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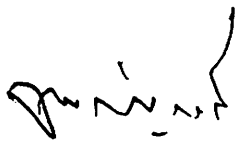
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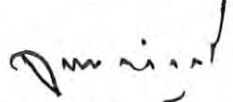
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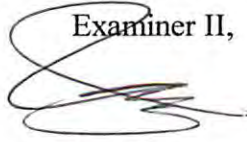
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media. One of them is internet. We know that internet has provided information that people need for few decades and almost all of the informations in website are available in English.

English is language that is taught at school in every country in the world. Indonesia is one of countries whose teaches English. In Indonesia, English is taught from the lowest level of education to the highest level or from elementary school to universities. English is a local content for elementary school, while it becomes a compulsory subject for junior and senior high school. The purpose of teaching English at schools in Indonesia is to provide students the basic English skills. The basic English skills that the students should master are listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

In the government education curriculum, English is still a foreign language, not the second language. Hence, the process of teaching and learning English is still emphasized on drilling English structures of grammar and memorizing vocabulary. It is worsened by tight influence first language or students' mother language that is Indonesian language. There are still many teachers who teach English by using Indonesian.

Mostly, English teachers are still teaching English oriented to know the structure of English and to answer the test or examine of English. In addition, to fulfill the needs of English as the international

(IAIN) Sunan Ampel Surabaya”. The result of the research is that English speaking club can be alternative to improve English speaking skill for the students. In his research finding, he found several strategies done by the club organizers with aim to improve English speaking club members’ such as, group discussion, debate forum, and retelling article. Another result is about the strengths and the weaknesses of English speaking club. His study employed a qualitative research. The subjects of his research were the headmaster of 21 students or members of the English speaking club. His data were obtained through two research instruments: interview and questionnaires, and they were presented descriptively after being classified into related aspects.

In 2010, Siti Faizatul Himmatul Khoiriyah from State University of Malang conducted a research entitled “English Club as an Extracurricular Program at SMPN 3 Malang” by (2010). The study had been conducted to describe the implementation of English club in SMPN 3 Malang, kinds of teaching techniques, material, and media used by the teacher in English club, opinions and problems faced by teacher and students in English club. Her data were obtained through three research instruments: interview, field notes, and questionnaires. The result of the research showed that teamwork study is often used with some fresh topic and according to students’ opinions; English club

English Speaking Program At MAN 3 Malang Dormitory”. This research employed descriptive qualitative design. The subjects of the research were the students of grade XI and XII of MAN 3 Malang dormitory. The data were obtained through interview, questionnaire, and field notes. The result of the research was that the English speaking program which applies the rules of requiring dormitory students to speak English at the dormitory zone was well implemented since the member of MAN 3 Malang dormitory tried to make a good cooperation in creating an English environment. In implementing English speaking program, punishment was given as a consequence to the students who disobey the rules.

All of the studies examined the implementation of English extracurricular program focused on strategies in improving the students' speaking ability. Those programs were different from English Day program conducted at SMA Khadijah Surabaya which is not an extracurricular program. Rather, it is a compulsory program that must be followed by some members or some students that are interested in the program. English Day at SMA Khadijah Surabaya is compulsory by the members of the school member including administrative and headmaster as well as the students.

In addition, all of the study above is only focused in the

to fulfill the requirement of International Standard School. There are policies that have to be conducted by the school chosen by National Education Department to be international standard school. The policies do not only require the school to have good facilities but also to teach all subjects in English. In addition, English Day was the obsession of the school founder, the late KH. Wachid Turcham who wanted to have bilingual Islamic school that is English and Arabic.

English Day Program has implemented at SMA Khadijah since three years ago. It is applied every Monday and Wednesday at 06.30 to 10.30. In the implementation process, English Day has some rules:

1. The whole school members Including students, teachers, and staff of SMA Khadijah are compulsory to use English at the school.
2. The whole school members who are not speaking English when English Day will be given punishment. There are two kinds of punishment. The first punishment are memorizing vocabulary and telling story. The second one is fine.
3. The school members who are active speaking English in English Day will be given reward. The rewards are certificate and flash disk.

In implementing the program based on the rules, all members of the school should use English as their daily language conversation. For example, if the students met each other at the school environment they should greet their teachers or friends by using English. Other example was when they want to ask something to their teacher in teaching and learning process they used English etiquette.

Nevertheless, the implementation of English Day didn't run well at the beginning. It was caused by some problems, Such as: lacks of control causing students speak Indonesian. For those are not English teacher, teaching by English is difficult to do. English background of both the students and the teachers is not good enough.

Hence, to solve those problems the school made some policies to support the English Day in order to run it well and effectively in the implementation. The school sent out the teachers to take English course in YPIA for few months.

On the other hand, school gives the students additional class that was speaking class in the afternoon. In addition, the job vacancy offered by the school to find new teacher to some subjects will include the main requirement to have good English background.

The implementation of English Day was more structured in the second year by there were some new concepts, such as: teachers and

“don’t forget today is English Day”. If there are students coming late to the school when English Day they will be given punishment. The punishment can be in the form of telling story and memorizing vocabulary.

- Class teacher or home class teacher has role to observe the students’ activity in using English in the classroom and give points in the form of (*) to students who actively use English. Beside, class teacher also gives report to the supervisor about English Day in their respective class. In addition, class teacher will give punishment to the students who speak Indonesian.
- Supervisor only supervises all activities in English Day to be reported to the commission. Sometimes they also have to work around from one class to another class to check that English Day runs properly.
- The commission has role as reports checker from the supervisors to give them to the chief. From the chief the report will be filtered to give to the principal as the control of the program.

So, to implement the program, students should speak English during the definite time to get a point (*). Otherwise they will get a

