

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents background of the research, statement of the problem, objectives of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research and operational definition.

1.1 Background of the research

Online learning is also known as online learning, e-learning, or virtual learning. According to Kim (2020), online learning is the use of the internet in online learning. Naserly (2020) states that online learning systems include electric media like mobile phones, computers, or laptops. Applications like Zoom, Google meet, WhatsApp, Google classroom, Youtube, Telegram, Edmodo, or Instagram.

The Indonesia minister of education and culture suggested that teachers use various e-learning platforms such as WhatsApp, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Zoom, Ruang Guru, and so on. SMA PGRI 1 Pati is one of the schools which has implemented an online learning process. The SMA PGRI 1 Pati teachers used several platforms such as Google meet, zoom, WhatsApp, Google From, and Google Classroom. Based on the researcher experience in a teacher internship program (PLP) at SMA PGRI 1 Pati, in all the activities of the teaching-learning process, most of the teachers use Google meet to teach English. The research finds various attitudes of students during learning English through Google Meet. Not all students enjoy learning through Google Meet and not all students show a positive perception.

Online learning is a new thing for students. Students' perceptions of online learning also vary. Student perception is very important to evaluate teaching and students' perception vary. Therefore, for teachers students' perceptions are very important (Chen & Hoshower, 2010). Also, student perception is very important to measure learning outcomes. (Aeltermann & Creemers, 2007).

In previous research, Mulyani (2020) showed that E-learning is effective in keeping learning in a covid-19 pandemic. Like Alawiyah

(2021), E-learning is helpful for students during this situation. Also, there are obstacles while online learning.

According to Aswir (2021), using google meet is one of the alternatives that can be used for online learning media. Pramaisella (2021) states that online learning through google meet is good enough. Also, there are some disadvantages, such as the students' difficulty in understanding material, network disturbances, and internet data.

Based on the explanation above, this research wants to investigate students' perception of English online learning through Google meet in SMA PGRI 1 Pati.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research, the research question: what are the students' perceptions of English online learning through Google meet?

1.3 Objective of the Research

Based on the statement of the research, the aims of this study is to find out the students' perception of English online learning through Google meet by SMA PGRI 1 Pati.

1.4 Significance of the Research

The findings of this research are expected to be beneficial for:

1. The English Teacher

The teacher can evaluate the finding of the third research. So, the teacher can find the best way for an online learning activity using Google Meet that suitable for students.

2. The Students

This research is intended to motivate the students in English lessons through Google Meet. So the students can enjoy and understand the material.

3. Others Researcher

The findings of this research is hopefully can be references for the next researcher to explore more about English online learning through Google Meet.

1.5 Scope of the research

This research focuses on the students' perception of English online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic especially using Google Meet.

1.6 Operational Definition

Based on the title of the research, there are two terms that can be defined in the operational definition as follows:

1. Students Perception

Students' perception refers to the student's point of view of the object, particularly the point of view of eleventh graders of senior high school at SMA PGRI 1 PATI about English online learning.

2. Online Learning

Online learning is a type of teaching and learning concept that uses technology and internet networks to facilitate teachers and students in the learning process. So, it makes it easy for students and teachers to learn online anywhere and anytime.

3. Google Meet

Google Meet application is a video communication service developed by Google. Google Meet can use for meetings, seminars, and online learning activities.

4. Eleventh Class Students

Eleventh-class students are in the second grade at the senior high school level.