

**EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT  
IN THE ENGLISH TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESS IN CLASS FIVE  
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## Abstract

Students' involvement is a very influential factor in the achievement of the learning output. There will not be any learning if the students are not involved. The higher the students' level of involvement, the better learning output achievement there will be. Students' involvement is needed in all teaching-learning process including the English teaching-learning process. Then, to get a better learning output, the students' involvement always needs to be improved.

This research is focus on efforts to improve the students' active involvement in the English teaching-learning process in Class five, MI Al-Mukhlashin Gresik, in the academic year of 2008/2009. It followed the principles of action research. In this research, the researcher with other research team members such as the headmaster, the guidance and counseling teacher, classroom teachers, and English teachers(my self), do some collaborative work in identifying the field problems, determining some actions to overcome field problems, implementing the actions, and observing and reflecting on the result of the actions.

There are three problems feasible to solve the problems are that (1) students considered English a difficult, confusing, uninteresting, boring, and disgusting subject, (2) students do not bring the course book of English and do not do their homework, and (3) students often make noise, talk to each other, and make up something for fun during the ETLP. So the teacher and researchers try to find formulation the problem. Those statements of the problems are about suitable method, Effort of the teacher and the processes to improve student's active involvement in the English teaching learning process in class five at MI Al-Mukhlashin, Gresik 2008/2009. Those problems were tried to be solved by three actions. The actions were (1) implementing the use of media and role play in the ETLP, (2a) asking the students to always bring the course book, (2b) applying rules and consequences for homework, and (3) implementing games as warmer. Those actions are implemented simultaneously.

The use of media and role play, the students were more involved in the teaching-learning process, more focused on the learning material, and more interested in the subject matter, implies that in the teaching-learning process, teachers need to increase their use of media as things that can attract the students to their learning so that they can keep being involved in the process. Consequences and teachers' firm attitude concerning homework made the students more disciplined implies that teachers need to give more attention to the students, be firm, and apply rules and consequences which were clearly applied to the students so that they can be more disciplined. Games as warmer in the teaching-learning process made the students more motivated and involved in the learning implies that a joyful situation of learning makes the students enjoy and become more involved in their learning so that teachers need to create a joyful teaching-learning process for the students,



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The teacher is considered the most suitable person to do action research, because the teacher has unique interaction between teacher and the students. Beside that the teacher is familiar with students. I am an English teacher at Mi Al - Mukhlashin , so I have duty to increase quality in English teaching learning process to increase their involvement in this school through action research.

With learning serving as basic activity, efforts to improve the achievement of learning are important to be carried out. An improvement will not be facilitated without any efforts. Therefore, to improve learning achievement, efforts are extremely needed. The research report here is an action research with an aim to improve the students' involvement in the English teaching learning process in Class five MI Al-Mukhlashin Gresik, in the academic year of 2008/2009

## **B. Identification of the Problem**

Research team members conducted the research and work collaboratively with other research team members such as the headmaster, English teachers, counseling guidance teacher, and class teachers. To identify the problems of the English teaching-learning process in Class five, she also does observations during the English teaching-learning process. The researcher and other research team members found forty one problems related to the English teaching-learning process in Class five. The problems can be seen in Table 1 below.



















there is between selling and buying. In relation with learning, Brown (1987: 6) states that a search in contemporary dictionaries reveals that learning is the acquiring or getting of knowledge of a subject or a skill by study, experience, or instruction. Kimble and Garmezy as quoted in Brown (1987: 6) state that learning is a relatively permanent change in a behavioral tendency and is the result of reinforced practice. Moreover, Malamah (1987: vii) states the assumption that this internal process of learning will come about as a consequence of the external interaction which takes place between the two kinds of participants: the teacher on one hand and the learners on the other.

In summary, teaching and learning cannot be defined apart from each other. Teaching may be defined as showing or helping someone to learn how to do something, giving someone instructions, guiding someone in the study of something, providing someone with knowledge, causing someone to know or understand. What is learned is not merely information or knowledge, but also an expression of values and attitudes. Also learning is a highly individualistic experience of acquiring or getting knowledge of a subject or a skill by study, experience, or instruction, taking place through the active behavior of the student, causing a relatively permanent change in a behavioral tendency, and the result of reinforced practice which takes place between the two kinds of participants: the teacher on one hand and the learners on the other.



achievement. The amount of time students spend engaged in learning activities has been one important area of inquiry in the study of the teaching-learning process. Students' engagement may also, however, be influenced by social and psychological processes in the classroom."

