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Berdasarkan pengalaman praktek mengajar dan pengamatan pada guruguru Bahasa Inggris dalam proses belajar mengajar, sebagian siswa mempunyai kesulitan dalam berbicara Bahasa Inggris. Kesulitan ini disebabkan oleh beberapa faktor, diantaranya sedikitnya kesempatan bagi siswa untuk berbicara, tidak bervariasinya teknik yang digunakan oleh guru dalam mengajar berbicara dan tidak tertariknya siswa dalam berbicara. Menurut mereka pelajaran bahasa Inggris adalah pelajaran yang sulit dan membosankan.

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

English has become one of the compulsory subjects which are taught in schools in Indonesia. The teachers teach four English skills; speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The students have to know and master each of them. However, some students think speaking is more difficult than other skills. In fact, based on curriculum, Junior High School students are expected to be able to communicate in English both oral and written form.

Based on school based curriculum (KTSP), there are several monolog texts which are taught in Junior High School students. They are procedure, descriptive, recount, narrative and report. Besides teaching monolog text, the teacher also teaches simple transactional and interpersonal text. Both of them are the expressions that are used in daily life, for example, expression of making invitation, compliment, congratulation etc,

Unfortunately, based on the writer's experience in teaching practice and observation, some students cannot speak English well. They even do not know the meaning of a simple word that they might have learnt. The problems are caused by some factors. First, the teacher gives little opportunity to practice their English in the classroom. The reason is the teacher tends to focus on grammar, reading text, and also the preparation for national examination.

The second problem is the lack of variation of teaching technique which is used by the teacher in teaching speaking, especially in teaching transactional and interpersonal text. Usually, in teaching transactional text the teacher just gives the students some dialogues and some expressions. Then, the teacher asks them to memorize dialogues. After that the teacher asks them to perform the dialogues in front of the class. As a result, it makes the students feel bored in learning speaking.

The third problem is some students are not interested in learning English. They think English is a difficult subject. They learn English just because they must learn it. Consequently, some students have low speaking ability and they may be lazy to speak English. They might be afraid if their friends will laugh at them when they speak English because of their incorrect pronunciation or grammar.

To overcome the problems, there are many kinds of activities which are used by the teacher in teaching speaking, especially transactional text. The teacher can use many types' activities that give the students many chances to speak. Games, for instance is one of way that is usually used in speaking activity. There are many games that can be applied in teaching transactional text. Smith (2009) says that there is a game that can be used in teaching speaking. The game is *Weekly Warmer* game. This game is one of the examples of games that can be applied in the classroom. It encourages the students to speak up in the class. This game is a game in which the students will be asked a to arrange the utterances that has been provided in pair, After arranging the utterances, the students will be asked to do role play by using the utterances. The utterance is the expression that is used in certain situation. For example, expression like and dislike, offering help, making invitation, etc

Based on the problem above, it is considered that *Weekly Warmer* games can be one of the techniques of teaching speaking that give great opportunity for the students to interact and communicate in English orally and also being an interesting topic to be discussed in this paper.

B. Formulation of the Problem

The problem discussed in this paper is formulated into the following question "How does the teacher use *Weekly Warmer* game in teaching speaking?

C. Purpose of Paper

The purposes of this paper is to show and explain to the teachers that Weekly Warmer game can be used as an effective technique in teaching speaking for Junior High School students.