

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Research.

Now we are living in modern technology era. Our live is fulfilled by computer entirely. A smart, compact, small device that is capable to help almost of all our activity. It means that computer has become our daily need.

Computer is an electronic machine which is used for storing, organizing, and finding words, numbers and also pictures, for doing calculations and for controlling other machines. (Electronic Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary 2003: Version 1.0)

Computer and information systems are an integrated part of business and society today. Educated people must be able to operate computer and understand information processing in order to function in their professional and private lives. (Lucas, 19986: 4).

As it has been cited by Lucas, educated people are obligated to be able to operate computer and understand many information on it. Mastering computer is necessary since it has a main role in processing and informing the information. But, English become a simple obstruction in mastering computer. Because almost all of the information, programs, commands in computer is written in English.

Students need a sufficient vocabulary dealing with some program commands in operating computer. So it is better for teachers and students to

know some common vocabularies in computer before we operate it. By knowing them simultaneously before, automatically the students or teachers will be able to apply them in operating computer appropriately. So they will operate computer well by understanding all the computers' program commands.

Based on writer's teaching practice in SMPN I Kalibagor on August 2009, there were many students who still confused or felt difficult in operating computer because they didn't have a good vocabulary of computer, so the writer wanted to know second grade students' vocabulary competence in operating computer at SMPN I Kalibagor in the Academic Year 2009/ 2010.

### **B. Reason for Choosing the Topic.**

The writer would like to know how good the students' vocabulary competence in using computer. Based on his teaching practice in SMPN I Kalibagor, the writer found that there were still many students couldn't operate computer well, although computer subject/ T. I. K have been taught to them since they were in first grade.

### **C. Problem of the Research**

The focus of this Thesis is the students' vocabulary competence in operating computer program and the problem was how good the students' vocabulary competence in operating computer program?

#### **D. The Aim of the Research**

The aim of the research is to know how well the students' of SMPN I Kalibagor vocabulary competence in operating computer program.

#### **E. Limitation of Problem**

The writer limits the study in operating Microsoft Office Word program by the second grade students of SMPN I Kalibagor.

#### **F. Clarification of the Terms**

The title of this thesis is "A STUDY ON STUDENTS' VOCABULARY COMPETENCE IN OPERATING COMPUTER". (A descriptive study at the second grade of SMPN I Kalibagor, Banyumas Academic Year 2009/2010)

The Clarification of the Terms as follow:

##### 1. Study

In Electronic Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary (2003: Version 1.0), Study means when somebody learn about a subject, usually at school or university.

##### 2. Vocabulary Competence

###### a. Vocabulary

In New Grolier International Dictionary, vocabulary means the stock of words used by people, or by a particular class or person; a list

of collection of a word of a language, book, author, branch of science, or the like; a wordbook, glossary, dictionary, or lexicon.

b. Competence

According to Ramelan (1992: 46) competence means person's knowledge of the mastery of the system of rules of his language.

From the definition above, the writer concluded that Vocabulary competence meant an ability to make up a language with all the words which exist in a particular language or subject that was used by people, or by a particular class or person.

3. Operating Computer

a. Operating

In Oxford Learners Pocket Dictionary (2003: 298), operating comes from the word operate that means use or control a machine or make it works.

b. Computer

Computer is electronic device for storing, analyzing, and producing information, for making calculations, or controlling machines (Oxford University Press, 1995: 81).

So, operating computer meant to operate or control an electronic device that was capable in calculating, storing, analyzing, and producing information.

## G. Contribution of the Research

The writer expects that this research can give the contribution either for the teacher or the students.

### 1. Contribution for the Teacher:

- a. To inform about their students' competence in operating Microsoft Office Word.
- b. To inspire teacher in order to upgrade their teaching method especially in giving a sufficient computer vocabulary in teaching computer.

### 2. Contribution for the Students:

- a. Students can get a sufficient computer vocabulary by knowing their competence in using it.
- b. Students can get some inputs on their problems in using computer vocabulary, so they can operate computer well.