E-Learning on Students Speaking Skill Progress: A Case of the Seventh Grade at SMP Pencawan Medan," *Indonesian EFL Journal (IEFLJ)* 7, no. 1 (January 2021): 69.

and requirement for close cross-collaboration among instructional, content, and technology teams.² However, online learning also has some certain deficiencies as like the weaknesses of online infrastructure and networking, the lack of teacher's experiences, the information gap, the complex environment at home, and so forth. It is necessary that both teacher and students to have internet data or good networking connection as long as using electronic media or technology to carry out a teaching learning process through online learning.

According to Syaifudin, online learning is a learning that has no time and place as long as the learning process connected to internet access.³ This statement is in line with Dhawan statement that he has believed that the online learning process is using students center method. It offered a great deal of flexibility in terms of time and location. Then, using networking access through online learning process is very influential.⁴ Saleem and Rasheed also had stated that the main purpose of online learning is to increase accessibility of education and reducing costs and time as well as improving students' academic performance.⁵

Online learning has no time and place means that it is very efficient. However, online learning also has shortcoming and unfavorable effects on students, for example in a speaking subject; the students who had conducted a learning process through face to face could be different with the students who had

² Wahab Ali, "Online and Remote Learning in Higher Education Institutes: A Necessity in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic," *Higher Education Studies* 10, no. 3 (n.d.): 16–25.

³ Makmun Syaifudin, "Improving Students Speaking Skill by Implementing Blended Learning (Online Learning and Classroom)," *Jurnal INFORMA Politeknik Indonusa Surakarta* 3, no. 2 (2017).

⁴ Shivangi Dhawan, "Online Learning: A Panacea in the Time of COVID-19 Crisis," *Journal of Educational Technology Systems* 49, no. 1 (2020).

⁵ Muhammad Ammar Saleem and Iqra Rasheed, "Use of E-Learning and Its Effect on Students," *New Media and Mass Communication* 26 (2014).

conducted a learning process through online learning, at least in their speaking performance. Armasita had argued that speaking is an activity that used by someone to communicate with another people.⁶ It could be said that speaking is a skill used to express ideas or thought that involve another people using words that could be understood and accepted by interlocutors.⁷ Someone who has a speaking skill means that he or she has confidence. The students could become confident in speaking subject when they have its skill. In other hand, the class seems more alive when the teacher is interactive with the students in the class.

This is in line with what has been observed by the researcher that at Islamic boarding school Puteri Khadijah that the teachers use online learning as a learning method. The way they use is different in each subject. In intensive speaking, the teacher who teaches really having fun. Learning is quite interactive even though it is carrying out by online learning as method. The tutor taught the students based on the existing lesson plans. So, the learning that is delivered is not arbitrary and has been planned in advance. Sometimes, she asks her students to tell a story. The assignment given is interesting namely making a video conversation or tutorial, or also telling stories. Students are very enthusiastic about learning speaking.

In this study, researchers will only examine the students of Islamic Boarding School Putri Khadijah academic year 2019 which consists of 20 students. Some students feel that speaking learning using online learning is not as

⁶ Armasita, "Improving Student's Speaking Skill in English Lesson with Action Learning Strategy at Night Grade of MTS PAB 1 Helvetia. Medan" (Sumatera Utara, UIN Sumatera Utara, 2017), 2.

⁷ "The Effect of E-Learning on Students Speaking Skill Progress: A Case of the Seventh Grade at SMP Pencawan Medan," 70.

effective as usual. There is a decrease in understanding compared to before, namely face to face. The results they got decreased from before. The usual gets good, now only gets pretty good grades. However, there are also some students whose grades remain the same compared to before. It all depends on the understanding of these students to learn speaking.

Dealing with this phenomenon, the main phenomenon that could be discussed is a technical problem about the lesson, especially speaking subject that carry out through online learning. The existence of online learning as method or media in education case is could be said that it brings up the new challenges or problems that have to be faced among students, educators, and parents. This case also brings up a dilemma for them. It is either for positive or negative effect. It is either giving advantages or disadvantages for education case. Salleh stated in his journal article that online learning has a negative impact for education case as like no self-discipline, no face to face interaction, lack of input from lecturers, good online learning is difficult to do, lack of facilities to support, and hard to resolve the difficulties.⁸

