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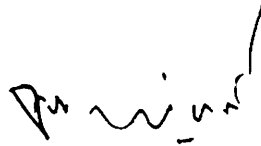
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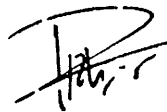
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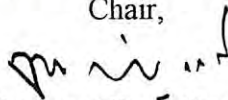


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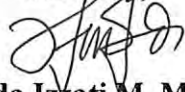
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This study investigated the warmer activity as an effort to decrease students' anxiety. Moreover, this study focused on the analysis of how the warmer activity run, the students' speaking performances, the factors cause students' anxiety and the students' responses toward warmer activity. The research design was used in this study is descriptive qualitative research. This study was conducted to the students of 7th grade at SMPN 02 Surabaya. The 7th b class was chosen as the focus of the research. The data were taken from observation, teacher's interview, questionnaires and field note and the results were analyzed to answer the problem of the study.

The results of data analysis show that warmer activity is the teacher's effort to reduce students' anxiety. Warmer activity can work as a stimulus to stimulate students' motivation to get involved in lesson. By doing warmer activity teacher can develop an enjoyable learning activities and promote students' self confidence. In addition, the most suitable warmer activity is warmer that can gain students' confidence, build students'- teacher's interaction and students'- students' interaction, generate a lot of English production and require a competition in group. So, it is suggested that warmer activity can be used continually by English teachers as their strategy to help the students in reducing second or foreign language anxiety.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains about background of the study, problem of the study, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key term.

A. Background of Study

Speaking is a fundamental aspect in communication. Every day we have many different conversations. Actually, oral communication is frequently used than written communication in our daily activity. At home, office, school and even in the street we have oral communication with friends, family, neighbor, or foreign people. Speaking is the best way to communicate with other since it can send information or message directly. In English learning process, speaking has a crucial role because it facilitates the learners to master English very well. Speaking is a productive skill in the oral mode which needs students' participation orally. In many contexts, speaking is often the skill upon which person is judged at face value. In the other word, people may often form judgments about our language competence from our speaking rather than from any of other language skills.¹ Therefore, speaking becomes very important skill in English learning process. In fact, many English teachers like to teach reading and

¹ Nunink Lukitasari, 'The Problems in Learning Speaking at The Second Year of SMPN 2 Ponorogo', (Unpublished Undergraduate Thesis of State University of Malang, 2008), p 2

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this chapter, the researcher reviews some literatures based on the relevant theories. It covers review of the English teaching and learning process, teaching speaking, the problem in speaking class, anxiety, warmer activity to reduce students' anxiety, and review of previous study.

A. The English Teaching and Learning Process

Teaching and learning process always consists of three important activities, likewise in English teaching and learning process. The first is activity in the beginning of lesson (Pre lesson Activity). The second is activity in the middle of lesson (main activity / while the lesson). And the last is activity in the end of lesson. Teacher's strategies to open and close the English lesson have crucial role in the classroom activity. Optimizing the activity in the beginning of English lesson become very important part because it will determine whether teacher can attract or motivate the students to be more participative in the English classroom or not. It is usually called as set induction. Set induction is an effort conducted by teacher in teaching and learning activity to create a pre condition for the students in order to focus their mental and attention to the lesson.¹ In other word, this is an activity done by teacher to build a ready mental condition and focuses students' attention. Moreover, teacher's disability to draw the students' attention may lead the achievement of

¹ Moh. Uzer Usman, *Menjadi Guru Profesional*, (Bandung: PT Remaja Rosdakarya, 1995), p 84

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter presents the procedures used in conducting the research. It covers: research design, research setting, subject of study, data of study, data collection technique, research instrument and data analysis.

A. Research Design

This research is classified as a descriptive qualitative design. The researcher used a descriptive qualitative design to collect the information about students' participation during speaking class.

The researcher described all the phenomenon and reality which appear during teaching and learning process in speaking class.

