

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Teachers have strategically important roles to raise the nation characters and to develop students' potential in Indonesian education frame. Meanwhile, the education now is pushed to meet the society need and to answer the local and global defiance, for instance; the fast rate of informational society, science and technology, and socio-culture. In Indonesia, English is taught from kindergarten to university level. It is learned to facilitate students in order to increase their skill and developing their knowledge about English. The role of teacher in teaching English is very important. According to the Law of Teacher and Lecturer No.14/2005 "Teacher is a professional educator who has major task to educate, teach, guide, direct, asses and evaluate the learner on education"<sup>1</sup>.

Therefore, being a teacher is not an easy job but it is a challenge for most teacher especially English Teachers. "Teachers are required to have Academic Qualifications, Competence, Certification of Educators, physically and mentally healt and have the ability to realize the goals of National Education"<sup>2</sup>. As a teacher, she/he needs to have ability to organize and control the situation which a learner tries to resolve the learning problems. Therefore, becoming professional teachers must to have good pedagogical, professional, personal, and social competence in teaching and learning. In developing teacher's professionalism they should have talent, experience and skill of approaching the students to make the class enjoyable, relax

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<sup>1</sup>Departemen Pendidikan Nasional, *Undang-Undang Nomor 14 Tahun 2005*, Tentang Guru dan Dosen, (Jakarta: Depdiknas, 2005).

<sup>2</sup>Departemen Pendidikan Nasional, *Undang-Undang Nomor 14 Tahun 2005*, Tentang Guru dan Dosen, (Jakarta: Depdiknas, 2005).

and interesting to them, so that they will understand the lessons excitedly and interactively.

Teacher Certification is a process of giving approve that someone has competence to teach, after he/she graduated from competence test that held by certification institution. It is widely known that being teacher, especially English teacher is very important to fulfill the students need. In addition, English teachers have to be well prepared in everything related to their teaching such as planning, conducting teachers and evaluation teaching. On the other hand, the teachers should have good personality and build good relationship with their students to make the students comfortable with their teachers. Regarding to the need of good personality and good relationship, teachers should have talent, experience and make the class enjoyable, relaxing and interest to them.

Teaching is the process of inculcating moral values, abilities, skills by an inexperienced person to an experienced person. Teaching is shaping one's thought and action through giving instructions and performing practices that create a new behavior and capacity. Teaching is a process in which learner, teacher curriculum and other variables are organized in a systematic way to attain some pre determined goals.

Teaching English language is really an extraordinary choice because it will be usefull for the student especially when the students try to go abroad. Although, it will take a long time to adjust a style and tone of speech from the first language to the second language but it has a good result for many people. So that as a human being, everyone need to know many kinds of language, one of them is English. English is the worlds most widely studied foreign language.

Perception is the process that takes place within the individual that begins with the receipt of excitatory until it is realized and understood by the individual, so that the individual can recognize himself and his surrounding.<sup>3</sup>. Every human in the world have their own perception. Perception can be defined as our recognition and interpretation of sensory information. Perception also includes how we respond to the information. We can think of perception as a process where we take in sensory information from our environment and use that information in order to interact with our environment. Perception allows us to take the sensory information in and make it into something meaningful.

The researches chosees SMK Negeri 1 Polewali as a place to research because this school is one of the favorite school for most of student in polewali. And also, there are two of English teachers in this school that will become an object of this research, So that, the researches want to know how the teachers teach, how the teachers competence in teaching English language which is only split into pedagogical, social and professional competence.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Based on description above, the problem statement can be formulated.

- 1.2.1 How are the students perception of english teachers competence at SMK Negeri 1 Polewali?
- 1.2.2 How are the students' achievement in learning English language at SMK Negeri 1 Polewali?

## **1.3 The Objective of Research**

- 1.3.1 To know the students perception of english teachers competence at SMK Negeri 1 Polewali

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<sup>3</sup> Walgito, *Psikologi Umum* (Yogyakarta: ANDI, 1981), p. 90.

1.3.2 To know the students achievement in learning English language at SMK Negeri 1 Polewali

#### **1.4 The Significance of the Research**

In this research, the researcher is expected to give significant contribution in key terms of theoretical and practical as follows:

##### 1.4.1 Theoretical Significance

This research is expected to have a significant contribution for the development of the teacher competences theory especially for the English teacher.

##### 1.4.2 Practical Significance

###### 1.4.2.1 For the students

This research can give more knowledge and experiences to the students that being a good educator must have a good competence. So that, they will understand that everyone should be more active in learning especially in learning to be a good teacher because in the fact teacher is really important for the future.

###### 1.4.2.2 For the teachers

This research will give motivation and awareness for the teacher to increase their competence because a teacher must be a good example in order to be an example for students so that it is said that the teacher is not only teaching but also must educate because what is needed from students is not only material but also attention from the teacher.

###### 1.4.2.3 For the school

This research expected to be a reference for school to pay more attention to their teachers' Quality in teaching and educating the students because the teacher is one of the determinants of the success of the school, if the teacher has good

competence then the school will participate well so that students are more interested in choosing the school.

#### 1.4.2.4 For other researcher

The result of this research can be used as a reference for further researcher who is interested in conducting similar case study and expected to improve knowledge and information about the good English teachers' competence.

