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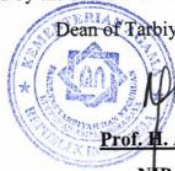


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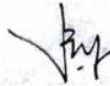
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the effects of word games develop students' motivation in their performance in the classroom.

This word games are essential to be investigated because this game more focuses on memorizing English vocabularies than other types of games probably focuses on other English language ability. For example, the types of word games namely pictiory game and scrabble game assist the students in memorizing English vocabularies. Also, the use of pictiory game builds students' communication because they have to describe the pictures toward words and the use of scrabble game provides students' concentration to arrange the words. So that, the students be able to memorize English vocabulary easily. In addition, before conducting word games to teach vocabulary to students the English teacher have to consider the topic of English materials which is appropriate or not to conduct in the teaching process and the atmosphere of the class may not conducive because the students become noisy in the teaching-learning process.

While the above mentioned previous studies have particularly concerned on the effectiveness of word games, students' participation, students' motivation, and student's achievement to develop students' vocabulary overseas and in Indonesia. Based on these phenomena this study observed at SMP Al-Islah Surabaya mainly in seventh grade at the beginner level. SMP Al-Islah Surabaya was chosen as the place of this study because SMP Al-Islah Surabaya as one of the figures schools in conducting word games as the media in the English vocabulary teaching process. Besides that, the English teacher applied the types of word games in this school namely scrabble game and pictiory game. So that, SMP Al-Islah Surabaya was appropriate as the setting of this study. Then, the objective of this study tries to provide the way of using word games as the media for English teacher to teach English vocabulary to students at grade seventh SMP Al-Islah Surabaya and the results of this study also shows students' responses in the activity of word games.

Table 4.1 The Procedure of Using Scrabble

No.	Teacher Activities	Student Activities
1.	The teacher introduced the subject of the material before start teaching	
2.	The teacher introduced the new material	The Students paid attention to the teacher
3.	The teacher delivered the objective of the material	The Students listened to the teacher
4.	The teacher divided students into six groups. Each group consists of five students.	The students gathered in a group with their friends
5.	The teacher distributed two papers. The first paper includes pieces of letters of the vocabulary and the other one includes clues of the vocabulary.	
6.	The teacher asked students to find the vocabulary based on the clue	
7.	The teacher gave time to the students to discuss with their group	The students discussed the answer with their group
8.	The teacher gave reward to the groups that answer as fast as possible and correctly	The students wrote the answer in the whiteboard and got feedback directly from teacher

The results of the interview with the English teacher of SMP Al-Islah Surabaya shows about the procedures of using word games to teach students' vocabulary in English based on the topic of the material in English lessons. Therefore, the teacher gave the assignment to create some products such as made simple sentences and short essays based on the teaching process of vocabulary in English using word games. The benefits of using word games for the teacher could make easier to deliver the material effectively and practice the material. Also, the benefits of using word games for the students were easier to understand the material and to learn vocabulary in English. On the other hand, there was difficulty conducted the games when the classroom is crowded, not conducive, and may disturb another class. To solve the difficulty the teacher gave punishment such as reduced the point for the group who crowded when they don't have time to answer the word.

Beside the procedures of using word games, the results of the interview with English teacher at SMP Al-Islah Surabaya confirm the implemented a competency system such as reward or punishment in the word games activity. *“ applying reward and punishment will motivate the students to do activity in the word games (interview section) ”*. The reward that was given by the English teacher such as gave the point to students who actively participated in the activity by adding score in their report of the study. On the other hand, groups who lost the game and students who made noise during the game got the punishment such as sang a song in English or mentioned ten vocabularies in English or the group as the winner may give the punishment. The punishment that was given by the teacher just for fun and appropriate to do for the students. So that, the students were more spirit and happy conducted word games activity in the classroom.

Based on the interview with the English teacher of SMP- Al-Islah Surabaya gave suggestions to other

On the other hand, some of the students were still confused to choose the vocabulary while playing Pictionary game because they did not familiar with the vocabulary given , they had difficulty to describe the words in the pictures and difficult to arrange the words in English. *“This game is a little bit difficult because sometimes in the card we don’t know about the word and difficult to draw”*(interview section). To reduce such difficulty for the next activity, at the end of the word games activity, the teacher gave feedbacks and the students got reinforcements such as asked whether the students got difficult words and gave the explanation what they have learned.

Another difficulty is when students had to arrange the English words during playing scrabble game. A student stated that, *“Scrabble game is a little bit difficult when the teacher asks us to arrange the letters become words”*(interview section). To solve the problem, the teacher gave the solutions by discussing together with students the challenges of playing scrabble game and its solutions and also the teacher provided feedbacks to the students in general related with the game activity and students’ participation during the activity.

Additionally, students created a product such as created sentences and simple essay in descriptive text after learning several words based on the vocabulary in English that they had learned through word games to evaluate how much vocabulary that students had been understood. For example, the students created sentences such as improved *“ beautiful”* became *“ my mother is beautiful or Komodo island is the most beautiful island”* and created simple essay based on the topic of the material in the descriptive text such as described the vocabulary *“farmer”* become *“ My father is a farmer. He has black hair and brown skin. He is a hard-worker and love his family.”* Moreover, the students also learned affix of vocabulary such as *“teach”* and *“music”* become *“teacher”* and *“musician”* and learned about the synonyms and the

the material effectively. Therefore, there were three benefits for the students to understand the material and to learn vocabulary in English. First, the use of word games developed students' vocabulary in English because after understood the meaning of the word, the students created simple sentences and simple essays of descriptive text using the word. Second, the use of word games enhanced students' creativity because they should think to arrange the word using existing letters in scrabble games. Third, the use of word games trained the students to pronounce the word, to memorize the meaning, and to spell the word when the students check the word in the dictionary.

While the explanation above mentioned the use of word games in teaching students English vocabulary can be concluded that English teacher at SMP AL-Islah Surabaya had an excited in using word games to teach students English vocabulary. It shows that the use of word games has important role because the students could practice the word games easily when they arranged the words, communicated with the words, and created some products such as created the words become sentences and simple essay based on the context of the material of descriptive text in English lesson. So that, it indicates a good impact of using word games in teaching students' vocabulary.

Based on interview with the English teacher of SMP Al-Islah Surabaya, word games are effective media to teach students vocabulary because it made the students more active and more actively participated in the class. *"In my opinion the use of word games in teaching vocabulary make the students more enthusiastic, more creative and the atmosphere in the classroom more alive"*(interview section). It confirms that word games can make the students feel comfortable and happy because when students are comfortable in the learning, it can be easier for the

