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ABSTRAK

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Di sebagian besar daerah di Indonesia, bahasa Inggris merupakan bahasa asing yang diajarkan mulai dari Sekolah Dasar. Bahkan, di kota-kota besar bahasa Inggris diperkenalkan semenjak Taman Kanak-kanak. Meskipun demikian, masih banyak siswa Indonesia yang lemah berbicara dalam bahasa Inggris. Berbicara merupakan salah satu keterampilan yang sangat penting yang harus dikuasai untuk berkomunikasi dalam bahasa Inggris terutama di era global seperti saat sekarang ini. Dalam berbicara siswa harus mempunyai ide, kosakata yang banyak, mempertimbangkan pemilihan dan struktur kata serta cara pengucapan dan intonasi yang benar. Untuk mencapai dan meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam berbicara haruslah dengan menggunakan strategi pengajaran yang tepat dan menarik.

Retelling animation movies adalah sebuah strategy yang ditujukan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan berbicara siswa. Dalam kegiatan Retelling ini, guru menampilkan sebagian film animasi dalam bahasa Inggris yang telah dipilih sebelumnya dan meminta siswa memahami serta menceritakan kembali alur cerita yang terdapat pada film animasi dalam bahasa Inggris. Animation movies dipilih sebagai media dari strategi retelling karena sebagian besar film animasi mempunyai pengucapan dan intonasi yang jelas, gambar yang menarik, kosa kata yang sangat dekat dengan kehidupan siswa sehari-hari, dan sesuai dengan usia siswa yang masih remaja sehingga jauh dari pornografi.

Dengan menerapkan strategi ini siswa dapat termotivasi dalam belajar karena strategi dan media yang digunakan sangat menarik dan sesuai dengan usianya. Selain itu, dengan adanya *retelling animation movies*, siswa dapat melatih dan meningkatkan kemampuan berbicaranya dalam bahasa Inggris. Strategi ini juga akan melatih siswa dalam memahami alur cerita. Dalam penerapannya, strategi ini dapat diterapkan di tempat-tempat kursus bahasa Inggris pada level *intermediate*.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

It is already known that English is an international language which is spoken in almost all over the world. It means that English is used to communicate among people in different countries. Therefore, it is essential that one who wants to expand his knowledge should know English and should be able to communicate in it. In Indonesia, English become a main subject that should be studied by the students at schools. Beside that, many students also choose English course for improving their English language because English is really important in the global world.

In English there are four language skills, they are listening, speaking, reading and writing. Speaking is an important skill because one of the keys in English communication is speaking ability. The students should master speaking in English especially in daily conversation because conversation is foundation to communicate with foreigners. By mastering speaking skill, they can carry out conversation with others, give ideas and change the information with people in the world.

Speaking English is difficult enough to be practiced by students because English is a foreign language for Indonesian students. Based on the writer's experience in the field of Senior high school, the writer found some problems that are faced by the students in learning speaking as foreign language. First, the writer found that many students are unable to express their ideas in English. It also happens in college students of English department, after having more than 4 years of study English, they are still afraid to express their opinions and ideas trough speaking.

Second, based on the writer experience in the classroom, the students should master several important elements of English speaking: pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, intonation and fluency but most of them are lack of these. In fact, there are many students lack of these. As a result, they are afraid of making mistakes while expressing their ideas by speaking. Therefore, they do not have self confidence to speak. It will be a big problem if the teachers can not solve it. As Sumin (1997), states that speaking is especially difficult for foreign language learners. He also reinforces that it gives oral production in social interaction and involves paralinguistic elements of speech such as pitch, stress, and intonation.

Third, based on the writer's experience and brief interviews that have been done with several students, the writers found that some English teachers are not creative in finding a good strategy to improve the students' speaking ability. Most of them only teach based on the book they use. Even the writer found that many teachers just focus on the activity in the book without using a good strategy. It happens in each semester. So it does not improve students' speaking ability.

The last problems that the writer found based on her experience when she was in practice teaching in Senior high school, there are some English teachers can not create a good atmosphere in improving students' motivation and interest in learning speaking. It is caused by the weakness of the media used by the teachers. The writer also found that most of the teachers in the schools do not use an interesting media, whereas one function of the media itself is to motivate students in learning and create a good atmosphere in the class. So, by using an interesting media, the students will not feel bored in learning English as a foreign language especially in learning speaking. In that case, teachers are supposed to be creative in developing their teaching learning process to create a good situation, improve the students' speaking skill, give attention to the elements of speaking, and make the English lesson more exciting.

The usage of an exciting and appropriate strategy and media is the most important thing to improve the students' speaking ability. By using a good strategy and media the learning process will success. Besides, without any interest from the students in learning, the goal of learning process cannot be achieved, especially in English class as a foreign language. For those reasons, the writer tries to solve those problems by using retelling animation movies in teaching speaking in order to improve their speaking ability.

Retelling is a common human activity which can be enjoyable, especially if the material is interesting. This strategy could be implemented in the intermediate level. In this paper, the writer chooses animation movies as a media in retelling strategy. She chooses animation movies because it is more interesting

and more suitable than other movies such as cartoon, horror, and action for teenage students in intermediate level in English courses.

Retelling animation movies, as a part of speaking activities in a class, is an effective teaching tool that enables students to improve their speaking ability because it trains the students' speaking ability by retelling the event or information that they have seen or read by using their own words. Animation movie provides the students to develop oral skill since they do not live in an English speaking environment. They can also learn how to be a good speaker by talking and pronouncing the words like native speaker. This media is also appropriate to exposure the language related to the students' problems in speaking.

Teachers can use this strategy in the school and some English course institutions. Applying it in the schools will spend much time because the students have to retell the animation movies one by one in front of the class. Meanwhile, the number of the students in the school is too large rather than courses. It is around 32-40 students in each classroom. So it is rather difficult to ask the students to retell the animation movie in school. That is why it becomes a consideration to use this strategy in English course institutions.

B. Limitation of the Problem

The problem of this paper is focused on improving teenage students' speaking ability by retelling animation movies that is applied in English Course

Institutions because they have enough times in implementing many learning strategies in studying English, and have twenty students in each class.

C. Formulation of the Problem

The problem in this paper is formulated as follows: "How can an English teacher use retelling animation movies to improve the students' speaking ability in English course institutions?"

D. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to discuss about the teaching speaking in English Course Institutions by retelling animation movies in order to improve the teenage students' speaking ability. It is hoped that this strategy can be a solution for the teachers to help the students in speaking.