

CHAPTER 2

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

A. Theoretical Background

1. Teaching Writing

Writing is considered as language skill which has to be mastered. Writing becomes important as speaking, reading, and listening since writing is a tool for recording and organizing knowledge into useful and reusable note. To get some purposes of writing, the students should to know how to write any kinds of writing, such as letter, report, advertisement, etc. The students also need to learn some writing conventions (punctuations, paragraph construction, etc.) just as they learn pronunciation in order to speak appropriately. Therefore, that is why writing is taught in language teaching.

a. **The reasons for teaching writing**

According to Harmer, the reason for teaching writing includes reinforcement, language development, learning style, writing as a skill. For more detail, see the explanation below:

- 1) Reinforcement: written language helps students to acquire language. It helps student to understand the way to fit words together. It becomes main source of learning language since it presents visually.
- 2) Language development: the developing of language can be influenced by the experience in the process of writing itself.
- 3) Learning style: writing is suitable for learners who produce language in slower way.

the program of teaching learning English as a foreign language for on developing students' skill in four languages skills. The student expected to achieve competencies to communicate in spoken and written form using suitable language variation fluently and accurately in interaction or monologue in the form of descriptive, recount, narrative, procedure, and report. Meanwhile, the purposes of teaching writing based on KTSP for SMP and MTs are as follows:

- 1) The seventh grade: students are able to write a) simple functional sentences, b) simple messages and short announcements and card, c) procedure and descriptive texts
- 2) The eighth grade: students are able to a) write among other text in the form of narration, description and recount, b)

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- announcement.
- 3) The ninth grade: students are able to a) write texts in the
of narration, procedure, report, b) write short messages, le
advertisements or announcements.

c. Approaches in Teaching Writing

There are variety of approaches to teach writing. Generally, there are two main approaches: product and process. These approaches are discussed in some books about teaching writing. Basically, these approaches focused on what aspect that the teacher will be concerned . The teacher can focus on either the product which is their final writing or the process of writing which has various stages.

1) Product approach

Harmer states, “Product approach is an approach that concentrates on the end of product.”² Most teachers use this approach in teaching writing. In this approach, the students focus on how their final writing should look like. They have to compose their writing perfectly because the teacher will assess their final writing. Brown suggests that composition are supposed to a) meet certain standards of prescribed English rhetorical style, b) reflect accurate grammar, and c) be organized in conformity with what the audience would consider to be conventional.³

2) Process approach

According to Harmer, “process approach is an approach of writing that emphasizes on the various stages that any piece of writing goes through.”⁴ This approach requires the teacher to accompany students in the process of writing. The teacher should give feedback to

²Jeremy Harmer, *The Practice of English Language Teaching*, (Cambridge: Longman, 2005), 257.

³H. Douglas Brown, *Principles of Language Learning and Teaching*, Second Edition (New York: Longman, 2000) 335.

⁴Jeremy Harmer, *The Practice of English Language Teaching*,.....57.

- c) The approach helps students in strategy for prewriting, drafting and rewriting.
- d) The approach gives students more time to revise the writing.
- e) Revision is the important thing in this approach.
- f) The approach lets students write down what they want to write.
- g) The approach gives students a chance to make their writing better by giving them feedback.
- h) There is peer feedback in this approach.
- i) There is communication between teacher and student in the process of composition dealing with the writing.⁵

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Drafting, structuring (ordering information, experimenting with arrangements, etc), reviewing (checking context, connections, assessing impact, editing), focusing (that is making sure you are getting the message across you want to get across), and generating ideas and evaluation (assessing the draft and/or subsequent drafts).⁶

⁵H. Douglas Brown, *Principles of Language Learning and Teaching*,.....335.

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announcement. Given this statement, this study becomes reasonable to conduct narrative for examining writing problem in the eighth grade junior high school students. Then what approach that researcher use? In this study, the researcher taught the writing using product approach. As the theory above, product approach concentrate on the end result of the product. This study that use product approach seems to be reasonable for this kind of study since it concerns with students' writing product rather than the process of the writing.

Grammar Teaching for ESL and EFL Classes

a. The Issue of Grammar

to be a part of language instruction. There is beneficial of teaching grammar. A research by Long about comparing the success of instructed and naturalistic learners showed that, instructed learners achieved higher levels of grammatical competence than naturalistic learner and that instruction was no guarantee that learners would acquire what they had been taught.¹⁰ Thus, grammar may be beneficial if the process of teaching is suitable with the natural process of acquisition.

Grammar problems mentioned earlier

⁸S.P. Corder, *Error Analysis and Interlanguage: The significance of Learner's errors*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1981), 5-13.

¹⁰M. H. Long, *Does Second Language Instruction Make a Difference? A Review of the Research*, TESOL Quarterly, 17, (New Zealand: University of Auckland, 2006), 717-725.

- 2) Recounts and stories use past tense except direct quotation. For example,

They *were* poor because their pig *ate* them out of house and home and he *didn't share* with the other animals. His name was Bob. 'You *should go* on a diet' *said* Clarabelle.

- 3) Narrative uses action verbs (bold), while in reflections/evaluations, mental verbs (italicized) predominate; for example,

Bells were **ringing**, sirens **screeching** and people were **running** everywhere.

Maria *didn't know* what to do next. She *thought* about her mother and *wondered* what was in her head.

- 4) Action verbs are used metaphorically to create effective images. For example:

It was a terrible argument. Words were *flying* everywhere.