This research seems different with the previous researches in the way or method to collect and analyze the data. The previous research might use audio-visual recordings by WhatsApp, while this research collects the data from the student correctly. It is aimed to avoid the lies research and the researcher could give more accurate result data. It also could make easier to know the students' progress in their speaking skill, so that the researcher could know easier about the

⁸ Farah Idayu Mohd Salleh et al., "The Impact Of Covid-19 Through Online Learning Usage For Tertiary Education In Malaysia," *Journal of Critical Reviews* 7, no. 8 (2020).

comparison of students' speaking skill between before and after using online learning. Therefore, the researcher thinks that online learning does not have a good effect on learning process. The researcher is interested to conduct a research entitled **“The Effectiveness of Online Learning Method on Students Speaking Skills at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan Academic Year 2019”**. It is expected for the fifth semester at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah in order to they know about the effectiveness of online learning in their speaking skills.

B. Problem of Study

According to Creswell, research problem are the educational issues, controversies, or concerns that guide the need for conducting a study.⁹ The educational issue of this research is the students who are interest in learning for the speaking subject is reduced due to online learning. The concern of this research is the importance of students' interest in learning speaking subject due to online learning. So, they can easily learn the speaking subject. The concern of this research is how do they develop their interest in learning speaking subject on online learning to create an effective online classroom.

Based on the background of study above, there is a research problem at is conclude by the researcher, is there any differences of students' speaking skills before and after the use of online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019?

⁹ John W. Creswell, *Educational Research: Planning, Conducting, and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research*, 4th ed. (Boston: Pearson Longman, 2012), 59.

C. Objective of Study

Research objectives is statements given by researchers who use quantitative methods in the research to obtain the desired results or objectives.¹⁰ After the problem of study, it is clear that there are objectives of study to find out the problem solving in this research. Or it can be stated that the objectives the study can be the answer for the question in the research problem.

Based on the research problems above, the researcher gives the research objective; To compare differences of students' speaking skills before and after the use of online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019.

D. Assumption

Assumption is something that motivates the creation of research methods that have different perspectives in responding to problems.¹¹ Researchers usually use assumptions as a rationale for conducting research. Also makes it easier for researchers to determine and find variables from the research. Mark J. Rossenberg stated that:

“E-learning is a learning technique which is done using internet technology to add insight as well skills in the individual. Students can add insight through e-learning because access can be done at any time, making it easier find answers to frequently asked questions. Is known

¹⁰ Creswell, 111.

¹¹ Nanang Martono, *Metode Penelitian Kuantitatif Analisis Isi Dan Analisis Data Sekunder* (Jakarta: Rajawali Pers, 2011), 21.

contribution of 33% of the student's ability to use e-learning on learning motivation.”¹²

Dealing with the statement above, the researcher believes that there are differences of students' speaking skills before and after the use of online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019. The existence of online learning as method or media in education case is could be said that it brings up the new challenges or problems that have to be faced among students, educators, and parents. This case also brings up a dilemma for them. It is either for positive or negative effect. It is either giving advantages or disadvantages for education case.

E. Hypothesis

Hypotheses are statements in quantitative research in which the investigator makes a prediction or a conjecture about the outcome of relationship among attributes or characteristics.¹³ There are two kinds of hypothesis. There are Alternative Hypothesis (H_a) and Null Hypothesis (H_0).

1. Alternative Hypothesis (H_a): in this research “There is difference of students' speaking skills before and after using online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019.”

¹² Priambodo, “Pengaruh Penerapan E-Learning Terhadap Peningkatan Motivasi Dan Efektivitas Belajar Menurut Keragaman Siswa Dan Orang Tua: 104 Studi Kasus SMALB Pangudi Luhur,” *Faktor Exacta* 6, no. 1 (2013): 16.

¹³ Creswell, *Educational Research: Planning, Conducting, and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research*, 111.

2. Null Hypothesis (H_0): in this research “There is no difference of students’ speaking skills before and after using online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019.”

Based on the assumption above, the researcher uses Alternative Hypothesis (H_a) in which hypothesis states that there are differences of students’ speaking skills before and after using online learning method at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan academic year 2019.

F. Significance of Study

Significance of the study states the implications of the findings for educational practice and theory. The findings may be unique to the single group or specific context of the study.¹⁴ The significant of study is classified into two categories; theoretical significant and practical significant. In this case, the researcher would explain about the significant of study of the effectiveness of online learning method on students’ speaking skills at Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah Pamekasan.