In accordance with Astin, Burden and Byrd (1999: 239) also state that securing and maintaining attention is an important responsibility. If students are not engaged in the learning process, it is likely that they will not learn the material and it is possible that they will get off task and disrupt order. Halliwell (1992: 21) proposes two kinds of students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process. They are mental engagement and actual occupation. According to Piaget in Reilly and Lewis (1981: 64), mental operation can be defined as cognitive structures in action, the tool of thinking. Hyman (1969: 441) states that thinking has been treated as a global process. Thinking has meant anything that goes on in the head, from daydreaming to creating a concept of relativity. According to a writer at <http://www.outreach.uiuc.edu/rehab436/Brent6/tsld008.htm>, there are 2 kinds of mental operations, according to Piaget: assimilation and accommodation. Assimilation is actively organizing new information so that it fits in with what is already perceived and thought. Accommodation is changing already perceived thoughts to fit in with new information.

In summary, students' involvement is very crucial in the learning process. There will not be any learning if students are not involved. Involvement will not only improve students' abilities to persist towards their educational goals, but also



learning material, an ability to identify the material that will be conveyed to the students, an ability to choose and apply the most appropriate teaching method, and ability in creative thinking.

In facilitating students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process, the teacher's cognitive competence gives effects because it includes some ability in applying the teaching-learning method that will influence the class. The teacher's mastery of the learning material and creative thinking can create a supportive and high-spirited class situation so that a high-level students' involvement will be created in the learning process in order to improve their learning achievement.

### ***(2) Affective competence***

Teachers' affective competence can be defined as their ability in involving their human aspects in teaching and educating the students. The human aspects mean the love, understanding, patience, and appreciation they give to the students. In facilitating students' involvement in the teaching-learning process in the classroom, this competence gives considerable effects. As human beings, students are involved not only as subjects learning with their physical faculties, but also as beings having a heart and feelings. A teacher who is full of love, care, understanding, and appreciation in teaching will make the students happy and motivated to learn. On the other hand, a cruel and authoritative teacher who underestimates the students will make the students lack the motivation to learn and feel uncomfortable in learning. Therefore, in order to improve the students' involvement in the English teaching-





In relation to work motivation, the teachers who want to offer their skill for the students' development will view their work as a private satisfaction resource, although it is full of challenges. They will spend more of their time and energy than those which are formally demanded; and the students will know and respect this. They will also improve their professionalism and will comprehend fully their educational job. The teacher's motivation will be implemented in the form of words and acts.

The characteristics and attitudes of the teacher which suit the students' need in the learning process will help the students in materializing the success of their learning. On the contrary, inappropriate characteristics and attitudes of the teacher will inhibit the students in their learning. Examples of those characteristics are being bad-tempered, friendly, selfish, etc. Those characteristics affect the students. For example, a bad-tempered teacher will make the students afraid and unwilling to learn. On the contrary, a friendly teacher will make the students happy and comfortable in their learning so that the students will involve themselves in the teaching-learning process. Malamah (1987: vii) asserts that although teaching is a subservient activity, accountable entirely to its effects on learning, the teacher typically assumes a dominant and directive role in classroom interaction, and it is learning which is made accountable to the teaching intent.

Teachers determine the success and failure of students' learning. Ames (1984: 106) in Levin and Nolan (1996: 116) state that research has identified five general







find it easier to concentrate and, on the contrary, the students who are in a crowded mind condition will be more easily confused and tend to have difficulties in their learning.

The third is students' physiological vitality which is concerned with their sum of energy and is closely related to their physical power of not easily being tired and having a lot of energy will make them able to follow the learning process while the easily-tired students will not have sufficient energy to learn. Fourth, students' life environment, which includes their family, is viewed from the socio-economic and socio-cultural condition. It extremely affects their involvement in their learning process. For example, a high economic level will give some advantage for children, because their needs in maintaining physical health and having learning equipment will be fulfilled and a high socio-cultural condition of a family will also give advantages to the children in their learning because their parents have their own experience so that they can serve their children who need some help.

The students who are in a normal personality growth will be able to follow the lesson well, and, on the contrary, the students with a troubled personality growth tend to be unable to follow the lesson. And they can be a problem both for the teacher and other students.

Students are the core component of the students' learning process. Thus, the students determine the students' involvement itself. Bloom (1976: 21) states that learning takes place through the active behavior of the student; it is what he does that



The learning material is another component that determines the students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process. It determines the interest and motivation of the students in learning. A good learning material will give some stimulus to the students' learning, support them in thinking and give a change to those who use their knowledge and skills.

