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## ABSTRACT

**Alfionita, Vinny Desasri (2017) : The Correlational between Students' Self-regulated Learning and their Vocabulary Mastery toward their Ability in Writing Simple Sentence of Simple Present Tense at the Eighth Grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.**

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This research was aimed to find out a correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang. The hypothesis of this research was that whether there was a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

The number of population was 101 students. The researcher used convenience sampling technique. To choose the sample, the researcher took the sample who are conveniently available participate in this study. Thirty students became sample of try out, and thirty students became sample of real test.

The researcher gathered the data by using self-regulated learning questionnaire, vocabulary mastery test and writing test. To analyze the data the researcher used the Pearson Product Moment Formula and Multiple Correlation Formula.

After analyzing the data, the researcher found that, the self-regulated learning at the eight grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang was moderate (73.33%), their vocabulary mastery was moderate (70%) and their writing was moderate (76.67%). For the coefficient correlation, first the value of coefficient correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple sentence of simple present was no significant ( $t_{\text{counted}} 1.867 < t_{\text{table}} 2.048$ ). Second, the value of coefficient correlation between students' vocabulary mastery and their ability writing simple sentence of simple present was a significant ( $t_{\text{counted}} 2.3 > t_{\text{table}} 2.048$ ). Third, the value of coefficient of correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense was a significant ( $f_{\text{counted}} 17.56 > f_{\text{table}} 3.35$ )  $\alpha$  0.05 and the degree of freedom (df)  $n-k-1$  (27).

Therefore, the relationship between three variables self-regulated learning, vocabulary mastery, and writing simple sentence of simple present tense was significant. It means that the alternative hypothesis stating "there is a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang" was accepted. It can be concluded that there was a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In this chapter, the researcher discusses the background of the problem, the identification of the problem, the limitation of the problem, the formulation of the problem, research questions, the formulation hypotheses, the purpose of the study, the significance of the study, and the definition of the key terms.

#### **1.1 Background of the Problem**

Language is very important tool of communication use to communicate between two or more people in carrying out their daily activities and has main role. In globalization era as the when people in the world are living “force” the people indirectly to learn English as an internasional language. According to McKay (2010), suggest that through the phenomena of the English-globalization connection, the notion of incentive is among the “many pull factors that entice learners to learn English”. She observes English is used both in a global sense for international communication between countries and in a local sense as a language of wider communication within multilingual societies. English becomes one of the important subject that students should learn at school in Indonesia.

In learning English, like many other languages there are four skills that should be mastered by the students. They are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. According to Bromley (2007), writing is a means of expressing or communicating in print, which involves the interaction of cognitive and physical factors. One of the readers is students. Writing is one of the most

important language skills which students should master. As we know, writing becomes an alternative way to share our mind, feelings and so on. Sometimes, people do not have the ability to speak well but they can share their thought and feelings by writing. In the other words, writing is a very important role in many contexts of life especially in school because almost everyday the students will write ideas to complete their tasks. The students should be able to write sentence, paragraph, and essay. They should consider about some aspect and components of writing in order to make their writing become meaningful and good.

Based on the interview with teacher at SMP Negeri 40 Padang, the students studied writing simple sentence. Simple present tense is a sentence to express an action, activities that happening now, or the activities that happen repeatedly, habitual activities (Lado, 2008:8). The simplest form of simple sentence can consist of one subject and one verb (Luke, 2013). Unfortunately, many students always find difficulties in writing a sentence. It is because English has its own rules of grammar and vocabulary mastery.

In English we also know about language components. There are some language components such as vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. To make a good writing, students should master in grammar and vocabulary. As a language component, grammar has important role in every language aspects especially in writing. Students are expected to write a good grammatical sentences to express their idea. According to Harmer in Pranata (2013:19), grammar is a set of rule that defines how words (part of word) are combined or changed to form acceptable units of meaning within a language. Based on Ur (2006:4) says grammar may be roughly defined as the way a language manipulates and combines words (or bits

of words) in order to form units of meaning. There are 16 grammars in English, such as: simple present tense, simple past tense, simple future tense, etc.

