

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

General translation class is one of elective subject in 4th semester of English Education Department. It is work experience in translating much words or texts of one language to another language in the form of written or spoken. The students translate about Article, Journal, Thesis, Abstract and book such as Science book, Art, Engineer, Biology, Culture and master plan book. Nowadays, various online (MT) resources available for L2 learners such as translator online, Foreign Word, Web Trance, Prompt and Google translate. Nowadays all over the place Wi-Fi connections, laptops, Handphone and everyone can access free online resources translators such as Google Translate. Most of students use Google translate to complete their works, although the students are from English Education Department, they use Google translate as their tool to assist when they finding the difficult words. Google Translate is one of the most common online resources for translation. Google translate is a multilingual machine translation service developed by Google to translate text, speech, images, sites or real-time video from one language into another. Google translate is efficient and compatible with PC systems and smartphone system (i.e., Android and IOS) and Google translate can translates over 100 languages. Robert Quigley (2010) states that Google translation is by no means a perfect translation service, you are still going to have to invest in those language classes if you want to able to fluently communicate with speakers of foreign tongues, but if you remember the online waste and that preceded it, you know it is pretty darn good at conveying the gist of what you are trying to express.

The researcher chosen Google translate because Google translate commonly used by the students to complete their duties, it is easy to use and it can translate in seconds, it can also be an online dictionary, spelling checker when there is some typo and it is sufficient to comprehend or to know the meaning of the words and sentences.

Google Translate can provide banks of more than a hundred billion words and it also provides its users with the most versatility of words and phrases. This makes Google Translate well known among English for Foreign Language (EFL) learners (Komeili, Hendavalan & Rahimi, 2011). With Google translate, we hope to make information universally accessible and useful, regardless of the language in which it, (Robert Quigley,2010). Google translate are the most popular platforms to translate content for free. However, since they are AI tools, even in 2018 they are not 100% accurate (Faria Thiago, 2018). Most of students still use Google Translate for their works even though they realize that there are some problems occurred during the use of Google Translate.

Realizing the fact above, the researcher focuses on students' perception in the General Translation class in fourth semester of English Education Department in Muria Kudus Univeristy about google translate, because they too often to use Google translate for completing their duties. The students just take a photo of the text or just type it and Google Translate will translate it in second. It makes the students easily know the meaning of the text. Based on that statement above, the writer proposes the title "Students' Perception of Google Translate Used in General Translation Class, English Education Department of Universitas Muria Kudus".

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research, this study aimed to answer the following problem "How is the perception of fourth semester students of English Education Department, Universitas Muria Kudus about using Google Translate in General Translation Class?".

1.3 Objective of the Reasearch

Based on the statement of the problem above, the researcher was interested in analyzing the students' perceptions using Google Translate in the General Translation Class of fourth semester students English Education Department Universitas Muria Kudus.

1.4 Significance of the Research

Hopefully, the findings of this research can be useful for students, teacher, and readers. Moreover, the results can help students of English Education Department as reference by the other researchers to do the same kind of this research.

This research added knowledge and give new information to the reader especially about the students' perceptions of using Google Translate.

1.5 Scope of the Research

The scope of this research is the writer focuses on the students' perceptions of Google Translate in used in General Translation Class. Students' perceptions mean students' opinions based on the own perspectives toward Google Translate in General Translation Class.

The researcher conducted the research in General Translation Class. General Translation class is Optional Subject that chosen by the students of fourth semester English Education Department of Universitas Muria Kudus and this class just had one class. There are 30 students.

1.6 Operational Definition

Based on the title of this research, the researcher only focuses about students' perception, Google Translate, and General Translation Class to make clear and to avoid the misunderstanding.

1. Students' perception in this research is personal interpretation of information from their own Point of view.
2. Google translate is machine that can translate over 100 languages, it can translate texts or webs pages from one language into other language automatically, from source language (SL) into target language (TL) so that it helps readers as they are trying to understand the content of a texts or web page.
3. General Translation Class is one of elective subjects in 4th semester of English Education Department.