This study is conducted to observe the 7th grade students' participation during speaking class. The researcher did the observation to get the exact data about how the warmer activity runs to start the English speaking class and how students' speaking performances after doing warmer activity, then, distributed the questionnaire to the students to ask their responses toward warmer activity. At last, the researcher did the teacher interview to know the factors cause the students' anxiety. The researcher also made a field note to complete all the data. If all the data has been completed the next

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter is divided into three sections: the first section presents the description of research object, the second section presents the data analysis and the last section of this chapter presents the discussion.

A. The Description of the Research Object

SMP Negeri 2 Surabaya was built in 1930 by the Dutch colonial. It is located on Jl. Kepanjen no. 1 Surabaya. Its location is very strategic; it is 100 meters from central post office, 150 meters from BI, and 300 meters from Hero's Monument.

Now, SMP Negeri 2 Surabaya consists of 27 classes, those are 7a - 7i, 8a – 8i and 9a – 9i. The overall numbers of students in the academic year of 2010-2011 are 1041students. Actually, SMP Negeri 2 Surabaya consists of 68 teachers and 21 administration staff. This school provides excellent facilities such as very large classroom, online laboratory, sport field, basket field, etc (see table 4.1).

Table 4.1
School Facilities

No	Facilities	No	Facilities
1	BK's room	13	Mosque
2	Students health unit	14	Biology and physics laboratory
3	Aula (bangsal tengah)	15	Multidukasi laboratory
4	Computer laboratory	16	Basket field
5	Language laboratory	17	Volley field
6	27 classrooms	18	Sport field
7	Mathematics laboratory	19	KOPSIS
8	Music / art laboratory	20	Extracurricular room
9	Online library	21	Electro laboratory

asked some question related to the conversation to check students' understanding about where the conversation takes place, what Miley and her grandmother talk about, Mile's opinion about grandma's suggestion to change bedroom's wallpaper, and the last the teacher asked the students to give example about asking and giving opinion.

Actually, watching video is a simple activity to start the lesson which will help the students to improve their memory and hearing. However, this kind of activity cannot be considered as warmer activity. According to Robertson and Acklam, warmers were used at the beginning of lessons for a variety of reasons such as to lead-in / introduce the lesson material, to get the students going at the beginning of the day or the beginning of the lesson, to give the students a chance to switch on to use English and to get brains ready to use a different language. Thus, the teacher must be very selective to implement warmer activity based on the principle of warmer activity. Meanwhile, watching video is more suitable to be implemented as the main lesson than warmer activity.

Watching video cannot be said as warmer activity because it is not suitable with its main purpose to build the students' knowledge through fun activity and to give the students a chance to switch on to use English. The researcher found there were many students who were not confident and got anxious when they were called upon to respond the teacher's question. Most of them looked confuse to arrange a sentence in English and felt shy to state their answers. They just bow their head, tried

the lesson topic about descriptive text. Teacher asked the students to play a quiz named *guess me with seven questions*.

The quiz ran for 15 minutes, the third team won with 50 points. The third team played the quiz cooperatively. The strategies used by that team worked very well, so the third team got the highest point. That team was successfully guessed two pictures before asking seven questions. However, the second team got the lowest point because they could not build good cooperation with the team. Actually, they seemed enjoy the quiz and participated it actively, but they did not have good questions to be asked to guess the picture. So, this group only answered one picture.

The researcher also noted that, the situation of the class was very fun and students participated the quiz without confuse or anxious feeling. All the students played the quiz seriously, because they really wanted to get many points. That quiz seemed to be fun engaging for both teacher and students. It really helped the students relax a little and gave them chance to move around and interact with their friends in a short period of time. And the most important, this activity can increase students' talking time. There was no one students who felt shy, anxious or passive during the warmer activity. Even the most troublesome and anxious students are enthusiastic to respond the quiz very confidently.