The students should have knowledge about grammar one of them in simple present tense to have a good ability in writing. Simple present tense is used for an action that happens regularly or is a permanent situation that we usually do. It can be a habit or fact. Eastwood in Pranata (2013:14) states that simple present tense is used for expressing the repeated actions, thought, feelings, states, permanent facts and routine. In fact there are many students who still do not master it. They still confuse to make a sentence that is grammatically acceptable. There is a factor that make the students do not master it that is their vocabulary mastery.

Vocabulary is one of the language components that is more important than others. The reason is that in English we should learn four skills, and without having sufficient store of vocabulary it is impossible to master such four skills in English. According to Barnhart (2008:697), vocabulary is stock of words used by person, class of people, profession, etc. Vocabulary is the total number of words in a language. In English as a second language (ESL) and English as a foreign language (EFL) learning vocabulary items plays a vital role in all language skills (i.e. listening, speaking, reading, and writing (Nation, 2011)). In a word vocabulary has important role in language. It is a part of language components that should be learned in order to be good at English.

Zimmerman and Bandura in Martha (2016:14), studied self-efficacy beliefs and academic achievement along with self-regulation, academic goals and self-standards and its impact on achievement in writing. Pintrich's in Mezei

(2008:81) states self-regulated learning is that it is an active, constructive process where by learners set goals for their learning and then attempt to monitor, regulate, and control their cognition, motivation, and behavior, guided and constrained by their goals and the contextual features in the environment. These self-regulatory activities can mediate the relationships between individuals and the context, and their overall achievement. Self-regulated learning has to do with *management* of motivation, behavior, and cognition in the school setting. Self-regulated learning has four phases: planning, monitoring, control or management, and reflection/reaction. According to Inan (2013:2), self-regulated learning is defined as a process in which learners regulate their cognition, motivation and behaviour actively. What characterizes self-regulating students is their active participation in learning from the metacognitive, motivational and behaviour point of view (Zimmerman in Bramucci, 2013:5) . Thus self-regulated learning involves more than a straight forward ability to carry out learning responses autonomously (such as self-control) or adapting responses to new circumstances or changing conditions in response to negative feedback (Bramucci, 2013:6). It can be said that self-regulated learning is a process to help students' to manage their mind, behaviour and emotional to get their learning achievement succesfully.

Based on some opinions above, the reseacher concluded that Self-regulated learning has to do with *management* of motivation, behavior, and cognition in the school setting. Self-regulated learning has four phases: planning, monitoring, control or management, and reflection/reaction.

Based on informal interview with Mrs. Reni Andriani, S.Pd., an English teacher at SMP Negeri 40 Padang on 05 October,2016, she said that most of the

students can't do the writing optimally yet. It was very difficult for the students to express their ideas in writing because it is a foreign language. Sometimes they didn't know how to express their ideas, because they didn't have more vocabularies. Their interest in English are also less. Their structures were not good. Both their performance and motivation of writing was low or not satisfied. It indicated that there was the existence of problem in student's writing ability. One of the problem was the students' capability to do writing, whether they were able to write or not. In fact many student did not achieve the KKM in English test especially in vocabulary test and writing simple sentence of simple present tense test. It was indicated by the data from the result of their daily examination of the odd semester 2016. It can be seen in table 1.1.

**Table 1.1: Students' score in writing Eight Grade Students at SMP Negeri 40 Padang**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name of class</b>	<b>Number of students who achieve KKM</b>	<b>Number of students who not achieve KKM</b>
<b>1</b>	VIII.1	14	20
<b>2</b>	VIII.2	18	16
<b>3</b>	VIII.3	17	16
$\Sigma$	3 Classes	49	52
<b>Mean</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>

Based on the explanation above , the researcher wanted to know whether there is a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eight grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang. The researcher was interested in conducting a study about it, entitled "*The correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their*

*ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang”.*

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Writing is a very important role in many contexts of life especially in school because almost everyday the students will write ideas to complete their tasks. Bromley (2007) writing is a means of expressing or communicating in print, which involves the interaction of cognitive and physical factors.