The quantity of the learning material given to the students can affect the students' learning. For the students who have a high thinking ability, much learning material will not be a big deal. But, for the students who have a low thinking ability, much learning material will make them overwhelmed and unable to learn well and a little learning material make them think well. But in the case of the students who have a higher thinking ability, little learning material can cause them to feel bored and want to learn more.

Besides learning material quantity, the level of difficulty and easiness of the material can influence the students' involvement. For the students who have a higher level of thinking ability, easy learning material will be recognized as too easy, but difficult learning material will be a challenge so that the students will try to learn it whole-heartedly. The case is different with the students with a lower thinking ability; easy learning material will make their learning easy so that they will learn happily and with high motivation but difficult learning material can make them feel unconfident in learning as well as afraid and less motivated to learn.

The learning material with an interesting topic and that with an uninteresting topic will give different effects on the students' learning. The material with an







Every teaching method has its own ways in its application. A good teaching method is not only related to the students and the teacher but also appropriate for the teaching materials. A good teaching method is a method which is appropriate for the students, teachers, and learning material. In relation to students' involvement, teachers can apply a certain teaching method which is recognized as one appropriate for the students' learning. All the teaching methods have their own ways in facilitating the students' involvement.

The teaching method is also a component which determines the students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process. A good teaching method can improve the students' motivation to learn so that they will not feel bored with the subject matter. An appropriate method will make the students able to follow the teaching-learning process physically and mentally so that they can be in a 'learning process' in themselves. A good and appropriate teaching method can improve the students' motivation to learn so that they will not be bored with the subject matter.

According to Brown (1987: 11), teaching methods are the application of theoretical findings and positions. They may be thought of as 'theories in practice'. In describing the methods, it is important to distinguish the differences among approach, method, and technique. Anthony (1963: 78) makes three conceptualizations of approach, method, and technique.

...An approach is a set of correlative assumptions dealing with the nature of language teaching and learning. An approach is axiomatic. It describes the nature of subject matter to be taught...



of linguistic difficulty. There is little emphasis laid on the activities of listening or speaking. Another method is the direct method, which is based on the active involvement of the learner in speaking and listening to the foreign language in realistic everyday situations. No use is made of the learner's mother tongue; learners are encouraged to think in the foreign language, and not to translate into or out of it. A great deal of emphasis is placed on good pronunciation, often introducing students to phonetic transcription. Formal grammatical rules and terminology are avoided. Still another method is the audio-lingual method, which emphasizes everyday spoken conversation, with particular attention being paid to natural pronunciation. Language use is seen as habit formation; structural patterns in dialogues about everyday situations are imitated and drilled until the learners' response become automatic. There is little discussion of grammatical rules. Language work is first heard, and then practiced orally, before being seen and used in written form.

#### **e. Time**

The time the learning process takes place is very important and affects the students learning. Therefore, in the learning process, the students need the right time. The right time for learning is the time when the students are still fresh and fully motivated with a fresh mind. Learning in the morning can make the students more motivated and fresh in their learning while later in the day the students tend to be less motivated because their minds have already been filled with things during the day. Besides, the students already experience some lack of energy so that they feel tired, bored, sleepy, hungry, etc.

A continuous learning time without any rest and the learning time divided by some rest will give different influences on the students' learning. A continuous time for learning without considering students' energy and state of mind will make the students tired both physically and mentally. The case is different from the learning time which is divided into at least two sessions with a break for some rest. This kind of learning time can keep the students motivated and in a condition making it possible for them to learn.

Compatibility between learning time and quantity of learning material will also give a different effect compared with incompatibility between them. Too short a duration for learning for too much material can result in the learning process not being optimum because the learning process is carried out in a rush to reach the target of finishing the material based on the curriculum so that the students cannot follow the learning well. On the other hand, too long a learning time can make the learning process run in a too relaxed way. The learning time compatible with material quantity is the learning time which can create an optimum learning process so that better learning result can be achieved.

In improving students' involvement in the teaching-learning process, time is a component that should be considered. The time of learning gives much contribution to students' involvement in their learning process. The appropriate amount of time, what Kauchak and Eggen (1998) in Burden and Byrd (1999: 129) call that for *academic learning*, that is, the amount of time students are successfully engaged in learning activities, is important to be recognized. In relation with academic learning,



space for the learning is not good for the learning process either, because it can make it possible for the students to move around too freely. It should be neither too wide nor too narrow. In this case, the space size appropriate for the number of the students should be the most supportive to the students' learning.

