

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

One of the popular Machine Translate commonly used is Google Translate. According to Maulida, H. (2017) Google translate is a treatment served by google Incorporation to translate text. As one of the products served by Google, Google Translate (GT) has become a renowned translation medium for language students.

Since English is still rated as a foreign language in Indonesia, Google Translate helps of Indonesian students even university students show to use GT to help them in learning English. Several courses often use google translate, according to Yanti and Meka (2019) they are the Reading Comprehension class, Writing Class and, Translation Class. As one of four crucial skills in English, writing is rated as a difficult skill for students to obtain (Al-Badi 2015). The reason behind this matter is since writing skill has lots of components that students require to master so that have a better writing performance, such as subject-verb agreement, word order, and diction. Moreover, first language transfer (Belkhir & Benyelles (2017), grammatical weakness (Huwari & Al-Khasawneh, 2013), the restricted number of vocabulary and idioms as well as less experienced with a second language (Salem (2007) are different reasons why students find writing difficult.

Furthermore, as a tool for translating in writing class, students need to know that Google Translate has advantages and disadvantages. Krisanti (2017) said that there are some of the advantages of using GT in learning English are the tool help students to translate word and provide them with the variation of

translation and the word class for that specific word. The advantages of GT can help students to make better writing. Meanwhile, in the same study, Krisanti (2017) also said about the disadvantages of GT. It said that there are some students found that Google Translate contain significant grammatical error because Google Translate uses the method based on language pair frequency rather than grammatical rules. With its advantages and disadvantages, it is interesting to know their perceptions about google translate which is still used in writing activities.

Understanding the research background, the researcher is interested in conducting a research entitled "Student's Perception on The Use of Google Translate for Assisting Students in Writing Class"

B. Reason of the Research

The reasons for choosing the research are: Writing is an important skill and must be mastered by foreign language learners, especially English Education Department's students. Google Translate is one machine translation that is used by most students to help them make good writing.

C. Research Question

Based on the research background, there is the main problem in this research: "What is the students' perception on the use of google translate for assisting students in writing class?"

D. Purpose of The Research

The research is purposed to describe the student's perception of the sixth-semester students in the English Education Department at Universitas Muhammadiyah Purwokerto on the utilization of google translate for assisting students in writing class.

E. Significance of Study

1. The Teacher/The Lecturers

This research provides information to teachers and lecturers about the students' perception of the utilization of Google Translate in Writing Class. The researcher hopes through this research, the teachers and lecturers can consider the benefits of analyzing the students' perception of using Google Translate and Writing Class.

2. Readers/Other Researcher

The researcher expects this research can be utilized as a reference for another researcher who tries to organize similar research dealing with analysis.

F. Clarification of Term

1. Perception

Perception can be clarified as our confession and exergies of sensory information. Perception authorizes us to take the sensory information in and make it into something purposeful. (Brown, 2001)

2. Writing

Ghaith, Dr. Ghazi. (2002) Said that writing can also be defined as a complex legal action that gives writers the freedom to express thoughts, ideas, as well as visible and concrete.

3. Google Translate

Turovksy (2016) said that Google Translate (GT) is an online machine translation made in 2006 by Google Inc.

4. Advantages and Disadvantages of Google Translate

Maulida.H (2017), there are several advantages and disadvantages of google translate are; an online translator, an online dictionary, reference for choosing synonym, translate vocabulary quickly, translating words without considering structure, change the meaning.

5. Aspect of Writing

Brown in 2001 categorizes the aspects of writing into six aspects: content, organization, discourse, syntax, vocabulary, and mechanics.