Writing plays an important role for students who are in the process of learning a language. In the junior high school, students are required to learn to write different sentences. In English has four sentences, there are simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex. Glencoe and Hill in Wirman (2016: 4) state that a simple sentence has one complete subject and complete predicate. A compound sentence has two or more simple sentences or main clauses. A complex sentence contains a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. A compound-complex sentence has more than one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

According to Davidson in Arba'in (2011:16) simple present tense is used to talk about something that is happening at around about the time of speaking or about situation that will only last for a limited period of time. He also explains that simple present tense is used rather than the present continuous tense to describe actions that are happening at the time. As one of language feature to write a simple sentence, the students are required to master it. If they cannot master it, it will be difficult for them to write a simple sentence.

According to Barnhart ( 2008:697 ), vocabulary is stock of words used by person, class of people, profession, etc. In a word vocabulary has important role in language. It is a part of language components that should be learned in order to be good at English.

According to Woltres (2006:3), Self-regulated learning is an active, constructive process whereby learners set goals for their learning and then attempt to monitor, regulate, and control their cognition, motivation, and behavior, guided and constrained by their goals and the contextual features in the environment.

### **1.3 Limitation of the problem**

Due to the broad scope of this study, the researcher limits her study on students' self-regulated learning (cognition, motivation, and behaviour) , vocabulary mastery (pronouns, nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs), and students' ability in writing simple sentence (simple present tense nominal sentence and verbal sentence). The researcher chose the eighth grade students at SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

### **1.4 Formulation of the problem**

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the researcher formulates the problem of the research as follows : “ *is there any significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang?*”



### **1.5 Research Questions**

Based on the formulation above, the researcher formulates the specific of questions of this study as follow:

- 1) How is the correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang?
- 2) How is the correlation between students' vocabulary mastery and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang?
- 3) How is the correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang?

### **1.6 Hypothesis**

Based on formulation of the problem, the hypotheses of this research as follows:

Alternative hypothesis:

(Ha<sub>1</sub>) : There is a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning with their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

(Ha<sub>2</sub>) : There is a significant correlation between students' vocabulary mastery with their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

(Ha<sub>3</sub>) : There is a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

Null hypotheses:

(Ho<sub>1</sub>) : There is no significant correlation between students' self- regulated learning and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

(Ho<sub>2</sub>) : There is no significant correlation between students' vocabulary mastery and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

(Ho<sub>3</sub>) : There is no significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense at the eight grade of SMP Negeri 40 Padang.

### **1.7 Purposes of the Research**

- 1) To find out whether the correlation between students' self-regulated learning and writing simple sentence of simple present tense is significant or not.
- 2) To find out whether the correlation between students' vocabulary mastery and writing simple sentence of simple present tense is significant or not.

- 3) To find out whether the correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery toward their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense is significant or not.

### **1.8 Significances of the Research**

The researcher hopes this research can give advantages to English teacher and students in research. For English teacher, they will know whether there is a significant correlation between students' self-regulated learning and their vocabulary mastery towards their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense and this study can be used to help teaching students' self regulate learning and their vocabulary and their ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense. So, the students can be easier to understand it. For students, they will get information from this research about students' self-regulated learning, vocabulary mastery, and ability in writing simple sentence of simple present tense. Furthermore, it is hoped to give positive influences to students in their English.

The last for the next researcher, this research can be reference for other studing that relate to students self-regulated learning, vocabulary , and writing simple sentence of simple present tense.

### **1.9 Definition of the Key Terms**

To avoid misunderstanding words, the researcher provides the definition of key terms that is used in this research as follows:

- 1) A correlational research design is a specific type of non-experimental design used to describe the relationship between or among variables.

- 2) Self-regulated learning is defined as a process in which learners regulate their cognition, motivation and behaviour actively.
- 3) Vocabulary is a list of words that is used by speaker or writer to give their ideas or opinion.
- 4) Writing is expressing of our ideas in writing form.
- 5) Simple sentence is a group of words that contains at least one subject and predicate and it expresses a complete thought.
- 6) Simple present tense is a sentence to express an action, activities that happening now, or the activities that happen repeatedly, habitual activities.