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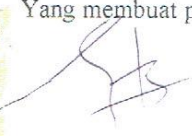
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significant effect in the students' writing score of grade X High School using experiential learning activities than students who have been taught by using grammar translation method (GTM). It means that the students with the experiential learning have high score in their result of writing while the students with GTM have the score under the students who got the experiential learning in their activities of wiring.

The fifth research was conducted by Ozcan Palavan, Volcan Cicek, and Marve Atabay entitle "*Perspective of Elementary School Teachers on Outdoor Education*"³². The research applied qualitative analysis design focusing on teachers' perception in outdoor learning. The result shows that teacher knows little about the outdoor learning system, the efficiency and effectiveness of outdoor learning is quite low due to the lack of knowledge of outdoor concept, limited time, limited place to be visited (access), there is no certain curriculum for implementing the outdoor learning, and lack of facilities.

The sixth research was conducted by Dongmei Sheng entitle "*A Case Study of Experiential Teaching Method in EFL Listening*"³³. The result shows that students in the experimental group had achieved better accomplishment in post-test that the pre-test. It proves that the experiential learning is suitable to be applied.

³²Ozcan Palavan, Volcan Cicek, and Marve Atabay, "Perspective of Elementary School Teachers on Outdoor Education", *Universal Journal of Educational Research*, DOI: 10.13189/ujer, 2016, 1885-1893

³³ Dongmei Sheng, "A Case Study of Experiential Teaching Method in EFL Listening", *6th International Conference on Electronic, Mechanical, Information, and Management*, 2016

classroom. Then, continued with activities outside the classroom and ended with activities inside the classroom.

The experiential learning phases could be seen when the students come in contact (outside the classroom) to find out teachers in the office to be interviewed about their experiences based on the topic of the lesson. The teacher did not limit the sources to be interviewed. So, one teacher might be interviewed by three students with the different topics. After 15 minutes, the students had to enter the class. In the class, the teacher would call three of them randomly to retell what they have gotten since outdoor activities.

Moreover, the experiential learning phases could be explained in detail. The first phase of the experiential learning is experiencing something. The activity in the class was giving instructions and information related to what will the students do and learn based on the topic of that day. It is conducted inside the classroom. After that, the teacher invited them to go outside the class for having an outdoor English learning activities according to the teacher's instruction. In outdoor, the students have to come in contact with the real materials, objects, and sources of the lesson. The topic at that time were "Expressing Anger and Annoyance and Expression Embarrassment". Based on the topic, the students would ask/interview people around them or their classmates about experience they have experienced (anger, annoyance and embarrassment experience). Therefore, the

role of the teacher as a facilitator who facilitated the students because the teacher just gave them instructions on what the students would do in the next activities.

The second phase is interpreting something. The activity was asking the students to enter the class and retell about what they have gotten in outdoor activities. The teacher called three students randomly to come forward and retell what they have gotten in front of their teacher and classmates. In this session, the teacher placed herself as a facilitator who facilitates the students' needs and as a prompter who helps the students when they get difficult in producing or even pronouncing the words. When the students got difficult in producing the words, the teacher helped the students by giving some clues. It aimed to ease the students in the process of speaking activities.

The third phase is generalizing the experience. The activity was asking the students to make and have conversation in pair. The partner is determined by the teacher in order to avoid time consuming when the students choose their partner for doing conversation by themselves. Alongside, the topic of speaking is based on the experience in outdoor activities. The teacher gives time around 5 – 10 minutes to speak up each other with their chosen partners related what they have experienced in an outdoor activities. Furthermore, the role of the teacher was as a prompter and as a participant. The teacher got involve and walked around to look at the process of writing

conversation. Sometimes, she made conversation and asked the students related to what they wrote.

The last phase is applying the experience. The activity was asking the students to have a sit. Then, the teacher chosen around 5 – 8 students to retell experience they have gotten from their partners. In the end, the students took a conclusion/moral value from the partners' experiences based on the experiences they have gotten since in pair conversation. Besides, the students also concluded what they have experienced through writing skill with a minimum of half a sheet of book. In this session, the role of the teacher was as a feedback provider who provides the feedback for the students' errors. The teacher gave the feedback by modelling. For instance, the students made error in pronouncing the words. So, the teacher would write on the white board and pronounced it. Finally, the teacher let the students repeat the words after her.

In the end of the class, the teacher provided feedback and highlighted the main different of three expressions for the students. The feedback was in general. Then, continued with reinforcement (giving motivation for students) and closing the class.

In conclusion, the teacher used all the four phases of the experiential learning such as, experiencing something, interpreting something, generalizing the experience, and applying experience. Furthermore, the speaking activities used by the teacher were prepared

embarrassment). In the end of the class, the teacher highlighted the differences between three those expressions and continued with giving feedback for the previous meeting. Indirectly, the students did reviewing the lesson from the previous meeting and related it with the next meeting because the two meetings have the similar topics with the different activities.

Moreover, the experiential learning phases could be seen when the teacher divided the students into six groups and asked the students to write five related expression based on the experience they have gotten since the previous meeting. The students work in group and each students should discuss and write the related expression based on the topic.

In the second meeting of the observation, the researcher only found one phase that used by the teacher. It was the second phase of the experiential learning “interpreting something”. However, the teacher used the same topic of learning as the previous meeting. So, the teacher only changed the activities used in the classroom. Then, the role of the teacher was a prompter (the teacher comes observing the students during speaking and helps the students who get difficult in producing the words. The teacher comes approach them by giving some clues to help them producing the words/sentences), a participant (the teacher gets involve with the students. She listens what the students said. Sometimes she gives questions for the students and

and the surrounding environmental. It indicates that experiencing something is important for students to build up their critical thinking and develop communication skill, because in real life situation students will deal directly with existing problems and learning does not always take from the textbooks.

b) Interpreting the Experience

From the first and the second observation, the researcher finds the teacher applies the first phase of the experiential learning in the *first observation*. The activity focuses on calling three students randomly to come in front of their classmates and retell what they got outside the class.

In the *second observation*, the researcher finds the teacher applies the second phase of the experiential learning. The activity focuses on group work discussion. So, the students share their experience one another. Then, the result is written in a paper. The activity in the *second observation* little bit different from the *first observation* because the teacher teach them with the same topic as the previous meeting. So, the difference is only the designed activities.

The transformation of the experiencing something through interview the teachers is in form of sharing the result. The students have to share what they have experienced in their interview. The result of interview transformed in form of oral report which is presented in front of the class. This activity is in line with Kolb's statement. He

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