A comfortable or uncomfortable classroom can also affect the students' learning process. A comfortable classroom will make the students feel the learning endurable and happy to learn so that they will be really involved in their learning process. On the contrary, an uncomfortable classroom will make the students feel troubled and unwilling to learn so that they cannot involve all their physical and mental faculties during the English teaching-learning process.

In relation to the peacefulness of the learning, a peaceful or crowded condition of the classroom will affect the students' learning process. A peaceful classroom will make the students calm in their thinking process so that they will learn the subject matter more easily. On the contrary, a crowded or noisy classroom will make the students uncomfortable and unable to concentrate on their thinking process so that they will have difficulties in learning a subject matter.

Besides, sufficient lighting for the learning process can also affect the students' learning. A bright classroom can make the students feel it easy to learn. For example, they can read well. On the contrary, a dark classroom can make the students have difficulties when they are reading, for example.

The teaching-learning process cannot be separated from the classroom and its environment. Marsh (1996: 35) states that "classroom environments are an integral





Learning facilities can mean physical facilities which can help the teacher and the students in the teaching-learning process. Those facilities can ease the students' learning and can increase their improvement in their learning. These learning facilities can improve the students' spirit in learning and create a good climate in the teaching-learning process.

The learning facilities can also include the learning media, school area, school building and its equipment, canteen, library, yard, and field, all of which can influence the students' enthusiasm to be involved in the learning activities. A sufficient and comfortable building will make the students find it endurable to learn in the classroom. On the contrary, a building that is not adequate will not make the students find the learning an endurable process.

According to Hornby (1974: 305), facility can be defined as 1) a quality which makes learning or doing things easy or simple; or 2) aids or circumstances which make it easy to do things. School facilities can mean the physical circumstances which make the teaching-learning process easy. The school facilities can include the school site, class equipment, playground area, and library.

School facilities are among the factors that can help increase the students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process. Collien, Houston, Schmatz, and Walsh (1967: 165) assert that the physical facilities may enhance or impede a learner's enthusiasm for school and thus affect the learning climate. Everyone concerned with the physical environment of the school, particularly the teacher, is encouraged to make sure that the physical setting facilitates learning. If the school is



The use of media in the teaching-learning process can help students to be more involved in their learning process. The media, whether they were pictures, posters, word cards, or cassettes, can help the students to understand the learning materials more easily and help them to be more motivated to learn. As Hamalik (1986) in Azhar Arsyad (1974: 15) states, the use of instructional media in the teaching-learning process can arouse a new willingness and interest, arouse motivation and learning activity stimulus, and even bring psychological influences to students. The different performances of the material which are described with the use of media can make the students more curious in their learning so that it is possible that the students can avoid being sleepy, not motivated, and bored. Colored pictures and colored posters will make the students more interested to know more about what the pictures will tell and make them happy. Word cards for exercises will not only make the students busy in doing the exercises but also make them busy so that they will not get bored and sleepy. Cassettes and songs can help the students to be more motivated in learning because most of the teenagers like songs.

The instructional media can also provide concrete experiences in learning. The students will not only theoretically know something, but also in the reality. They can get a concrete experience in their learning. Moreover, by using instructional media, students can integrate their prior experiences when they are learning a certain material which needs prior knowledge or experience. As Heinich, Molenda, and Russel (1975: 9) state, instructional media not only provide the necessary concrete experience, but also help students integrate prior experiences.





at <http://www.uab.edu/educ/corp.htm#intro>, in order to maintain classroom control, the teacher must display an attitude of respect for the students. Students must feel that they are loved and understood.

### **c. Games**

Games were helpful in refreshing the students' mind from their fatigue and feeling of boredom. Games could make the students re-motivated to learn. In this case, the game brought the students a joyful or playful situation for a moment. As *Association for Promotion of Creative Learning (APCL)* states in *Creative Teaching/Learning Methodology* in <http://www.creativelearningpatna.org/index.htm> 1?method8, experiments have shown that the development of the brain in a child is 25% more, if he/she is brought up in an atmosphere of love and happiness, than in an atmosphere of stress and strain. In this case, an atmosphere of joy and happiness provides a motivating environment for creative learning. It can mean that one can learn with joy. And to create such a condition is to create learning occasions in the form of games. So, games may provide a clue to the actual nature of activities for creative teaching-learning methodology.