Since they are young learner they prefer to do warmer activity using a competition format. Competition seems to be very fun for them, they will get point if their answers are correct and they won't get point if their answers are wrong, but this

Group 5	Allif Prabu Prayogi Dimas Wahyu. S	They did not mention expression of asking and giving opinion, it means that they did not listen to teacher's instruction.
Group 6	Ulandari U. Ernawati	They performed the conversation confidently. They used some expression about asking and giving opinion. It revealed that they are understand that expressions well
Group 7	Yulazhar Moh. Fildan Habibi	This group made many grammatical errors. They did not prepare their selves well, so they forgot the dialogue.
Group 8	Wahyu Rofikah Elfira Ifti H.	They looked not relaxed, during their performance they paused their conversation three times because Wahyu forgot some vocabulary while Ifti read a wrong dialogue
Group 9	Putri Rizky Susanti Purwaningsih	Class gave applause for this group, because they acted very well during the conversation though they made some pronunciation errors.
Group 10	Yusri Agung Eka Muhammad Mahendra	During their performance, they did not look at the audience. They always look at white board. It proved that they were very nervous
Group 11	Lucky Nugroho Moch. Fyan Rizqi	Even though they were not first performer, they looked anxious to perform in front of the class. When the teacher called their name to perform, the said not ready. After, getting ready to perform they still looked anxious. Lucky was sweating while Fyan always shaking his leg during their performance
Group 12	Ridha' Maula Fikri Oktaviana Suwito	They faced concentration problem, they could not remember most of their dialogue. Therefore, the teacher let them back to their seat to read the dialogue again
Group 13	Moch. Haijar. R. Aldi Pradana	This was the best group, because they perform very well and confidently. They could make all their friends laugh. And the most important they spoke English fluently with a correct grammar
Group 14	Khanifatul Machmudah Krisma Cynthia. M.	Good performance. They read the conversation expressively with loud voice
Group 15	Avrelia Dicky Rackmad R.	Their voice was clear so everyone can listen to their conversation. However, Rackmad forgot some vocabulary so he stated in Bahasa, and it made others laugh
Group 16	Juwita W.A. Indah Safila	Two of them spoke with very low voice they got concentration problem, because they looked very anxious to perform in front of the class.

In general, based on the result of first day observation, the researcher concluded that classroom situation during English speaking class was very relaxed and conducive. When a group was performing their conversation, the other groups listened to them carefully. Actually, most of students arranged and performed good conversation based on the teacher's instruction. There was only a group who forgot to mention expressions of asking and giving opinion in their conversation. It means that the students have already understood teacher's explanation about asking and giving opinion. Furthermore, as a result of limited time to prepare the conversation, the researcher noted that there were some students who did not participate in English speaking class actively. There were only a few students who responded teacher's questions by volunteering answers. There were also eight groups experienced problem of anxiety. (see the result of checklist observation)

b. The Result of Second Day Observation

The students have done warmer activity maximally. Playing *holiday wishes game* made them ready to continue the speaking activity. The class also had been divided into group during warmer activity. Then, teacher instructed the students to arrange conversation about holiday plan. They had to prepare it with their group for 15 minutes. The teacher gave longer time for the students to prepare their conversation than the day before. Before doing discussion with their group, the teacher gave the students chance to ask question if they did not understand about what they should do. The teacher also let the students known that they were being

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents the conclusion of the study and suggestion for the English teacher, students, and the next researchers.

A. Conclusion

After analyzing the result of study in the chapter IV, this study can be concluded as below:

1. Warmer activity runs very well. All of the students participated in warmer activity enthusiastically. The warmer activity is applied based on its principle such as: must be suited with the lesson topic, can build not only students' and teacher's interaction but also students' and students' interaction, can help the teacher to draw students' attention, should increase students' talking time in English, should be an aim to the task, and can make the students become more confident during the lesson.
2. As reported above on analysis of observation, when the teacher has applied an interesting and interactive warmer activity, the students will not be anxious to get involved in English speaking class and it makes their speaking performances are getting better. It is proven with the students' speaking performances that always improve in every meeting. It can be seen from the table of students' speaking performances on pages 47, 51 and 54.

