CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

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

A. Background

Language is a communication tool used by people to interact. There are various kinds of languages used by people, one of which is English. English is an international language and many countries use English as a means of communication in daily life. In Indonesia, English is not used in daily communication, therefore English is a foreign language that must be learned by students from elementary school.

There are many components of the English language that we can learn, one of which is vocabulary. Vocabulary is a basic component in learning English. Vocabulary is a vehicle for thinking, self-expression, interpretation and communication (Kufaishi, 1988). Therefore, vocabulary becomes an important component in language. Mastering a lot of vocabulary students will be easy to communicate, express themselves and easily understand a text. Al-Dawood (2013) in (Eusebio & Eusebio, 2020) state that students can choose strategies in learning to improve their skills and understanding. It means that students can have other ways of learning English vocabulary that are more effective and flexible, one of which is through social media.

There are various ways and the most popular among students is learning English vocabulary through social media. Based on the author's observations while studying at Muria Kudus University, Twitter is one of the social media that is widely use by students to learning English vocabulary. Twitter is a popular web-blog that is used by millions of people to produce and share information regularly. Twitter has many features like tweet, like, retweet, retweet with comments, threads, moments, bookmarks, etc. (O'Rielly & Milstein, 2011) in (Rezeki et al., 2020).

With precentage (32%) Twitter is a social media networking platform that is quite widely used at the EED of Muria Kudus University. Twitter provides interesting tweets that students can learn and improve their English skill (Handayani, 2020) in (Natasa & Solusia, 2022). Many Twitter users share their content in English such as quotes, article, humor, stories, motivations, information, slang, conversations, thoughts, experiences and daily activities. Twitter users also post a lot of photos and videos using English captions. This function can help students to improve their English language skills.

Twitter is a good way for students to learn vocabulary because Twitter makes users read texts that are on Twitter. As stated by Maltzer, et al. (2001) most vocabulary is obtained through reading. It means that students can add more vocabulary by reading a lot of content that uses English on Twitter. On Twitter, students can also interact with people from all over the world using English, by communicating with other users students will easily find vocabulary, remember vocabulary and understand new vocabulary.

Several Twitter accounts provide content on how to learn English and provide information related to English. It can be a student reference to increase their English vocabulary skills. Students can learn English vocabulary using Twitter by following an English learning account. There are many accounts on Twitter for learning English, for example @englishfess_, @hermionyyye, @inggrisbersama, etc. They create content about English learning education. Their content shares tweets with pictures or videos about English including vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, slang, English quizzes, and some tips to improve English skills in an interesting way.

According to the explanation above, the researcher want to know the perceptions of students of English Education Department at Universitas Muria Kudus in learning English vocabulary using Twitter with the title "The Percetion of the Eighth Semester Students' in English Education Department on Learning English Vocabulary Using Twitter at Universitas Muria Kudus".

B. Statement of the problem

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

1. What are the perception of the eighth-semester students in English Education Department at Universitas Muria Kudus on the use Twitter in learning English vocabulary?

2. How do the eighth-semester students of English Education Department at Universitas Muria Kudus use Twitter in learning English vocabulary?

C. Objective of The Research

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

1. To describe the perceptions of the eighth-semester students in English Education Department at Muria Kudus University toward the use of Twitter to learn English vocabulary.

2. To explore how eighth-semester students of English Education Department use Twitter in learning English vocabulary.

D. Significance of the Research

The significance of the research is theoretically and practically.

1. Theoretically

The writer hopes that this research can be a reference for other researchers in students' perceptions of learning English vocabulary through social media, especially Twitter.

2. Practically

    a) For Student, the writer hopes that through this research, the students can find new ways of learning English vocabulary through social media, especially Twitter.

    b) The writer hopes that this research can be use as reference by teachers in implementing a more up-to-date and enjoyable English learning process.

E. Scope of The Research

In this Research, the writer only focused on the students' perceptions of English Education Department in learning English vocabulary through Twitter. This research is located at Universitas Muria Kudus.

F. Definition of Terms

1. Students' Perception

   Students' perception is students' opinion on learning English Vocabulary using Twitter.

2. Learning English

   Learning English is a process to increase knowledge and improve English language skills out cla.

3. Vocabulary

   Vocabulary is a tool for communicating words that can be known by other people

4. Twitter

   Twitter is a social media that people use to post text, pictures and videos known as (tweets).