Moreover, games would make the students experience the real world, not just the theory. As Gregory Mcleod states in *The Use of Games as an Instructional Method*

[http://courses.durhamtech.edu/tlc/www/html/Resources/Volume\\_1/Gregory\\_Mcleod.htm](http://courses.durhamtech.edu/tlc/www/html/Resources/Volume_1/Gregory_Mcleod.htm), games are highly adaptive to the real world, are inherently fun to play, and require a level of cooperation, and they are more effective than traditional instructional methods. His rationale for the use of games as an instructional method is that first, students learn better when they can relate the concepts presented to their real world and experiences. Games basically provide a good opportunity to perform an activity in an atmosphere of joy. It is always played in a joyful atmosphere. Secondly, students learn better when their experience is pleasurable and engaging rather than passive. The games are generally identically regarded as ‘something for fun’ but they are important in encouraging participation of students in their learning. As Gregory Mcleod also states, we shouldn’t consider the concept or game any less important because of the fun side of it, rather we should see the “fun side” of games as an important aspect of encouraging participation from learners who otherwise would be intimidated.

## **B. Conceptual Framework**

From the review of related literature, the researcher found some studies had been conducted to effort for improving student’s active involvements in the English teaching learning process. Some of them are: In the U.S...Innate ability is viewed as the main determinant of academic success. The role played by effort, amount and quality of instruction, and parental involvement is discounted....Poor performance in

school is often attributed to low ability, and ability is viewed as being immune to alteration, much like eye or skin color. Therefore, poorly performing students often come to believe that no matter how much effort they put forth, it will not be reflected in improved performance. (Lumsden 1997). Teachers, who produce the greatest learning gains, accept responsibility for teaching their students. They believe that students are capable of learning and that they (the teachers) can teach them (Encyclopedia of Educational Research 1992). Improvement of ineffective teachers is possible, however. High-quality staff development efforts can change both teachers' self-expectations and foster improved student learning (Guskey, 1982, cited in Bamburg 1994). It appears that teacher and student expectations are intertwined in the classroom and both must receive attention to ensure success.

Why students' active involvement? A wise statement says 'Tell me and I will remember, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand''. Confucius (450 BC). This means that if we have learning experiences by observing doing and also what our eyes see and catch most of the time will stay long in our memory. Therefore, the statement strengthens to improve the students' active involvement, media as the certain objects in the classroom to teach English. Pictures as visual aids will attract students' attention, and motivate them to learn. In addition, using media means that the students create or construct their knowledge as they attempt to bring meaning to their experiences.





- Students are involved in higher-order thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation);
- Students apply content and learn by doing; and
- Emphasis is placed on students' exploration of their own attitudes and values.

Good Practice Encourages Cooperation Among Students: Learning is enhanced when it is more like a team effort than a solo race. Good learning, like good work, is collaborative and social, not competitive and isolated. Working with others increases involvement in learning. Sharing one's own ideas and responding to others' reactions improves thinking and deepens understanding."

Teacher-initiated classroom research which seeks to increase the teacher's understanding of classroom teaching and learning and to bring about improvements in classroom practices. Action research typically involves small-scale investigate projects in the teacher's own classrooms













































improving the students' involvement in the English teaching-learning process. It is very good in rising the students' motivation and interest in English. However, according to the English teacher, it is quite difficult for every teaching-learning process to use media. It will take a long time to make the media.

#### **d. Reflecting**

The result shows that media and role play can help the students in getting more involve in their learning. The media and role play made the students keep being spirited to learn. Pictures or posters can make the students happy in their learning. The media and role play can also help them understand the subject matter more easily. After conducting the last cycle of the action by using media and role play, most of the students have better fluency and accuracy in expression than before and most of the students use expression in their daily such as *I am sorry, excuse me, thank you, that's ok*, before role play conducted, they used to speak Javanese.

Role playing can make the students more involved in their learning by working together with their friends. They can share ideas with other members of the group so that they became active and creative. Role playing can also prevent the students from feeling bored and sleepy because they were in a 'small community' which can control and remind them when they are in a wrong behavior. In role playing they could learn about expression, pronunciation, and performance. Competition for the best performance is regarded as a way to make the students try hard to be better and even to be the best in their learning. It can also make the students keep having a spirit to learn and to be active. It is because the students, who

are still children, tended to want to be better than others and they themselves want to achieve success in their learning.

The teacher's rules about homework and their consequences for those not doing homework are quite good in making the students disciplined in doing their homework. In this case, students are more responsible for their own behavior.

