

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Wardani (2015) said that vocabulary is one of the most important aspects of a language, because vocabulary will always appear in every language skills including listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Fatah (2019) also adding that vocabulary, in addition to grammar and pronunciation, is an important part of language to master. Vocabulary is basic knowledge that students need to succeed in life and communicate effectively. Communication will not bring comprehension until they learn the language and know the definitions of terms. It can be concluded from the statement that, vocabulary is a main factor in a language, because vocabulary will always exist and involved in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This suggests that a person's lack of ability for speaking is directly tied to their amount of vocabulary in learning English, if students master English vocabulary then they will also know how to put vocabulary in sentences (Virginia, 1983:4). Unfortunately, in reality there are still many students who do not have good ability in a vocabulary so they do not understand the meaning as well as putting the words in sentences. This case occurs because of the ineffective learning method or the teacher still uses traditional methods, therefore students experience boredom which results in a lack of ability memorizing what has been learned. Based on the

reasons above, the learning method must be changed in a more effective direction. For the example we can explore a media through the internet.

In this digital era, technology is increasing. Gadget is one the technology that is almost owned by many people and can be used according to their individual needs. The internet network contained in the gadget can be used to access various information and run applications such as the English learning application, namely Online dictionaries. Based on Cavus (2016), mobile learning in English can increase students' interest and enjoyment, and motivate them to learn English which is not easy to learn.

Based on Mustika (2021) said, Online Dictionary is an internet-based dictionary that can be used easily and effectively by students. This is because oline dictionary has function to find words or translate a sentences in a short time. Nowadays, there are many online dictionaries that available on the website and application store. It aims to support students' skill in learning languages especially English. Therefore, students' can easily master vocabulary using online dictionary.

B. Research of the Questions

Based on the above background, the researcher formulates the problem formulation of the research questions as follow:

1. What are the students' perceptions on the use of online dictionaries in learning vocabulary?
2. What are the online dictionaries that frequently used by students?

C. Aims of the Research

1. To find out students' perceptions on the use of online dictionaries in learning vocabulary.
2. To find out online dictionaries that frequently used by students.

D. Significant of the Research

It is hoped that the results of this study will be useful for readers or other researchers so that they can be used as research reference materials in accordance with this topic.

E. Clarification of Key Terms

There are several terms that will be used in this research. To clarify the meaning of those terms, this study includes clarification of those terms as follows:

1. Vocabulary

Vocabulary is a list of words that will be used by speakers of a language to communicate (Hatch et al, 1995:368). It means that vocabulary is consist of various words that we will use to communicate and can be adapted to the context of speech. Yudinseva, 2015 mention that vocabulary is one of the most important components of successful and meaningful communication in language. Therefore we must pay attention of the vocabulary and without vocabulary knowledge people not be able to learn any language. Min and Hsu, 2010 explain vocabulary learning is closely related to foreign laguages, then people should understand the

vocabulary and its meaning before assembling it into a complete sentence.

2. Online Dictionary

Online dictionaries are also called digital dictionaries which can be accessed by using the internet. According to (Zheng & Wang, 2016) it is said electronic dictionary is one of the newest inventions of dictionary that enables the user to search words quickly. From the statement above, online dictionaries will have a good impact on students learning english. There are many factors that influence the online dictionaries to become more popular. According to Truong (2012), he claimed that many dictionary users prefer online over paper dictionaries because of their speed and convenience

3. TAM (Technology Acceptance Model)

The success of a technology is acceptable to society. Jogyanto (2005) explain an information system technology that has success is not only considered to be able to process input and produce information properly, but is also determined by its suitability with the environment such as people can accept and use it. It means that technology is said to be unsuccessful if it is unacceptable or even reluctant to use it. According to Paviou (cited in the journal Firdaus, A, 2012, p. 32), mention Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) has two variables namely perceived ease of use and perceived usefulness. Both of those variables are a person's feelings in using technology.