

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the writer discusses the background of the research, statement of the problem, objective of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research, operational definition.

1.1 Background of the Research

People use English to communicate and share things, feelings so English becomes one of the subject for national examination in Indonesia. In English there are four language skill. They are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Furthermore, the students must master the four language skill so, their can use English effectively.

Writing is expressing idea, opinion, experience, or information in the mind of the writer into the form of written language. Meyers (2005:2) said that writing is an action. This means that when the students first write something down, they have already been thinking about what they are going to say. Through writing, students can develop their ability of how to express and organize their thought, feeling, opinion and ideas in the written form. That is why writing is very important. According to Smith (1980:212) : writing is perceived as the most difficult skill to acquire by students and to teach by teachers.

Students of Junior High School are required to master this skill well, but the fact is different. Although writing has been taught to the students of Junior High School, the reality shows that their writing ability is low.

According to the curriculum 2013 and syllabus of English subject in Junior High School, in the teaching writing process, descriptive text is the one of materials for the seventh grade students in MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus. Descriptive text that describes a particular person, place or thing. They have some difficulties in constructing descriptive text, particularly in finding idea, collecting and composing the idea into writing in good structure.

The writer knew this condition, when the writer did interview the English teacher in MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus. She told the writer that

the students writing descriptive text scores of the seventh grade in the academic year 2019/2020 in MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus is lower than minimum standard score or it can be said that they still got unsatisfying result. The minimum score (Kriteria Ketuntasan Minimal) for English subject in MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus is 70, but based on the students' score in writing descriptive text of seventh grade in NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus, the writer found that there are a lot of students who got score 55 in writing descriptive text.

Another factor that make writing difficult is the lack of students concentration and the using media of teaching. To solve the problem the writer will use video clip to teach writing in English subject. Hopefully, this media can help students to find the idea and construct text well. The writer hopes that with using this media, students not get bored and will interest in teaching and learning process. According to Purwati (2002:25) "one of the media used in teaching writing is video. Most of audiovisual media make students easily understand and enjoy the lesson in writing class". It means that video clip can be used as a media to explains or help us to describe about particular person, thing. Video clip is combination of picture, sounds, and narration in video form. According to Harmer (2002:282) : video can give authentic model of the language. It means that the students who are watching video can directly observe how intonation can match facial expression. Derewianka (1990:32) states that a descriptive text can be learned through video.

Based on some statements above, the writer hopes that the students are motivated in learning writing. Hopefully, video clip can minimize the student's difficulty in learning writing descriptive text and the students will be able to produce many ideas and construct a good descriptive text. The writer also hopes that there will be a significant difference of the ability of writing descriptive text of the seventh grade students after taught by using video clip. And the writer is interested in conducting a research "The Ability of Writing Descriptive text of the Seventh Grade Students of MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus Taught by Using Video Clip in Academic Year 2019/2020.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research, the writer can stated as follows:

Is there a significant difference between the ability of writing descriptive text of the seventh grade students of MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus before and after being taught by using video clip in academic year 2019/2020?

1.3 Objective of the Research

This research try to solve the problems which need positive result. The objectives of the research could be formulated as follow:

To find out whether there is a significant difference between the ability of writing descriptive text of seventh grade students of MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus before and after being taught by using video clip in academic year 2019/2020.

1.4 Significance of the Research

The result of this research can be useful both for the students and the English teachers. They are:

1. For the students, the media which is used in this research can help students in order to be able to write descriptive text better than before.
2. For the English teacher can know the level of students' achievement in writing descriptive text as the result of teaching writing descriptive text by using video clip.

1.5 Scope of the Research

In this research, the writer needs to make limitation. The writer limits the research only for VII-H class of MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus in academic year 2019/2020 of their writing ability in composing descriptive text (Famous Character) for example: Via Vallen, Ayu ting ting, Afgan and etc. The writer wants to know the ability of writing descriptive text of the students before and after being taught by using video clip (Famous Character). To measure the students ability of writing descriptive text, the writer will used written test.

1.5 Operational Definition

The terms used in this research are defined in order to avoid misunderstanding. So, the writer tries to identify the terms as follows:

1. The ability of writing is the ability to find the idea and organize the idea to create sentences to be a good text in written form
2. Descriptive text is a text that describes a particular person, place or thing.
3. The seventh grade students of MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus in the academic year 2019/2020 refers to the students who have been studying in MTs NU Miftahul Falah Cendono Dawe Kudus where the writer will conduct the research. The phrase of academic year 2019/2020 means the time for teaching and learning on the academic activities.
4. Video Clip is one of technology's products which present constant movement of images, moving pictures, animated pictures or moving texts accompanied by audio or sound effects.