- 5) Rhythm and repetition are used to create particular effects. For example:

Riding. Riding. The boy went *riding* across the wintry moor, far away from the strife of his unhappy home.

- 6) Narrative uses sentence structure. Often sentences comprising one word or a short phrase are used to create poignant effects.

For example:

Anger. Silence. As the vengeful brother prowls the streets.

d. Theoretical Approaches to Teach English Grammar

The diagram consists of two yellow rectangular boxes. The top box is labeled 'Deductive' in bold black text. Below it, the text 'Generalization (or Rule)' is followed by a horizontal arrow pointing to the right, which then points to 'Specific Examples or Activities'. The bottom box is labeled 'Inductive' in bold black text. Below it, the text 'Specific Examples or Activities' is followed by a horizontal arrow pointing to the right, which then points to 'Generalization (or Rule)'.

Deductive
Generalization (or Rule) —————> Specific Examples or Activities

Inductive
Specific Examples or Activities —————> Generalization (or Rule)

Figure 1, Deductive and Inductive Learning adapted from
<http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca/docs/policy/approach/instrapp05.html>

These approaches have advantages and disadvantages. In most contexts, inductive approach is recommended. According Brown, there are following reasons why inductive approach is more suitable:

¹⁴Goner and Phillips, *Inductive Approach and Deductive Approach in TESOL*, <http://www.teflcertificatecourses.com/tefl-articles/tesol-inductive-deductive-approaches.php> accessed on January, 13 2014.

That fundamental statement above demands teachers to be creative in their teaching. It relates with what media that will be used in the class which can be considered how creative the teacher. This is what the researcher concern in this research that I proposed a media which the researcher call “color contrast text”. Just like the explanation in the previous chapter, color contrast text seems helpful in improving the students’ understanding of grammatical features in narrative. In this study, the researcher simply defines color contrast text as a writing work that is written in different colors text. The study uses narrative text from some resources, such as text book and internet. Then the text is colored by the researcher based on the concept of color contrast text.

¹⁶H. Douglas Brown, *Principles of Language Learning and Teaching*,.....24

The sound/color chart is used to engage students in a variety of games to help them work on pronunciation at all levels, from individual sounds to connected speech.¹⁷ It is same to Caleb Gattegno statement that,

Those explanations stated earlier becomes the principle that the researcher used in his research since they have similiarity. The difference is only on the purpose. Color codes in tajweed and sound/color chart in silent way generaly uses for spelling or pronounce appropriately. While color contrast text is used for understanding the grammatical feature in narrative writing.

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The dragonsaw that shewas sad so when shewas sleeping he gently picked her up and returned her to the castle. ²⁰	Resolution
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By looking the characteristics of color contrast text as well as the supported theories above, it is clear to say that color contrast text has tendency to be suitable media in enhancing students' understanding of grammatical feature in narrative text.

B. Review of Previous Study

In this part, the researcher talks about some researches that relate to this study. There are five studies which are conducted by some students of university in Indonesia. These are the studies:

1. The Use of Pictures to Write Narrative in Teaching Writing at MA
Raudatul Ulum, Klampis Bangkalan.

It is written by Arifah who was a student of IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya in 2009.²¹ This study is about the use of pictures to write narrative in teaching writing at MA Raudatul Ulum Klampis Bangkalan. The problems were that students got difficulty in organizing of text and they could not put their ideas to their writing. This study aimed to describe; 1) what kind of pictures are used by the teacher to teach narrative writing at MA Raudatul Ulum, Klampis Bangkalan, 2) how is the picture used in teaching narrative writing, 3) how is the result of students' narrative writing text by using pictures.

²⁰Peter Knapp and Megan Watskin, *Genre, Text, Grammar*,.....235.

²¹ Afifah, *The Use of Pictures to Write Narrative in Teaching Writing at MA Raudatul Ulum, Klampis Bangkalan*. (Surabaya: IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya, 2009).

2. Teaching Narrative Text in Improving Writing to the Tenth Grade
Students of SMA NEGERI 1 PETARUKAN, Peminggir.

In this research, the researcher found there are five reasons why the students tend to make grammatical mistakes in narrative writing. The reasons are; 1) the students did not fully understand the tense that they used when they wrote the narrative text. 2) The students did not read the given material attentively. They only got the information from what they read at glance and based on their experience before. 3) The students did not understand pronoun, for example: the use of “them, her, or his.” 4) Some students failed to arrange the story chronologically, most of them missed one of the generic structure of narrative text. 5) The students failed to apply the knowledge of grammar.

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4. Optimizing Windows Movie Maker to Enhance Writing Competence of Narrative text.

The research findings showed that window movie maker could improve: 1) the students were able to use appropriate vocabulary better; b) the students could make past tense sentences correctly; c) the students were able to use punctuation correctly in the text; d) the students were able to write a story with more detail information; e) the students were able to use the appropriate diction in their writing; f) they could organize the story better from beginning until the end.

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Those studies explain a various of researches about narrative writing. Some of those studies try to find out the use of media in narrative writing; such as the use of series picture, narrative text, and windows movie maker. These studies have similarity with my study since they involved the teaching media. But the difference is that my study uses other media which is color contrast text. Relate with this media, there are no studies that examine color contrast text as a media in enhancing students' understanding of grammatical feature in narrative text.

My study is also different from the study by Indah Mudji Rahayu which measuring the Students ability in narrative writing. In this case, the ability that the researcher examined is the students'

