

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer presents background of the research, problem of the research, objective of the research, significances of the research, scope of the research, and operational definition.

1.1 Background of the Research

Basically, there are four language skills in English, they are listening, speaking, reading and writing (Saleh 1992: 27 in Sari 2013: 1). Writing is a part of the language skills besides listening, reading, speaking. According to Zamel (2007:207), writing is a process in which the people can explore and discover their thoughts and ideas in written form. Besides that, writing system is a system of written symbols which represent the sounds, syllables, or word of language (Richards, 1985: 409). Writing is one of the most important skills in studying English because not only writing is an academic skill, but it also an important skill that translates into any career fields (Nguyen Than Huy, vol 3. No: 2.2015). writing is wonderful tool, which has unique role in our development. Through writing people communicate with each other and themselves, learn, discover themselves, and build their identities and establish roles in society (Dockrell:2014 in Arfe:2014).

From statement above, it can be assumed that writing is a very important subject because we can share idea from our brain through writing. But it is not easy to choose the words and combine them into a good paragraph. Beside that we have to pay attention on the grammar sentence. So it is normal, if the students think that writing is difficult subject because they have to pay attention on many things such as; idea, concept, vocabulary and grammar

The problem of learning writing skills seems to appear in MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati. The English teacher of MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati said that the students' writing skill is still far from the learning innovation stated in curriculum which should be achieved. Based on the writer's brief observation

in MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati, the students still get difficulties in writing text such as they are still confused how to start writing paragraph, choosing the vocabulary, and write down their ideas. The mean of the writing text score is 75.65, meanwhile the KKM of English subject is 78 in eleventh grade students.. So that's why the writer will do the research focused on the students' problems in writing English. Therefore the writer choose the title "Problems Affecting Learning Writing Skills in Eleventh Grade Students of MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati".

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study, the writer can state the statements of the problem is:

1. What are the writing skill problems of eleventh grade students of MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati in Academic year 2018/2019?

1.3 Objective of the Research

Based on the statement of the problem above, the objective research is :

1. To find out the problems in students' writing skills in eleventh grade students of MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati in Academic year 2018/2019.

1.4 Significance of the Research

Hopefully the writer can have some significant result. Possible significant results that are expected:

1. For English teacher: this research will give information about problem affecting learning writing skill in study and learning process.
2. For the researcher: by doing the research, the writer will have the experience and enlarge her knowledge in teaching process.

3. For the next researcher: the result of this research can add a reference of knowledge about problems affecting learning writing skills.

1.5 Scope of the Research

Based on the objective of the research, the researcher focuses on problems affecting learning writing skills in eleventh grade students of MA Darun Najah Margoyoso Pati in academic year 2018/2019.

1.6 Operational Definition

To give a clear clarification so that there is no misunderstanding or interpretation between researcher and readers, there are some specific terms used in this study:

1. Writing skill is the capability of the pupils to write or to produce a simple paragraph based on their ideas.
2. The students of eleventh grade of MA Darun Najah are the students who are studying in the Social program in MA Darun Najah MargoyosoPati in academic year 2018/2019.
3. Problem is difficult to deal with something that is a source of trouble, difficulty in understanding something, and a feeling of not liking or wanting to do something.