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Kata kunci: mendengar, strategi belajar mendengar, siswa bernilai ujian tinggi, siswa bernilai ujian rendah

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

I. Background of the problem

Listening activity in language learning is aimed to help students to improve their ability in understanding what they listen to, in this case, English as the foreign language. Listening is the first attempt of every student to know the language, and then also, through listening learn it. To comprehend what they listen to, they need to do it effectively. Being effective in listening helps them to create understanding. It supports the communications and interactions.

In academic settings, the effective listening demands the students to do what is needed to gain the information. It also means that the students need to maximize themselves on their learning. The ability to understand the spoken language will be trained through tasks. They appear in the form of listening to dialogue and monologue. The students should choose their own way to cope with the listening tasks that suit them and apply it effectively. It will allow the students to increase and faster their learning progress.

Many things have been done in order to improve students' listening ability. First, scholars have suggested about listening strategies. It provides language teachers the strategies that can be taught to the students. Second, in Universitas Negeri Padang (UNP), a subject called English Language Learning Strategy (ELLS) is offered to the students. It should be taken by all English

Department students in their first semester. They will be introduced and guided to find their best way to learn and to improve their language skills. Third, in listening class the students are handed a workbook. They will find the "warming up" column at the beginning of each unit. Its mini activities give the students a glance of what the main task is going to be. Fourth, the lecturer also guides the students to complete those warming up activities. It gives students a chance to build their background knowledge. These all prove that each student has the opportunity to success in exploring their own ability and finding their best way in doing the listening tasks, using their own listening strategy.

As stated in the previous part, the listening strategies that are involved in the listening process have been suggested by Vandergrift (2008:85). They consist of metacognitive strategies, cognitive strategies, and socioaffective strategies. Metacognitive strategies include the planning on how to do listening tasks and to overcome the difficulties, monitoring and evaluating their own comprehension. Cognitive strategies are about how the listeners decide specific techniques to be used for listening tasks. The last one is socio-affective strategies which are about how the listeners interact with other speakers. These strategies are combined together in helping the students to be a successful listener.

It can be said that the using strategies in doing the listening tasks will lead the students to be more effective in their learning, especially in language learning. It is also stated earlier that they have been given the introduction of those strategies in their first semester and on every meeting of the listening subjects. So it is necessary to see what strategies are used in the students' listening process that will help them to increase their listening ability.

J. Identification of the Problem

Based on the background above there are some problems identified related to listening learning strategies. The first, the different strategies used by the students of different level of proficiency. The second, the different strategies used by the successful and unsuccessful listeners. The third is the correlation between the listening strategies and the students' listening achievement. The fourth is the best strategies used for the different listening tasks. The fifth one is the obstacles in applying the listening strategy.

K. Limitation of the Problem

From the identification above, this research was limited to the analysis of listening strategies used by English Department students of Universitas Negeri Padang, and how they differ between the successful and unsuccessful listeners.

L. Formulation of the Problem

The problem of the research was formulated in the following question: "How are the listening strategies used by the English Department students of Universitas Negeri Padang, and how they differ between the successful and unsuccessful listeners?"

M. Research Questions

The problems of the research are elaborated in the following questions:

1. What are the strategies used by the students in learning listening?

2. What are the strategies used by the successful and unsuccessful listener?

N. Purposes of the Research

The purposes of the study are to identify:

- 1. The strategies that the students used in their learning listening.
- 2. The strategies used by the successful and unsuccessful listeners.

O. Significance of the Research

It is expected that the result of this research would bring theoretical and practical significances. Theoretically, the research would enhance and give contribution toward language learning strategies field, specifically in listening strategy. It showed what and how the listening strategies used by the Listening 2 students of English Department of Universitas Negeri Padang as their own strength in learning. This research also showed the successful and unsuccessful listeners that were seen from the kind and variation of strategies they commonly used.

Practically, it shows the Listening lecturer about the strategies that the students already used and become the references for the lecturer for the future teaching process. Also the result would help the lecturer to guide the students to be more effective in using the strategies they have already got. For the students this research showed them that they are actively using and maximizing themselves in the listening activities and showed them about what they did in the

listening class. It also helped them describe their own listening strategies. As the result the students would have the chance to evaluate and to improve their listening strategies and add or vary those strategies.

P. Definition of Key Terms

- Listening is a language skill which is to help students to improve their ability in understanding what they listen in the target language, in this case Engslih as the foreign language.
- 2. Listening strategy is a specific way that the listeners do in order to improve their own listening.
- Successful listener are those students who do the listening test well, that can be seen from the high score they got, as the reflection of their listening strategies used.
- 4. Unsuccessful listeners are those students who do not do the listening test well that can be seen in the lower score they got, as the reflection of their listening strategies used.