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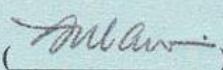
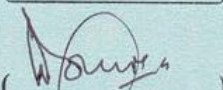

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## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the Problem**

Many junior high school students who had trouble learning to speak in the past believe incorrectly that they are not good at learning English. They also think that English is a difficult language to be learned. In reality, most English course materials at junior high schools just give little attention to teach pronunciation. Most schools use conversation recording of native speakers' sounds only when the students are in examination. In addition, most students learn and practice the pronunciation from the teacher, not from the native speaker. They often practice the conversation each other which results in mispronunciation and bad habits in pronouncing the words.

Therefore, junior high school students need to be provided with interesting speaking materials, meaningful activities, and chances of independent speaking and pronunciation learning. They need to learn how to pronounce words correctly and easily. therefore the task of the teacher is to provide learning experiences which are learner-centered, fun, and encouraging.

The use of computer and internet in education has increased significantly during the last few years. Most schools already have IT equipped rooms (multimedia room) but it is used not focus on teaching English. They use the IT equipped rooms just for extracurricular activities, such as, chatting and free access website without being guided by a teacher. They are finding their own resources for learning.



Web-based language learning has already been encouraged as a good teaching method and as an effective instrument to improve students' language performance to be independent.

Englishspeak.com is a new website for help the students improve their pronunciation. There are some reasons to use this web to improve students' pronunciation in speaking English such as Englishspeak.com provides huge amount of audio contents. It also has the normal and slow playback speeds. Besides Englishspeak.com also has the analysis features of pronunciation, literal translation, meaning, and characters. In addition, 2500 common vocabulary and phrase items can be accessed freely. Students just need a little explanation from the teacher and then using it in IT room and also outside of the classroom. It will help student to learn independently and improve their pronunciation by using this web creatively.

The aim of this paper is to discuss the application of e-learning especially Englishspeak.com to improve junior high school students' pronunciation.

## **B. Limitation of the Problem**

Related to the background of problem above, this paper is focused on how to teach the English pronunciation of junior high school students through Englishspeak.com.

## **C. Formulation of the Problem**

The problem of the paper is formulated in this following question: How does Englishspeak.com can improve pronunciation of junior high school students?

**D. The Purpose of the Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to explain the use of englishspeak.com as a medium in improving pronunciation of junior high school students. Englishspeak.com also can be an additional material for junior high school students that can be accessed freely outside of the classroom. They can learn independently and creatively by using this web.