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Seiring dengan berkembangnya sistem pendidikan dan besarnya tuntutan terhadap peningkatan mutu pembelajaran, banyak guru yang masih menggunakan strategi konvensional dalam melaksanakan proses pembelajaran. Hal ini bisa dilihat ketika proses pembelajaran masih dilakukan secara soliter (individual). Dimulai dari perencanaan, pelaksanaan bahkan sampai kepada evaluasi, hanya dilakukan oleh dirinya sendiri. Dalam hal ini *Team Teaching* dapat dijadikan alternatif unutk mengatasi permasalahan yang ada. *Team Teaching* merupakan salah satu bentuk strategi pembelajaran yang melibatkan dua orang guru atau lebih dalam proses pembelajaran siswa dengan pembagian peran dan tanggung jawab secara jelas dan seimbang. Para guru tersebut bersama-sama merencanakan, melakukan proses pembelajaran dan mengevaluasi kegiatan pembelajaran. Melalui proses ini diharapkan guru dapat mengembangkan kolaborasi dan saling melengkapi dalam proses pembelajaran.

Metode *Team Teaching* bisa diterapkan dalam pengajaran *writing* ditingkat sekolah menengah pertama. Dengan adanya team teaching ini diharapkan mampu meningkatkan kemampuan menulis teks *descriptive* siswa dan menjadi lebih termotivasi dalam belajar melalui bimbingan dari dua orang guru. Selain itu proses pembelajaran lebih bervariasi sehingga siswa tidak jenuh dalam belajar.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

The main goal of teaching English is to make students able to speak and write. Based on the *Kurikulum Tingkat Satuan Pendidikan*, the goal of teaching English is to develop the student's abilities in communication or discourse competence. The abilities are to comprehend and produce or create a text whether in spoken or written forms. In teaching English, there are four skills that the teacher has to teach and practice: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Those skills have a process and different way in teaching.

Writing is one of the four language skills that should be mastered by English students, because it is one of the main goals of learning English. By mastering this skill, the students will be able to develop their ideas, thought and feelings in written form.

Writing is the most difficult skill to be acquired by the students (Richards and Renandya: 2005). The students found some problems dealing with many structural issues including selecting appropriate words, using correct grammar, generating ideas, and developing ideas. And the students' still lack of vocabulary. It is very imposible to write with the poor vocabulary in continuing the writing.

Furthermore, the students do not understand how to arrange the sentences into a good paragraph. In general, teaching writing only focuses on how to write the correct sentence in grammatically. The students also get little practice in writing because of limited time for English subject. In English curriculum, the time for English subject is just five hours in a week for all skills. So, teaching writing is sometimes ignored.

In Genre Based Approach (GBA), junior high school students learn three kinds of text, they are: transactional and interpersonal, monologue and functional text. For monologue text there are six kinds of text: descriptive, recount, narrative, procedure and anecdote. Each text has a different purpose, but it has same functions that are to make students able to write and speak. The students will learn English skills through those texts. The students can communicate effectively in oral and written form (listening, speaking, reading and writing).

One of the monologue texts that is taught to them is descriptive text. Descriptive text is always used in daily life for example, to describe places, people or things. It is clear that every student has to master how to describe something. In fact, many students do not know the way to describe. As a result, the students become lazy and confused to write.

In learning a descriptive text, the students face some problems. First, the students are not interested to topic. According to Lever (2009) writing is serious matter, however, no matter how simple or funs the topic is. Second, the students do not have clear understanding about grammatical and generic

structure in a descriptive text. Pardiyono (2007) says that the understanding of rhetorical structure is important in writing a descriptive text. It will help the students in making sure the clarity of their writing a descriptive text.

The problem above is not only caused by the students but also from the teacher itself. Based on the writer's experience in the field, when the students are asked to write and produce a text, the teacher cannot give motivation and improvement during the learning process. The teacher usually gives a writing task to the students and does not give a feedback. They tend to give mark to the students. So, these conditions make the students uninterested in writing.

Moreover, the technique or strategies used by the teacher in teaching is still monotonous and does not attract sudents' to express their attention and their idea. In general, the teachers give the topic to the students. Then ask them to make an essay based on the topic given. The teachers do not guide their students how to make it rigth such as: how to find the ideas, and how to improve the ideas, how to process the information; and the most important things, some teachers did not know how to make writing as a fun activity in the classroom. It makes the students have wrong perceptions in expressing their ideas in writing form and how to write well.

Beside that, most of the teachers in teaching still use conventional strategy and the teaching learning process is conducted in solitary. It means that the learning process starts from the planning, implementing, until the evaluation of student's learning conducted by one teacher. It makes the teacher become fatigue and difficult to handle the classroom. Moreover, the

teachers who get certification must teach twenty four hours in a week. If they cannot fulfill the time, they cannot get the certification salary.

Nowadays, the education system in Indonesia has become more developed. There have been many demands addressed to the teacher. The teachers are required to be more innovative and creative in determining, selecting learning methods that are going to use, and adjusting the methods to the subject matter that will be delivered to the students. Recently, the teachers are also required to be able to do a proper approach to their students. So they know their students' characteristics and competence. Besides, the ratio between the number of teachers and students are not balanced. Of course, a teacher can not possibly handle the number of students.

Related with the problem above, the teachers should try to discover and apply a more effective technique in designing writing activities. So, one of the possible solution in this case is team teaching. Team teaching technique appears to be used as an alternative to overcome the problems. Team teaching is one form of learning technique that involves two or more teachers who work together with the division of roles and responsibilities that are clear and balanced, for preparing, implementing and evaluating the students learning process. It is expected that between the partners of team teachers can work together and complement each other in managing the learning process.

Furthermore, team teaching can also be a solution to the teachers who get certification to fulfill their time in teaching. This is suitable with *Peraturan Menteri Pendidikan Nasional Nomor 39 Tahun 2009*, for the

teacher who can not fill the time in teaching according to minimum standard of 24 hours per week can apply and fill with team teaching.

B. Formulation of the Problem

Based on phenomenon above, the discussion will be formulated by "How is team teaching applied in teaching writing a descriptive text to junior high school students to improve the students' ability in writing descriptive text".

C. Purpose of the Paper

The purposes of this paper are:

- To discuss the procedure of team teaching in order to help the students able to write a descriptive text.
- 2. To give information to the English teacher that team teaching is a good technique to apply in teaching writing a descriptive text.
- 3. It is also expected that team teaching can be a solution to help the English teacher who gets certification to fill the time teaching.

D. Significance of the Paper

The significances of the paper are:

 To help junior high school students to be able to write and be more motivated in learning by teaching of two teachers in classroom.

- 2. Through applying team teaching, the teachers will have variation in teaching learning process. So, the students does not bored and more attarct in learning.
- 3. To show another technique in teaching learning process that can be used in teaching writing can help the teachers who get certification to fill the time teaching.