Theoretically, this research is expected to be one of the inputs in speaking skills especially for English students. As for practically, the result of this research makes it possible to provide meaning for several circles, among them:

1. For the English tutor

The result of this research is expected to give contribution to English tutor that online learning has an impact on students' speaking skills. The impact

¹⁴ Donald Ary et al., *Introduction to Research in Education*, 8th Edition (Canada: Wadsworth, 2010), 589.

that the researcher means here is like an increased enthusiasm for learning, increased understanding and also better student's score.

2. For the students

The researcher hopes the result of this research can help the students to:

- a. Make the students easier in using online learning method.
 - b. Help them to develop their skills in speaking English.
 - c. Help them to remember the lessons that have been obtained for the researcher.
3. The result of this research is expected to give information, model, or reference to be develop for further studies. Also, the result of this study can be used by the researcher to know that there are differences in learning speaking skills before and after using online learning media to students.

G. Scope and Limitation

A scope refers to the problem of the study. The scope is determined by the population of respondents use, the sample drawn from this population, and the variable or factors involved in study. The scope of this research is about Online learning method in speaking skills on in the fifth semester of Islamic Boarding School Puteri Khadijah. Whereas the limitation of study is the accepted shortcomings of study. For instance, a researcher may not be able to sample from a larger population.¹⁵

¹⁵ Roberto N. Padua, *Fundamentals of Educational Research and Data Analysis* (Quezon: Katha Publishing, 2013), 16.

H. Definitions of Keyterms

Cresswell state that to begin our research by narrowing our topic a few key terms using one or two word or short phrases.¹⁶ The purpose of providing key terms is to give universal understanding. So, the researcher gives some definitions of key terms, as follows:

1. Online Learning is the learning process that carrying out by using technology. It could be by hand phone or computer that have been connected to internet. The online learning begins to use through pandemic era. The online learning could be conducted and accessed as the rules that has planned. The existence of online learning could help the students in learning process, or even it does not.
2. Speaking is one of the most important skills to be developed and enhanced as means of effective communication. Speaking skill is regarded one of the most difficult aspects of language learning. Many language learners find it difficult to express themselves in spoken language.

I. Previous Study

Knowing the previous study of the research becomes important both of the researcher and the reader. There are many previous studies about the effectiveness of online learning media in other subject like speaking skills and etc. Researchers found several previous studies to study differences and

¹⁶ Creswell, *Educational Research: Planning, Conducting, and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research*, 82.

similarities with research conducted by researchers. As a reference for researchers in compiling research results.

Syaifudin stated that online learning is a learning that has no time and place as long as the learning process connected to internet access.¹⁷ This study is conducted to find out how blended learning model could be able to improve the students' speaking skill and find out the students' response toward the implementation of blended learning in speaking class. The second previous researcher, Dhawan stated that he has believed that the online learning process is using students' center method. It offered a great deal of flexibility in terms of time and location. Then, the use of networking access through online learning process is very influential.¹⁸ The article includes the importance of online learning and Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Challenges (SWOC) analysis of e-learning modes in the time of crisis. This article also put some light on the growth of EdTech Start-ups during the time of pandemic and natural disasters and includes suggestions for academic institutions of how to deal with challenges associated with online learning. Saleem and Rasheed also had stated that the main purpose of online learning is to increase accessibility of education and reducing costs and time as well as improving students' academic performance.¹⁹

Similarly, these researches conducted research about the use of online learning and students' speaking skill. This research seemed as different research because, in contrast, this research is conducted to compare the

¹⁷ Syaifudin, "Improving Students Speaking Skill by Implementing Blended Learning (Online Learning and Classroom)."

¹⁸ Dhawan, "Online Learning: A Panacea in the Time of COVID-19 Crisis."

¹⁹ Saleem and Rasheed, "Use of E-Learning and Its Effect on Students."

students' speaking skill before and after using online learning method. This research is analyzed using quantitative research method, while, the previous research is analyzed using qualitative research method.

This research seems different with the previous researches in the way or method to collect and analyze the data. The previous research might use audio-visual recordings by WhatsApp, while this research collects the data from the student correctly. It is aimed to avoid the lies research and the researcher could give more accurate result data. It also could make easier to know the students' progress on their speaking skill, so that the researcher could be easier to know the differences of students' speaking skill between before and after using online learning.