Besides, the teacher's attitude in the teaching-learning process determines the students' perception and behavior in learning. An infirm teacher can make the students underestimate him/her so that they will not have a good discipline and will behave as they like. In contrast, a cruel teacher can make the students afraid and dislike the teacher so that they are not motivated to learn. Both the infirm teacher and the cruel teacher are not good for students' learning. In this case, the teacher with a firm attitude but not authoritative, who is helpful, patient, friendly, who understands the students' needs, and who is communicative, and facilitative are needed. The teacher must display an attitude of respect for the students in order to maintain classroom control, Students must feel that they are loved and understood.





1. To solve the problem of students often making noise in class, talking to each other, and making up something for fun in answering the teacher's questions during the English teaching-learning process, the action implemented was using media and role play in the English teaching-learning process, supported by group work, competition and giving small prizes. The action gave a positive result, showed by the students who became more involved in the teaching-learning process, more focused on the learning material, and more interested in the subject matter. There were fewer students who were talking to each other, less noise, and fewer students looking sleepy and bored and making up something for fun. More than 60 % students are active during English teaching learning process. Group work made the students more cooperative with their friends and more active, and having no feeling bored and sleepy in their learning. Competition for the best performance in role play by giving the students small prizes made the students more motivated to do better and even to try to be the best in their learning.
2. To solve the problem of students not bringing the course book (2a), and not doing their homework (2b), the actions implemented were asking the students to always bring the course book (2a) and applying rules and consequences supported by the teacher's firm attitude concerning homework (2b). Action 2a could be implemented, almost of the students bring the book and action 2b gave a positive result in the cycle 1, 2 and 3, showed by more than 60% of the students doing their homework.







































they could keep being involved in the teaching-learning process, as stated by three students in the interview below.

R: “OK, sekarang fadillah ya?! Menurut fadillah gimana? Kan kalo temen-temen yang lain katanya lebih asik. Kalo menurut fadillah gimana?”  
(OK, fadillah. What do you think? Your friends said that it is interesting. What about you?)

F: “Yang kayak tadi itu tuh seru banget! Soalnya kan di sini tuh selama ini ga pernah ada yang kaya gitu, jadi yaaa...buat refreshing sekali-sekali.Eh...ga usah sekali-kali deng...sering-sering aja gitu. (It is very cool because it had never been like this way here before. So...it s good for refreshing, sometimes. Emm...not sometimes I mean, just make it often.)

R: “Jadi kalo pake median role paly gitu gimana? Apa jadi lebih semangat atau lemes? Atau ngantuk apa tetep melek ? he he he...” (So...what if learning using media? Does it make you more spirited, tired, sleepy, or what?)

F: “Ehm..he eh. Jadi lebih semangat dan ga ngantuk.”(Emm...it made me more spirited and kept me awake.)

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S: “Yaaa...asik aja kalo setiap hari pembelajarannya kaya gitu, ga BT! he he he...”

P: “Ehm...ngantuk nggak?”

S:”Ndak.”

P: ”Ehm...menurut evi jadi boring ga pembelajaran Bahasa Inggrisnya?”

S: “nggak...jadi menarik banget”

P: ”Ehm...ndak ya? Trus merasa malas apa tetep enerjik? Apa gimana?”

S: “Ya...tetep enerjik.”  
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- R: “*Nah...sekarang menurut Munir gimana belajar pake media dan role play tadi?*” (And now Munir, what do you think about learning by using media like what we have done?)
- M: “*Yaaa...enak kok. Bikin tambah semangat belajar.*”(It was exciting. It motivated us to learn.)
- R: “*Emm...tadinya gimana? Ada perbedaan nggak sebelum dan sesudahnya?*” (What about in the last time? Is there any changes before and after that?)
- M: “*Oh...ada! kalo teori itu kan males...cuma dengerin thok! Kalo ini kan bisa macem-macem gitu lho Miss!*”(Oh! Yes there is. Learning theories makes us bored, and by using media we can do various activities.)
- R: “*Bikin ngantuk nggak?*”(Did it make you sleepy?)
- M: “*Nggak.*”(No, it did not.)
- R: “*Boring?*”(Bored?)
- M: “*Nggak.*”(No.)
- R: “*Terus...emm...ada perubahan nggak? Munir...misalnya Munir yang tadinya gini jadi gitu...*”(And...were there any difference? For example, in yourself, Anif before and after that?)
- M: “*Oh ada Miss!!*”(Yes, there was)
- R: “*Gimana?*”(What?)
- M: “*Tadinya males,...teruusss...sekarang rajiiin...he..he..he.*”( I was lazy before in learning, and now I have become dilligent, he...he...he....)
- R: “*He..he..he.Terus saran-sarannya gimana?*”(And what are your suggestions?)
- M: “*Yaaa...kalo bisa gini terus aja. Ada maen-maennya gitu Miss! Biar otak nggak pusiiiiiiing...he..he..he.*”(Just keep this way of learning. By using something for fun, our mind will not get confused.)



