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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

English is formally studied from junior high school to university, but now it is introduced in elementary school as a local content. It is clearly stated in the curriculum of elementary education "selecting and applying English as a local subject for elementary school. This curriculum is obliged for all the students from the first to sixth grades (Kurikulum Tingkat Satuan Pendidikan, 2006). It has four skills that should be mastered by the students. They are speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These four skills should be integrated in several meetings with topics already provided by the curriculum.

However, the teaching of English in an elementary school is not an easy thing to be taught especially to the elementary school students as the beginners. There are some difficulties that make the elementary school students find it difficult to learn English. Firstly, the students easily get bored and do not pay attention to the lesson. Elementary school students are the students who cannot be engaged in learning. They tend to learn through playing. Secondly, the student is difficult to pronounce the word correctly because in English, spelling of words is not the same with the pronunciation of that word. The students tend to pronounce the betters of the words as they see. Thirdly, it is difficult for elementary school students to remember the words so that

they often make mistake in doing exercises. This difficulty can be caused by translation method doing by the teacher in early stage which makes the students remember the word faster, but forget it faster too. For example, the students may be able to remember the meaning of animal in Indonesian as they learning, but when they are out of classroom they find it easier to forget it. This is a duty for the teacher to find a way that can make the elementary school students engaged in learning English.

The elementary school students have their own tendency in learning based on their characteristics as young learners. They have enough energy to move around to do something they think more fun. Chodidjah (2007: 3) said that elementary school students or children tend to do activity or do something imaginative and active. They have an instinct to interact each other. It means that psychologically, young learners or elementary school students like to learn through playing. The students cannot learn a thing directly. They need something which can attract their interest; something that can make them enthusiastic. So, the teacher should find an appropriate technique to teach English in order to make learning more fun and can activate the students to learn.

One of the appropriate techniques that can be used by the teacher in teaching language is a game. Through the game elementary school students can enjoy learning as they love to play. Rixon (1999) said that as the definition of young learners is the children between the ages of about 5 years old to 12 years old, it can be suggested that games are natural part of young learners live. By playing a game, young learners

or children can make acquaintance with the environment and learn life beside the game also provide enjoyment and relaxation. One of the appropriate games that can make the elementary school students enjoy learning English is *Good Morning Ball Game*. This game can engage the elementary school students using English in communication through the activities during the game played.

Good Morning Ball Game is a fun and interactive game done by the teacher with the students to make the elementary school students enjoy learning English. In this game, the teacher provides three different balls for the students. Each ball has one sentence that should be told by the student who gets it. The students will read the sentence when he or she gets the ball and then he or she says the sentence on the ball louder. The sentence is based on the topic which had been given by the teacher so that it will not make the elementary school students easily get bored in learning. They will have different interesting topic every week through Good Morning Ball Game.

Based on the background above, the writer would like to propose an activity that can make elementary school students be activated to speak English by using *Good Morning Ball Game*.

B. Limitation of the Problem

This paper is limited to the use of Good Morning Ball Game in activating elementary school students to speak English.

C. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the problem is formulated as following question:

"How can Good Morning Ball Game be used to activate elementary school students to speak English?"

D. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to explain how to use *Good Morning Ball Game* to activate the elementary school students to speak English. It is expected that the elementary school teachers find this an alternative thing to make their students enjoy learning English and they do not easily get bored.