

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

The learning process that goes well will provide good learning outcomes and become a foundation for the success of teachers and students themselves, on the other hand, a learning process that doesn't go well, of course, the learning outcomes can be predicted. Therefore teachers are required to carry out the learning process as well as possible so that learning objectives can be achieved. Success is also not solely caused by the learning process but nevertheless should not underestimate the learning process. Teachers and students are the main subjects when the learning process takes place.

The Corona pandemic had a strong influence on the learning process. This happened because the government gave regulations for learning from home. Students and teachers do not carry out the learning process in schools but at homes. Learning activities are carried out using communication tools or meeting but the teacher comes to the students' houses from house to house and then carries out the teaching and learning process.

The teaching and learning process using communication tools has been carried out for the last 18 months in SMP Negeri 1 Poso. That is what is known as Distance Learning. The intended communication tool is a mobile phone/hanphone connected to the internet. Apart from communication tools, some

teachers or students also use a laptop or PC and handphone which is also connected to an internet connection. If the internet connection is not available or is disconnected, the teacher and students cannot access the material or meet the teacher face to face with distance learning.

Distance learning really good for every students because the students only stay at home and learn their material from home. There are many things did by the teacher to conduct distance learning, for example the teacher made video and send it to the students through the media computer or handphone, the teacher send the students activities, the teacher send the instructional of learning through social media. There is also plat form of distance learning that help the learning process for example whatsapp. The students join the class when they conected to the internet.

Based on the result of interviews with the teachers (BQ) at SMP Negeri 1 on October 6, 2020, it is known that the school has been conducting distance learning since the obligation of learning from home rules. The teacher send material and learning technique that has been caried out through online media or whatsapp. The material was sent will be learnt by the students. The teacher asked them to read and doing the exercise. If there is any problems, the teacher inform them to give questions. In that media the teacher also send the assignment to do by the students. The teacher give the students some of average time to submit their assignment. The teacher will ask to their students to make teamwork in doing assigment. Beside that the teacher will also ask to the student if they get problems

with their task. the conditions that faced by the teacher were that some of students didn't submit their assignment, the students didn't call the teacher if they have any problem, the students' didn't tell the teacher if they understand the material or not and sometime the teacher difficult to know why the students didn't enroll in chat when the teacher make the conversation according to the material.

The process of distance learning using online media occurred difficulties of students, especially in teaching and the learning activity. The students didn't join in online learning actively. If the students involved the teaching and learning process with actively, the students will understand the material easily. Difficulty is the barrier or the problems that students faced by and become the reason when they followed distance learning of English subject.

The researcher interested to know what were the difficulties faced by the students that become the students didn't enroll the class actively. The researcher conducted the research focus on the difficulties faced by the students in the distance learning at SMP Negeri 1 Poso. The distance learning was implemented by the school during the pandemic of Corona Virus 19. The title of the research was: Describing students' difficulties in Distance Learning of English Subject at SMP Negeri 1 Poso

B. Problem Formulation

Based on the background above the researcher formulated a problem formulation:

“What are the difficulties faced by the Students’ in Distance Learning of English subject at SMP Negeri 1 Poso?”

C. Objectives of the Research

The objectives of the research was to find out the difficulties faced by the students in Distance Learning of English subject at SMP Negeri 1 Poso

D. Scope of the Research

The scope of the study was the researcher focus on the teaching and learning process in distance learning. When the students enroll in distance learning they faced some condition different students faced different condition in learning. In this occasion the research focus on the difficulty condition faced by the students in distance learning during the pandemi Corona in SMP Negeri 1 Poso in 2020 when the students has the obligation to learn from home using the platform of distance learning. The research focus on the learning process through distance learning of English subject that has been implementing last semester faced by the students at SMP Negeri 1 Poso.

E. Significances of Research

The result of this research is expected give benefits to:

1. To the students, the learning will be improve to get more benefits in achieved the the goal of learning English during onlinelearning.
2. To the teacher, to prepare some efforts of improving their teaching and

learning process of the English subjects by online learning.

3. To the school, to give the students and teacher complete tools and infrastructure if they are difficult to achieve the goal of teaching and learning process by online learning.

F. Definition of Terms

1. Difficulties : The things that hard to do, as the barrier, the problem faced in online learning of English Subject.
2. Distance Learning: The way students involved in teaching and learning process on their subject of English by some online platform that used in their school.
3. Students: The person who learn and registered in SMP Negeri 1 Poso Kota



