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STUDENTS BY USING HANGMOUSE GAME**

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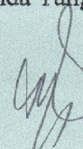
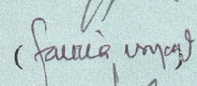

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Bahasa Inggris adalah salah satu bahasa internasional. Ada empat keterampilan yang harus dikuasai dalam bahasa Inggris yaitu keterampilan berbicara, menyimak, membaca dan menulis. Faktor utama yang menjadi aspek terpenting untuk menguasai empat keterampilan tersebut adalah kosakata.

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Hang Mouse Game adalah permainan yang mengasah daya pikir, kecepatan dan kemampuan anak dalam mengeja dan menyusun huruf demi huruf menjadi sebuah kata yang tepat dan memiliki makna. Keunggulan *game* ini yaitu mudah diakses di internet, mudah diterapkan untuk pemula, sangat efektif membantu pelajar sekolah dasar dalam menambah kekayaan kosa kata.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

English is an international language in the world. Today, English language is one of the popular tools to communicate that all of circles should be learned, begin from the children, teenager, and adult. According to Papalia(1972) English has an important role in the major aspect of life in this globalization area. It means that in all of situations used English as the effective media to share opinion or idea to the foreign people in the world.

According to Zhihong (2000) words are elements of language form. It means vocabulary is an important element that leaners should have it if they want to learn a language. Because vocabulary is the basic in learning a foreign language. Learning vocabulary is the key to master four skills in English subjects in elementary school such as speaking, reading, writing and listening. Because vocabulary is really helps the beginner in learning English, It means that by mastering the vocabulary, the student or the learner will be able to produce many sentences or opinion easily either in spoken or written form. When a learner has few vocabulary, he or she will face many difficulties, for example the learners are not able to understand what the speaker says, not able to understand the meaning what he or she read, etc. This is caused by some factors such as the learner lack of vocabulary, low of motivation and the teacher uses an uninterested way in teaching, as the result the young learner also become less motivation and passive

in learning. Kline in Dryden et.al (1999) say that learning process will be effective if the young student in fun condition. Based on this statement, the teacher should be able to find an interesting way or method in teaching every subject, especially vocabulary for young learners.

Teaching vocabulary in elementary school, especially for children, is not easy. There are some commons problems involved in the process of teaching vocabulary for beginners. The teachers must have some strategies in teaching based on the characteristics of their students. Teachers must know what they will teach, is it appropriate to use a certain technique for their students. The teachers have to know the level of proficiency of their students and other things that support the successfulness in teaching and learning.

There are several interesting methods that can be used by the teacher to improve learners' vocabulary in Elementary school one of them is HangMouse Game. HangMouse Game is one of the an education game. The game is quite similar to the old fashioned game that asks the player to guess the letters in a word. The player gets only a limited number of guesses before the stick man is revealed and the game is over. In Hang Mouse, however, the little mouse is trying to get the cheese. If the player successfully guesses the word, the mouse gets the cheese. If the player does not guess the word, the cat wins. This game is great entertainment but also helps to build vocabulary skills. This game can be operated digitally by using personal computer (PC), laptop or projectors or even manually by using paper.

B. Limitation of the Problem

In fact, students face some problem in learning vocabulary such as limited vocabulary, low motivation and, uninteresting method in teaching etc. Therefore, the teacher should use some great strategies in teaching student's English vocabulary for example by using song, game, picture etc. In this paper the writer focuses on HangMouse game. It is one of interesting strategies to teach vocabulary to young learner in the classroom.

C. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem as mentioned above, the problem is formulated as follow: "How does English teacher use HangMouse game in teaching vocabulary to elementary school students.

D. Purpose of the paper

This paper is mainly aimed at explaining about how the teacher can uses the HangMouse game in teaching vocabulary in young learners. It is expected can help teacher attract students' interest, increase their motivation in learning vocabulary and enrich the students' vocabulary.