CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The background of the Research

Writing is one of the skills that students should master. Writing is a complex process that allows to explore thoughts, ideas, and make them visible and concrete (Gaith, 2002:1). In writing students can express their ideas and they can communicate their opinion, suggestion and so on. Actually writing was transferring information, massage or idea in grammatical sentences, the information to be expressed in a text.

Writing is also a productive and expressive activity (Tarigan, 1986: 3-4). However, writing is often considered as the most difficult skill to be mastered because of it is complexity. According to Nurgiantoro (2001, 289-299) there are some problem which are faced by students in learning writing. They are organizing idea, lack of vocabulary, and arranging the sentences grammatically. Those make the students have no interest to write. As a result, the students feel that writing is a difficult activity especially in English, they feel difficult to express their idea in the form of written text.

The students need some abilities to produce a good quality of writing (Nunan, 2005:99). Moreover, to achieve it the students must have big competence, such as ability to write, organize the idea, construct sentences, use spelling and punctuation well. So, the students can write well and get good results.
Announcement is one of the materials that is given for students in the first grade at SMK Karya Teknologi Jatilawang. Teacher as material presenter should be clever in presenting their lesson material for example using learning method. There are some ways to help the teacher in presenting the teaching writing for the students, and one of the ways is using Group Investigation method. Group Investigation method is one of Cooperative Learning that makes students active, improve their achievement with emphasizing in social interaction among them.

In this study, the writer would like to know the effectiveness of teaching writing announcement text by using group investigation method. Therefore, the title of this research is “The effectiveness of group investigation in teaching writing announcement text”. The treatment will be given to the students of first grade students at SMK Karya Teknologi Jatilawang in academic year of 2015/2016.

B. Reason for choosing the topic

The reason for choosing the topic are:

1. The writer wants to know whether the use of Group Investigation in teaching writing Announcement Text is effective or not.

2. Group Investigation is one of cooperative learning method that is more than having students work in group, that can make students active.
C. The problem of study

Based on the background of the study and the reason for choosing the topic, the problem of this study “is Group Investigation effective or not in teaching writing Announcement Text on first grade students at SMK Karya Teknologi Jatilawang?”

D. The aim of study

The aim of the study is to find out whether or not using Group Investigation effective in teaching writing announcement text on the first grade students at SMK Karya Teknologi Jatilawang in academic year 2015/2016.

E. The clarification of terms

The title of this study is “The Effectiveness of Group Investigation in Teaching Writing Announcement Text. (An experimental study on the first grade students at SMK Karya Teknologi Jatilawang in academic year 2015/2016)”. To make the study clear it is wanted to clarify the key terms as follows:

1. Writing

Writing is the mental work of inventing ideas, thinking how about expressing them, and organizing them into statements and paragraphs that will be clear to a reader (Nunan, 2003:88). Writing is skill which should be given attention a lot. The students not only should
write in grammatically correct sentences, but they also should know what the students going to write. This problem shows that learning writing should be given a lot of attention to make it run effectively.

2. Group investigation

Group Investigation is one kind of Cooperative Learning method that is more than having students work in group. In group investigation, the students are required to applying their interpersonal and research ability to design a specific objective of learning (Sharan, 2012 : 166).

3. Announcement Text

Announcement text is a text that describes a notification about an event that will be held, the purpose is to delivering important information to the public in order to make the public know that information.

F. Contribution of study

The contributions of this research are as follows:

1. For the English Teacher

Hopefully the teacher know the concept of Group Investigation and they will implement it for teaching learning process, so that the students will be more interested in learning English.
2. For the Students

By applying this method, hopefully the students will be able to make announcement easily.

3. For other Researcher

Hopefully the other researcher can improve the topic into the variant one, so the teaching learning process especially English subject will be more interesting and meaningful.