

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Research

Listening is one of the language skills that is learned by the students in ELT class. As a language skill, listening is challenging for most students because they lack of listening English exposure. In fact, most teachers teach listening less portion than other language skills with some reasons such as the media, the facilities and the resources. This condition causes some problems to the students listening skills.

In this 21st century where technology is accessible and available, the education field is getting the merits of it. The accessibility of internet connection has opened opportunity for the students and the teachers to search for some valuable and relevant teaching and learning resources. Some website have created some teaching and learning resources that are intended to support teachers and students to learn. In addition, some agencies also developed some online applications that enable students and teachers to learn in more autonomous ways.

One application or online website that is free to access is ELLLO (English Listening Lesson Library Online) which contains some listening materials based on the level; from beginner to advanced level. ELLLO offers over 3,000 free listening activities. Teachers and students can access lessons for beginner, intermediate, and advanced learners (<https://www.elllo.org/>). With the involvement of ELLLO as one of the

learning resources students can explore new learning resources that are suitable for developing their listening skills.

ELLLO is an audio file provider site that can be accessed by streaming or downloading first. There are several features that can help students develop their listening skills such as the transcript feature in each audio. Another feature is a quiz, where every material available on the site will be included with several questions that test students' understanding. ELLLO is one of the media in ICT that teachers and students can use to help the learning process as an up-to-date resource. By categorizing the difficulty level of listening practice, ELLLO will significantly assist the identification process of students' ability to understand the questions after playing the audio file. In addition ELLLO also provides series of listening test for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level students. The teachers can use them to test their students listening comprehension levels. Teachers could simply select some testing materials in each level to be given to their students.

This study aims to measure students' listening skills using ELLLO testing standard. Why? Because measuring the student' listening comprehension level can give valuable information for the teachers for their reflection strategy. In addition, measuring the learning process. The evaluation results would be a good contribution for the improvements.

B. Research Questions

The problems of this study are formulated as follows:

- a. What is the listening comprehension level of high school students based on ELLLO's standard?
- b. What are the factors affecting the listening comprehension level of high school students?

C. Aim of Study

The objectives of this study are as follows:

- a. To measure the listening comprehension level of high school students based on the ELLLO standard.
- b. To identify the causal factors of the student's listening results.

D. Significance of the Study

The findings of this study is expected to contibute significantly to thefield of ELT especially in the teaching and learning listening.

- a. For Teachers

This research will give valuable information to the teachers related to the students listening comprehension level after tested using ELLLO testing model. The results could assist the teachers to plan the future programs and teaching activities to improve their students listening comprehension.

b. For Students

After knowing the results of their listening comprehension level, the students can make improvements of their listening skills by taking some relevant materials that can be downloaded or access from ELLLO websites



