

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, this research presents the background of the research, statements of the problem, objectives of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research, and operational definitions.

1.1 Background of the Research

Covid-19 pandemic has begun on the middle of March 2020 until now. This pandemic causes many social culture aspects especially teaching learning has been changed. In Teaching Learning for example students and the teacher cannot meet or gather to conduct teaching and learning process in class as usual. Teacher and students are not allowed to coming to school, so the system changed to study from home (SFH). Because of SFH, this condition required the teachers to find the solution to keep the teaching and learning process running well. One of solution is using smartphone as tool platform to communicate and to teach to students, rather than using laptop or computer. So, in this era people use smartphone to help our communication with other. Then, also in the teaching learning process. It uses smartphone to help our communication in class. Many of school use one platform what have chosen by the school. So, the researcher interest to analyzing about the perception from the students of high school.

The most application which frequently used is WhatsApp. As all of the people know, now days almost all teenagers and kids have their own smart phone. It is because WhatsApp not too difficult to understand and easy to use. WhatsApp is also practicality use. The features of WhatsApp are completed to support teaching and learning process. Such as delivery material from teacher, class interaction, and submitting task from the students also. And through this smart phone teacher mostly choose WhatsApp as their classes, because this app has been used by almost all people and easy to use. Then, the solution is teachers used the WhatsApp Group to conduct teaching and learning process in this pandemic Covid-19 era especially in the school where the researcher gets the data of the research. Based at the exiting data the result of the number of WhatsApp users,

there are currently more than 2 billion WhatsApp users around the globe and rising (Ying Lin in Orbelo , 2020). This number is very big, so it can conclude that most of people in Indonesia use smartphone, specially the students also. On the other side, based on the researcher experience when she joined PLP 2 Program. In MA NU Raudlatus Shibyan Bae Kudus, the teacher and students used WhatsApp group for communication and a media of teaching learning in this pandemic era. In this school teacher and students are use the WhatsApp group for class communication. Because WhatsApp platform have chosen in this school. But then when the Covid - 19 pandemic came out to the world, the WhatsApp group became to the only one communication media in English Teaching Learning process.

According to Ayuningtyas (2018) Mobile learning as one of digital teaching learning media has given beneficial impact to language learning. The researcher said that mobile learning can facilitate students to learn everywhere in anytime. Learning using smartphone is one of the issues that can help the students to improve their English whenever they want and wherever they are. Then the writer thinks that WhatsApp group feature can be the media of teaching learning during this pandemic, because the use of WhatsApp group is very simple. It has many features, that it can share, deliver, and receive the material of English Teaching.

So, from this case the writer is interested in analyzing the students' perception of using WhatsApp group as media in teaching and learning English in pandemic. And this research entitles “ **The Perception of the Students of MA NU Raudlatus Shibyan Bae Kudus on WhatsApp Group as A Platform of Teaching English During Covid – 19 Pandemic**”.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on background of the research above, the following problem can be formulated follow as:

How is the perception of the students of MA NU Raudlatus Shibyan Bae Kudus on WhatsApp group as a platform of teaching English during Covid – 19 pandemic?

1.2 Objective of the Research

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

To describe the perception of the students of MA NU Raudlatus Shibyan Bae Kudus on WhatsApp Group as a platform of teaching English during Covid – 19 pandemic.

1.4 Significance of the Research

By conducting this research, the writer hopes that the result will be useful as follow:

The result of the research is expected to be beneficial theoretically and practically. Theoretically, it is expected that this research can be used as one of the references by the future researchers who will conduct the research related to English teaching and learning especially for conducting online classes through WhatsApp.

Practically, I hope that this research can give information to the teachers or lecturers about how to conduct an online class through WhatsApp as a media for online English teaching learning that is apply until today. Because this era all of the people cannot meet each other or as know that it cannot gather as all kind of that. So, all the education level use a social media as for support especially English teaching learning during pandemic Covid - 19 era through WhatsApp.

1.5 Scope of the Research

In this research, limited to focus on students' perception when they use WhatsApp as a media for English Teaching Learning. Such as for attendance, to give a task or assignment and for submit the task or assignment.

1.6 Operational Definition

1. Students Perception

Students Perception is the WhatsAppy someone see something and giving the meaning.

2. Platform of Teaching English

Platform of Teaching English is the tools or media to bridge the teachers and students in English teaching learning.

3. WhatsApp Group

WhatsApp Group is one of features the WhatsApp has, where that can communicate with the members in a same place.

4. Covid-19 Pandemic

Covid-19 pandemic is the era where Corona virus or Covid 19 virus spread in the world.

