

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

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

### 1.1 Background of the Research

Vocabulary is mainly associated with words that known by an individual or a group of people. Vocabulary may designate an object in which a collection of words is explained. Wilkins (1972) said, "...while without grammar very little can be conveyed, without vocabulary *nothing* can be conveyed" (pp. 111-112). It can be said that it's important to teach vocabulary to the students, because vocabulary is like the main thing to communicate well. These random words are important as they represent a natural function of speech, and students can benefit from learning these words and applying a new context and meaning for them (Brown, 2007).

There are many media to teach vocabulary, one of them is by using song. Song is one of the media to teach vocabulary. Wrenshall (2002) said, "there is also plenty of evidence that song help memorization, and the rhythm and rhyme of the lyrics can certainly help vocabulary as well." (p. 43). Songs are easy to find nowadays, we can find it in the television, music player, and YouTube. Songs are way more fun and familiar to the students' ears.

The students of SMA N 2 Kudus is lack of vocabulary mastery because the condition in the classroom when they learn English subject does not match with their characteristics in daily life. In fact, the eleventh grade students of SMA N 2 Kudus have to be able to master the English vocabulary to communicate with other people who are not from their area.

Learning vocabulary can be more effective if there is an appropriate media in teaching and learning vocabulary. The writer used songs in Billboard Chart to help the students to build their vocabulary effectively, because Billboard Chart is known with its greatest songs which fits well with the students daily life.

From the explanation in above, the writer conducted a research with the title "The Use of Songs in Billboard Chart to Teach Vocabulary".

## 1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research, the writer would like to present the statement of the problem as follows:

Is there any significant difference between the vocabulary mastery of the eleventh grade students of SMA N 2 Kudus before and after being taught by using song in Billboard Chart?

## 1.3 Objective of the Research

The objective of the research based on the statement of the problem found as follows:

To know whether there is a significant difference between the vocabulary mastery of the eleventh grade students of SMA N 2 Kudus before and after being taught by using song in Billboard Chart.

## 1.4 Significance of the Research

### 1. Theoretically

The writer hopes that the readers can get information about media to teach vocabulary. This research can be their consideration in conducting a further research.

### 2. Practically

For the English teacher : The writer hopes that this research can be one of the alternatives of teaching media used by the teacher in teaching English vocabulary.

For the students : The writer hopes that the students can develop their vocabulary mastery by using songs in Billboard Chart.

## 1.5 Scope of the Research

To limit the research, the writer focused on the students' vocabulary mastery. The writer chose the eleventh grade students in SMA N 2 Kudus. The vocabulary material of teaching is based on the syllabus of the eleventh grade about song related to the students' daily life. The writer used 6 songs from Billboard Chart.

### 1.6 Operational Definition

The writer would like to give operational definition related to the study:

1. Vocabulary is a set of words known by a person or a large group of people to allow them communicate to each other.
2. Song is a single work of music that happened to be sung by human voice. Song usually has written words in it which is called as lyrics. Song is used by the people in the music industry to describe any musical composition, whether it has human voice or only played by instruments.
3. Billboard Chart is mainly about the weekly popularity of songs in the United States, United Kingdom, and elsewhere. Billboard Chart provides additional weekly chart and Year End chart. The chart is dedicated to every genre of music, such as RnB, country, or even rock.

