

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Talking about covid-19 or commonly referred to as the corona virus has indeed become the talk of the world at the end of 2019 until the year 2020, this corona virus initially appeared in China, precisely in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province. The corona virus (covid-19) is an outbreak originating from living animals and is then transmitted from other human beings to humans, according to the world health organization (WHO).

The spread of the covid-19 virus is the highest cause of death in various countries of the world today, many victims have died. This is a problem that must be faced by the world today, to carry out a variety of policies including in the country of Indonesia itself. The Indonesian state also feels the effects of the spread of this virus. More and more quickly spread to a number of regions in Indonesia.

Covid-19 is a contagious disease that has the potential to cause a public health emergency. Therefore, preventive measures against these types of infectious diseases are mandatory as soon as possible. As a result of the covid-19 pandemic, a number of policies have been implemented to break the chain of the covid-19 virus in Indonesia. One of the efforts made by the government in Indonesia is to implement an appeal to the community to carry out physical distancing, namely an appeal to keep a distance between the people, avoid activities in all forms of crowds, gatherings, and avoid meetings that involve many people. These efforts are aimed at the community so that it can be done to break the chain of the spread of the co-19 pandemic that is happening right now.

The government implemented a policy that is Work From Home (WFH). This policy is an effort that is applied to the community in order to complete all work at home. Education in Indonesia has also become one of the areas affected by the covid-19.¹ The pandemic corona virus 2019 (COVID-19) has become an international concern and poses challenges to psychological resilience in all fields, one of which is education. Therefore an effective learning strategy is needed to deal with this pandemic.²

Education in Indonesia has now established online learning both in schools and at universities. Online learning aims to meet educational standards by utilizing Information Technology using computer devices or gadgets that are interconnected between students and teachers and between students and lecturers so that through the use of these technologies the teaching and learning process can still be carried out properly. Utilization of information technology is expected to be able to overcome the teaching and learning process that can continue to run well even though it is in the middle of the Corona Covid-19 Virus epidemic.³

Various distance learning media were tried and used. The tools that can be used as online learning media include; google classroom, Google Form, whatsArpp group, telegram, zoom and other media. These suggestions are the tools used at IAIN Parepare in the learning process during covid-19.

¹Agung Rahmat and Iwan Krisnadi, *Analisis Efektifitas Pembelajaran Daring (Online) Untuk Siswa SMK Negeri 8 Kota Tangerang Pada Saat Pandemi Covid 19* (Journal : Megister Teknik Elektro, Pasca Sarjana).

² Asnul Dahar Minghat, Pupung Purnawarman, Saripudin, S Muktiarni, M. Vina Dwiyanti, and Siti Salina Mustakimand, *Students' Perceptions of the Twists and Turns of E-learning in the Midst of the Covid 19 Outbreak* (Journal : Multidimensional Education).

³Roida Pakpahan and Yuni Fitriani, *Analisa Pemanfaatan Teknologi Informasi Dalam Pembelajaran Jarak Jauh Di Tengah Pandemi Virus Corona Covid-19* (Journal : System Information, Applied, Management, Accounting and Research, 4 no. 2, 2020).

Associated with learning media during Corona, as for courses in English department students there are several skills learned such as Listening, Speaking, Writing and Reading. All of these courses are very important in the field of English language majors, such as speaking skills that must be learned through online.

What should be chaired by yourself is that Speaking is one of the important skills in English language because speaking is an activity by people to communicate with others, in English learning speaking skills is one of the skills that students have to know. Therefore communication or speaking is the goal of English language teaching to develop students' abilities in using,⁴ but in fact in this era on covid-19 pandemic all of lectures have to be learned online, especially speaking but that we have to face it.

Based on that statement that all of lesson through media online (google classroom, google form, whatsApp, telegram, zoom and sevima edlink) the researcher will research about students' perception of Learning Process on Speaking Class Through Online especially perceptions from students at the Second Semester in IAIN Parepare because students from second semester, them have just studying about English lecture especially in speaking skill.

B. Research Question

Based on the statement in the background, there is problem that will be investigated through this study. The problem is:

How are the students' perception about learning process on speaking class through online?

⁴ Rahmawana, "Using Story Completion In Teaching Speaking to the Second Grade Student of SMAN 6 Soppeng" (PublishSkirpsi Makassar: UIN Makassar, 2017).

C. Objective of Research

Based on the problem statement above, the objective of the research is: to find out about students' perception of learning process on speaking class through online especially at second semester from English Department in IAIN Parepare.

D. Significances of the Research

1. For the teacher

The teacher can know about students' perception on learning through online so, the teacher can make this as they reference about how to make creative on learning process through online media.

2. For the student

The student can express their perception about what they are think about on learning through online media.

3. For the researcher

This research is also expected to give benefit as referenced for the researchers who want to run research related to this one.