

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This introduction presents and discusses an overview of this study. After that, the problem is formulated along with the objective of the study. This is followed by the significance of the study to give information about what is and what is not included in this study. Finally, a list of important terms is defined to avoid misunderstanding of those terms.

A. Background of the Study

Teaching English as a foreign language (EFL) involves four language skills, they are listening, reading, speaking and writing. In teaching and learning process, the four language skills are taught and developed. But, being able to master those skills, the students need to acquire vocabulary as well. Related on this widespread of English, vocabulary has been the main part of English component and has an important role in learning English as a foreign language. Nunan believes that "no matter how well the students learn grammar, or how successful the sounds of the languages are mastered, without words communication can not occur in any meaningful way"¹.

¹ David Nunan, *Language Teaching Methodology: a textbook for teachers*, (New Jersey: Prentice Hall International, 1991) page: 117

CHAPTER II

REVIEW AND LITERATURE

This chapter contains some theories related to the study. The researcher divides the chapter into three subheadings. The first section will present the definition of vocabulary, the importance of vocabulary, the principle of teaching vocabulary, and the technique of teaching vocabulary. The second section will explain about cooperative learning technique, including the definition of cooperative learning, the key elements of cooperative learning, and the Students Team Achievement Division (STAD). The last section is review of previous study.

A. Vocabulary

1. The Definition of Vocabulary

Language consists of sound, vocabulary, and structure. Vocabulary itself is a central language, because when students are learning English, they need to master vocabulary.

Steven Stahl (2005) states, "Vocabulary knowledge is knowledge". The knowledge of a word not only implies a definition, but also implies "How that words fits into the words".¹

¹ Diamond, Linda., and Gutlohn, Linda (2006,September) Teaching Vocabulary from <http://www.readingrocket.org/article/9943> (January, 12 2009, 9:26 am).

implementation of Student Team Achievement Division (STAD) had positive influence to the learning achievement students'.

Based on the previous study, the writer wants to know whether STAD is effective to teach another point in learning a language, which is vocabulary. Therefore, the writer is going to propose a study entitled "Using Student Team Achievement Division (STAD) to improve vocabulary mastery in the seventh graders of SMP AL-WACHID Surabaya".

There is a similarity between this study and the previous study. It can be seen from the technique they use. Both of them try to apply STAD learning and teaching process. They are also expected to give a good suggestion in applying cooperative learning method in teaching and learning process.

Both of them use qualitative study and use cooperative learning technique in teaching English, but in different point. The pervious study dealt with reading skill, but in this thesis the writer chooses vocabulary mastery because it is the most important component of a language power.

The research design of this study uses collaborative classroom action research to describe the use of STAD. Here, the writer would like to describe the contribution of STAD method on students' achievement by doing such a collaborative classroom action research.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter contains the research design, subject of the study, research procedure, data collection, and data analysis are carried out to answer the research questions. This section is devoted to describe those points in details.

A. Research Design

This study was Collaborative Classroom Action research (CCAR). The researcher acted as a real teacher who taught the students, and his collaborative teacher acted as the observer when the teaching learning process conducted. The researcher collaborated with the English teacher at the seventh graders of SMP AL-WACHID because the researcher wanted to know about the class problem by observing the teaching and learning activity, the activities of the teacher and the students when the teaching learning process happened first, especially at B class.

A collaborative action research is an approach whereby a facilitator engages with a group of participants in the context of their working environment to help define and explore certain problem and needs¹.

Since it deals with the classroom setting, this study was directed to develop the teaching strategy in order to find out a solution to the classroom's

¹ Bill Atweh, Stephen K. And Patricia W. *Action research in practice: partnership in social justice in education*, (London: Routledge, 1998) page: 212

The study was conducted under the following procedures: preliminary study, planning, implementing the plan, observing, and reflecting. These procedures were adapted from Kemmis and McTaggart' model (in Hopkins, 1993:49) as shown in the figure 3.1

use of STAD to improve vocabulary mastery succeeded or failed. It is done to decide whether another cycle of action is needed.

