

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presented the background of the research which explicates the reasons the researcher conducted the research. Furthermore, it also contains problems, objectives, the significance, also scope and limitations of the research. Last, the definitions of key terms are provided to avoid misunderstanding.

A. The Background of the Study

On March 24, 2020, the Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia issued Circular Letter Number 4 of 2020 concerning the Implementation of Education Policies in an Emergency for the Spread of Covid-19. The circular explains that the learning process must be carried out at home through online or distance learning. To overcome this problem, teachers must be able to master technology to help students understand the material. This will encourage students to think broadly and deeply about the subject that they study (Susan, 2010).

The existence of the Covid-19 pandemic requires educational institutions to innovate in the teaching, one of the innovations is by conducting online course. Online teaching is a way to increase the variety of learning processes. The use of information technology can help in the teaching process. Teachers can utilize this information technology to carry out an online course. Determining the accuracy of choosing the media will affect the effectiveness and efficiency of the teaching (Susan, 2010).

According to Ricki (2005) online teaching is a studying or training activities by distance and utilizing telecommunications technology, for example, is using the internet to access the WhatsApp or Zoom application. Teaching is fundamentally a process, including planning, implementation, evaluation and revision. The goal of implementing the teaching strategy is very dependent on the way the teacher uses the teaching method in each subject because for students each subject has different difficulties. Hence, the level of difficulty needs to be studied further, to find a better solution for onwards. Chiefly to assist teachers in carrying out the teaching process. In this case, it depends on how the teach teachers especially on determining the methods and media used by the teacher in carrying out the teaching process (Hamalik, 2004)

According to C. Roland (1991), cited from book by Michel H (2006) said that teaching can be defined as engagement with learners to enable their understanding and application of knowledge, concepts and processes. It includes design, content selection, delivery, assessment and reflection. To teach is to engage students in learning, thus teaching consists of getting students involved in the active construction of knowledge. A teacher requires not only knowledge of subject matter, but knowledge of how students learn and how to transform them into active learners.

Teaching English in high school aims to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes. In this case, that students must be active in learning process (Susan, 2010). From the description above, it can be seen that English is a fairly calculated subject. Based on short interview with a teacher and articles quoted by dapokemdikbud.go.id

stated that SMAN 1 Plosoklaten Kediri implements a double track system, which means that combines high school and vocational high school learning methods so that when students graduate will receive two certificates.

Based on the result of observation obtained data that teaching activities in SMAN 1 Plosoklaten Kediri it found that the implementation of online teaching has been carried out pretty good, the teaching process is carried out online with an application that connects teachers and students. This is support with previous study conducted by NadifUlfa (2020) the condition of facilities and infrastructure by students and teachers is sufficient to describe the readiness to implement online learning. It can be concluded that online learning requires good cooperation between teachers and students, so that the online learning process can runwell.

Education is an absolute necessity for all mankind, without education humans cannot develop. Following the goals of National Education No. 20 of 2003 concerning the National Education System states that education is an effort to create an atmosphere of learning, so that students actively develop their potential to have religious-spiritual strength, self-control, intellectual personality, noble character and skills needed by themselves, society, the nation and country (Susan, 2010)

Currently, the world is being shaken by the Corona Virus Disease 2019 outbreak, or what we usually call Covid-19 which originated from the city of Wuhan, China. This virus has attacked 216 countries including Indonesia. Globally, the number of patients who confirmed positive was 166,492 and died 32,381 (Covid-19.go.id). Therefore, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia

established Large-Scale Social Restrictions (PSBB) as an effort to prevent the Covid-19 virus. This is because the spread of this virus is very fast and easy. The transmission of the Covid-19 virus can be through coughs and sneezes of an infected person, as well as small droplets from the nose or mouth. By implementing large-scale social issues, encouraging the government to issue policies for the implementation of education in Indonesia so that the learning process continues. Thus, learning and teaching activities can run well and in normal conditions (Cordelia, 2021).

SMAN 1 Plosoklaten Kediri is one of the high schools that implements this policy. The policy that is made by the principal regarding online teaching was carried out to reduce the spread of the Covid-19. Based on this situation, the researchers wanted to know the implementation of Covid-19 on online teaching activities at SMAN 1 Plosoklaten Kediri. Therefore, Researcher is interested in taking the title "The Online Teaching English Activities During Covid-19"

B. Research Questions

Based on the background study above, the researcher formulates the statement of the problem as follow: "How is the implementation of online teaching English during the Covid-19 pandemic?"

C. The Objectives of The Study

Related the statement of the problem, the objectives of the study to delineate the implementation of online teaching English during the Covid-19 pandemic.

D. The Significance of The Study

The results of the research are expected to give significant input to the following:

Theoretically, This study is supposed to be used as study material and reference in the development of education sciences. Practically, this research is expected to be a reference or input for teachers to further enhance their teaching activities.

E. The Scope and Limitation of The Study

The scope of this study focuses on describing how the implementation in online teaching activities in English course at SMAN 1 Plosoklaten Kediri in the 2020/2021 academic year during the Covid-19 and the limitation only observation with two English teachers.

F. The Definition of Key Terms

The definition of key terms is intended to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation. Therefore, the researcher would like to describe the terms used in this research.

1. Online Teaching

Online teaching is the process of educating others on virtual platforms. This type of teaching involves live classes, video conferencing, webinars, and other online tools. The online applications are developed and designed to facilitate easy learning and better understanding. In online teaching all forms of planning, process and evaluation are distributed online (Beth, 2020).

2. English as Foreign Language

English as a foreign language is generally used in countries where students study English at schools or institutions as tourists or business people in the target language country (Harmer, 2015).

3. Covid-19 pandemic

Pandemic means an outbreak of a disease that attacks many victims simultaneously in various countries. Meanwhile, in the case of Covid-19, The World Health Agency (WHO) has declared this disease a pandemic because all citizens of the world have the potential to be infected by the Covid-19. It was started from the city of Wuhan, China then spread to several other countries. This virus causes infections of the respiratory tract (Covid-19.go.id).