- R: “*Emm...gini ya Bu ya, Ibu kan udah mengamati action 1 dan action 2. Gimana tanggapan Ibu tentang action 1 yang udah kita laksanakan minggu yang lalu yaitu penggunaan media gambar and role play. Apakah ada perubahan dalam proses pembelajaran Bahasa Inggris di kelas khususnya keterlibatan siswa Bu?*” (Emm...Ma’am, you have already observed actions in the first and second cycles. What do you think of the first cycle which we did last week in the English teaching-learning that was the use of media and role play in form of pictures. Was there any change in the English learning process, especially in relation to the students’ involvement?)
- T: “*Oh!Itu ...emm...jadi actionnya ya? Bukan materi?*”(Oh! That...so it was the actions and not the material, right?)
- R: “*Iya Bu. Actionnya.*”(Yes Mam, the actions.)
- T: “*Emm...yaa hasilnya ada ya perubahan karena memang berubah materinya ya! Saya kira anak-anak jauh lebih tertarik.*”(Emm...I think there was a change in the result of the action because the materials did change. I guess the students were more interested.)
- R: “*Menurut Ibu gimana kondisi anak-anak selama proses pembelajaran? Apakah masih banyak yang ngantuk dan malas-malasan, atau gimana Bu?*” (In your opinion, how was the condition of the students during the learning process? Were there still many students who looked sleepy or loafed or...?)
- T: “*Kalo itu kayanya sibuk semua ya, soalnya kan kerja kelompok ya?*”(I think all students looked busy because they worked in groups.)
- R: “*Jadi anak-anak sibuk ya bu ya?*”(So the students were busy, right?)
- T: “*Iya.*”(Yes, they were.)
- R: “*Jadi kerja kelompok itu lumayan memberikan kontribusi ya Bu terhadap keterlibatan siswa dalam proses belajar-mengajar?*” (So...do you think

group work gave a big contribution to the students' involvement in the teaching learning process?)

T: "*Ya, sangat besar malah.*"(Yes, even a very great one.)

R: "*Kalo gamesnya itu gimana?* (What about the games, Ma'am?)

T: "*Kalo gamesnya...itu lebih rame ya kayaknya saya lihat apalagi ada sedikit kompetisi.*"(About the games...I think the games looked lively because I saw there was a little competition.)

Moreover, the use of learning media could make the students more exploited to express their idea. It can be seen from the statement below.

R: "*Jadi gimana Bu tentang penggunaan media itu? Ada perubahan nggak Bu?*" (So...what about the use of media Ma'am? Was there any change?)

T: "*Yaa...jelas ada ya?! Hanya lebih mengarah. Maksud saya...itu anaknya lebih tereksplorasi untuk mengungkapkan idenya.*"(Yes, it was very obvious. But, it was just more directed. I mean...the students were more exploited to express their ideas.)

R: "*Ehm...bagaimana dengan keadaannya Bu? Ada perbedaan? Misalnya kalo dulu ketika hanya pake buku pegangan aja sama sekarang kita pake media. Maksudnya keadaan anak-anaknya gimana?*"(Emm...how about the condition Ma'am? Was there any difference? For example, between when we use only one course book and when we use media. I mean the condition of the students.)

T: "*Ya..bertambah. cuma karena kemarin itu gambarnya kecil jadi yang di belakang masih ada yang ribut. Ya...namanya siswa ya?*" (It increased. But yesterday the picture was small so that the students who sat in the back were still noisy, well...students. You know?)

Group work in role play, competition, and small prizes gave a big contribution to the implementation of the action. Group work made the students cooperate more with



their friends in the group. Besides, according to a student, it could make the students understand the material, as stated below

R: “Ok Eva, *kemaren* selain pake media, role play dan *games*, ada juga kompetisinya. Menurut Tyas *gimana?* Sama aja seperti biasanya atau berbeda?” (Ok, Eva. Yesterday, besides using media and games, we also used competition. What do you think about that?)

E: “Berbeda. Soalnya bisa kerja sama *gitu lho miss.*” (It was different. It was because we could work together.)

R: “*Kerja sama ya. Emang sebelumnya nggak pernah?*”(Cooperation, right? Had it never been like that before?)

E: “*Eh...nggak pernah.*” (No, it had not.)

R: “*Terus dalam hal ini perubahan apa yang Eva rasakan?*” (In this case, what changes could you feel?)