There are four criteria used in the research to measure the success of the action: (1) the teacher has a good performance in using STAD technique, (2) the students are enthusiastic and more than or equal to 75 percent of them participate during the teaching and learning process, (3) the students' mean score are greater than or equal to 60, and (4) more than or equal to 60 percent of the students' score is greater than or equal to 60.

The criterions of successful mastery learning are determined based on the minimum completeness criteria (MCC). Mastery learning can be calculated through the formula.

Next, the criterion of individual improvement points for cooperative learning was counted by using Slavin's formula as follows:

enjoyable during English teaching-learning process in the classroom.

First action was conducted on Monday, May 03rd 2010 on 09.45 to 11.30 a.m. at SMP AL-WACHID Surabaya. First cycle was conducted by the researcher itself. Mrs. Pipit gave occasion to the researcher to conduct it by himself, and Mrs. Pipit was only as an advisor and informer. Before the first action was conducted by the researcher; the researcher prepared a lesson plan, the material about “Physical Appearance”, check list, field note, task and test as the instruments to collect the data.

The first step, researcher met Mrs. Pipit as English teacher at SMP AL-WACHID to ask the syllabus that was appropriate in the school. There were four aspects that were considered by the researcher to make the lesson plan, they are: (1) Objective of the teaching learning process. (2) Source of the material and media. (3) Teaching learning activities in the classroom and (4) Evaluation and assessments (see appendix 15).

Second step, the researcher prepared observation check list and field-note as the instrument to collect the data during the implementation of STAD technique. The researcher collected the data concerned with the implementation of STAD technique, the teachers’ and students’ activities during teaching-learning process

This action was conducted on Friday, May 21st 2010 on 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Before the implementing the action, the researcher prepared a lesson plan, check list, field-note, task and test.

As the first step, the researcher searched material that was related to profession in textbook and the students' worksheet. Next, the researcher created a lesson plan by considering: (1) Objective of teaching-learning process, (2) Source of materials, (3) Teaching-learning activities in the classroom and (4) Evaluation and assessment (see appendix 17).

The second step, the researcher prepared observation check list and field-note. The researcher collected the data concerning the implementation of STAD technique, the teachers' and students' activities during teaching-learning process in the classroom, and the students' response during teaching-learning process by using STAD technique (see appendix 6).

The third step, the researcher prepared a task to measure the students' ability in understanding kinds of profession. The assignment focused on writing skill, so the researcher chose writing activities that was appropriate with their level and interest, namely: matching pictures with suitable word (profession), and fill in the blank.

The last step, the researcher prepared a test as the students' evaluation in the reflection step. As an instrument in evaluation,

learned, and 34, 2% of the students said that they like this game. It could be seen from students paid attention to their friends when they share their opinion. In addition, most of the students considered that the technique was appropriate and able to help students to explore their opinion. This could be seen from the result of the questionnaire' 82, 7% of the students could get their idea by using this technique.

The third is about the students' responses of the students' opinion about the advantages and disadvantages of using cooperative learning for teaching vocabulary. It is described that 48, 5% of them admitted that they liked vocabulary because by mastering vocabulary can help them to understand or comprehend the content of the topic. Even though 17, 1% do not seem to like learning vocabulary. Their vocabularies were adequate to discuss the related topic. After the implementation of the strategy, there were 82, 7% of students who stated that the technique was very necessary to be implemented in SMP AL-WACHID Surabaya. This is because the technique was beneficial to improve students' vocabulary. Based on the result of the questionnaire, it could be concluded that this technique has many advantages for students in enhancing their vocabulary.

The fourth is about the students responses of the teacher's role in the application of the technique. The result showed that 62, 8% of students mentioned that the teacher helped them to participate actively in the activity. In addition, they also stated that the teacher gave them opportunities to ask questions related to the topics. It could be concluded that the teacher's role

