CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

English is one of International language which is used by a half most of people in the world. Indeed, in some countries English becomes a lesson for the students by the government. Some of the country makes a rule that their citizen should master English well. One of those countries is Indonesia, in which elementary students already started to learn English. Almost all of schools in Indonesia start from elementary school are required to learn English until they are in Senior High School.

There are four skills in English namely listening, speaking, reading and writing. Those skills has important role in English, one of them is speaking skill. Speaking has important role in English because we cannot neglect to speak to others in our daily life, even though we can communicate through writing. Through speaking, we can take and give the information we need at that time. In education especially English education, most of Indonesian students have problems when they are speaking English. Some factors that make it occurs is English not as their mother tongue so that make them to think twice while speak English. Moreover, there are still many problems that affecting the Indonesian students when they are speaking English. Particularly second semester English education department students in Muhammadiyah University of Purwokerto, they often facing problems while speak English.
Related with the explanation above, the writer wants to do the research about problems that affect the EFL Students in their speaking performance. Therefore, this research is needed with the title PROBLEMS AFFECTING EFL STUDENTS SPEAKING PERFORMANCE (A STUDY OF SECOND SEMESTER ENGLISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STUDENTS MUHAMMADIYAH UNIVERSITY OF PURWOKERTO ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017)

B. Reason for Choosing the Topic

Speaking is one of the important skills from other. Therefore, the students who are in English Education Department should be able to speak fluently, even though we know that to speak fluently we will find many problems. To prove that case, the writer will do the research entitled “Problems Affecting EFL Students Speaking Performance”.

C. Problem of the Study

The problem of this research is started by the question “what are the problems that affects the EFL students speaking performance?” and “what is the dominant problem that affects the EFL students speaking performance?”

D. Aim of the Study

This research is conducted to find out the problems that affecting EFL students speaking performance.
E. Contributions of the Study

By doing this research, the writer hopes that the result will be useful and helpful to inform the reader that there is some problem in speaking performances, therefore they should overcome it before speak.