E “*Iya menjadi jelas gitu lho kemaren itu.*” (Yesterday, it became clear.)

R: “*Apanya?*” (What was that?)

E: “*Ya, pelajarannya.*” (The material.)

R: “*Karena kerja kelompok itu atau...?*” (Because of the group work or...?)

E: “*Ya karena kerja kelompok juga.*” (Yes, because of that.)

R: “*Emang waktu kerja kelompok itu Eva gimana aja sama temen-temen? Misalnya kalo Tyas nggak ngerti, nanya ke temen atau mereka ngasih tahu?*” (What did you do during the group work? For example, when you did not understand, did you ask your friend in your group or they tell you?)

E: “*Ya kalo saya juga nggak tahu bisa nanya ke temen.*” (Yes, if I did not understand about the material, I could ask my friends.)

R: “*Terus sama diri Evas sendiri, apa yang bisa Tyas rasakan?*” (And what could you feel inside yourself about that?)

E: “*Ehm...gimana ya...*” (bingung) (Emm...[confused])

R: “Gini...misalnya kalo Tyas duduk sendiri atau berdua temen sebangku Eva tuh ngerasa begini...terus kalo kerja kelompok begitu....”(Let me explain. For example, if you sat down in pairs, you would feel...if you sat down in group, you would feel...)

E: “*Gimana ya?*” (masih bingung)(still confused)

R: “*Ngg...gini deh, perubahannya itu dimana? Apa pelajarannya jadi lebih ngerti atau bingung, jadi semangat...atau malah ngantuk.*” (I mean...where were the changes? Was the lesson more understandable or confusing? Or did you get sleepy?)

E “*Emm...he...he...he...ya lebih ngerti. Pelajarannya tambah ngerti, terus kemaren nilaiku aja naik gitu lho!*” (Emm...I understood more. The material were more understandable, and yesterday, my marks increased.)

R: “*Terus ngerasa bosan nggak?*” (Did you feel bored?)

E: “*Nggak.*” (No, I did not.)

R: “*Karena ramai atau emang suasananya beda?*” (Because of the noise or the different situation.)

E: “*Suasana beda. Asyik buat belajar gitu lho!*” (Because the situation was different.)

From the implementation of the actions, the researcher found that the teachers’ rules and consequences about the homework for the students and the teacher’s firm attitude could make the students pay attention and do their homework. It can be seen from the statements in the interview below.

R: “*Terus kalo nggak ngerjain PR terus dikasih hukuman sama guru gimana menurut Lia?*” (And if the students who did not do the homework were given some consequences by the teacher, what do you think, Mei?)

L: “*Emm...gimana ya? Yaa...tambah baik. Maksudnya emm...yaaa kita kan dikasih PR. Kan harusnya mengerjakan. Kita harus mengerjakannya. Itu*

*aja.*” (Emm...that was better. I mean emm...when we are given homework, we have to do it. We have to do it. That’s all.)

R: “*Emm...jadi kalo ada hukumannya Lia jadi ngerjain gitu?*” (So...if there would be a consequence of it, you would do your homework, Mei?)

L: “*He eh.*”(Yes.)

R: “*Terus ini ya...kalo yang nggak ngerjain PR dikasih hukuman itu gimana?*” (What if the teacher gave a consequence to students who did not do the homework?)

L: “*Yaa...saya setuju. Soalnya ee...kalo gitu eee...siswanya kan jadi lebih bertanggung jawab.*” (I agree because if it is so, the students would be more responsible.)

Moreover, the application of rules and consequences could make the students motivated and more diligent in their learning, as one student stated below.

R: “*Terus kalo ini ya..emm...ada PR gitu ya. Gurunya nyuruh ‘Kerjain pR! Kerjain! Kerjain! Nah yang nggak ngerjain itu dikasih hukuman. Itu menurut laila gimana?’*”(And...if there is homework. The teacher asks the students to do...do...and do the homework and she gives a consequence to those who do not do the homework. What do you think about that?)

L: “*Emm menurut saya ya biar anak itu tambah..tambah rajin lagi.*”(I think it is in order that the students become more diligent.)

R: “*Jadi nggak apa-apa kalo ada sistem hukuman gitu ya? Terus gurunya selalu menyuruh dan mengingatkan untuk mengerjakan PR.*”(So it is not a problem if there are consequences or something like punishment? And the teacher who always asks and reminds the students to do the homework?)

L: “*Ya malah ngedorong kalo buat aku untuk tambah rajin belajar.*”(Yes, it encourages me to be more diligent in learning indeed.