

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

English Language Learning in the community have a very important role in the world of education. Because the English language can be likened to the key to mastering science. Then the application of English learning have been applied at an early age. Where learning English is done through tutoring by governess. There are also lessons that are carried out in kindergarten and elementary school. English Language Learning is the steps where the learners explore all their competence to think, feel, and action.

In general, studying English in college, they learn about conversation using English. The discussion is in English. At certain university, in general, there are certain days or schedules that require students to use English throughout the day. Learning English is usually done in the classroom. But along with progress in information and technology, the Development of Education in Indonesia is increasingly changing, especially in the scope of University in Indonesia, which are current implementing online English Learning.

When COVID-19 began to spread at Indonesia in 2019, during the pandemic it affected the learning process in Indonesia. Then learning English during the pandemic period in terms of implementation or teaching and learning activities carried out was no longer like in previous years which were still face-to-face in the classroom. At this time, learning has shifted to online learning. Whether it's

learning at school or at university. Online learning that is carried out through applications includes WhatsApp, Google Classroom and Zoom.

In the past, not many institutions implemented online learning both at school and on campus. As long as attended lectures on lecturing at Sintuwu Maroso University, learning is always carry out offline and the assignments are given online via google classroom but it's only occasionally and only a few lectures applied it. English language learning at Sintuwu Maroso University in previous years it was still done in the classroom. But when the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak spread to Indonesia, especially in Poso City, the government made a policy to social distancing and learning to be done at home. Then Sintuwu Maroso University had fully implemented online learning or what was called DARING (in the network), especially English Language Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education. English Learning at Sintuwu Maroso University, especially in the English Language Education Study Program, is required to use online learning such as, batch of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020. In the English Language Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, from 2019 already using the NEO LMS application. Online learning is usually done through the WhatsApp application, Email, Google Classroom and Zoom application. By using them the students continue to communicate with lecturers even though they are not face to face directly.

Everyone has certain attitudes, there are positive and negative attitudes in dealing with learning English. Whether it is like a behavior of someone in interacting or responding to an action or through in communication. Attitude

refers to in learning is to able to accept lessons to have been explained by the teacher. The positive attitudes is Individuals who have a positive attitude will pay attention to the good, rather than bad in people, situations, events. The negative attitudes is people with a negative attitude ignore the good and pay attention to the bad in people, situations, events.

The researcher chooses this title because the researcher is interested to find out more about what are the students attitudes toward English language learning during pandemic time at Sintuwu Maroso University.

B. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the background the researcher state the problem is:
What are the students' attitudes toward English language learning during pandemic time at Sintuwu Maroso University?

C. Objectives of the Research

Based on research problem the researcher states the objectives of the research to find out the students' attitudes toward English language learning during pandemic time at Sintuwu Maroso University.

D. Significances of the Research

The significances of this research are in the following:

- 1). For teacher, it can improve the learning process after knowing how the student attitude towards English learning.
- 2). For students, can add insight or knowledge about the attitude toward English lessons.
- 3). For future researcher, this research can support as a references or related study to do the same research in the future and can to be a new reference.

E. Scope of the Research

This research focuses on the students' attitudes in learning English on the uneven semester Faculty of Teacher Training and Education of the 2020/2021 academic year at Sintuwu Maroso University. The study uses theory from Stark et all (2013) to describe the attitudes of students toward English language learning.