

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. BACKGROUND

On the onset, English is the language popular within British people, namely England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and the other state United States, Canada, Australia, although, there are distinction appeared in their dialect and pronunciation. Further, during the process of history, this language gradually changing, English has become an international language widely spread all over the world as language for communicating. Even, in Asia continent, many country has applied this language as a second language, such as; Singapore, Malay, Brunei, Philippines and India.

Even though, English is the same language within all the countries applied, pronunciation is something to be highlighted. Pronunciation is a way of speaking in a language by using certain sounds. When talking with people, the pronunciation should not be underestimated. If we say an unclear sentence, it will definitely be difficult for the listener to hear what we are saying.

In English pronunciation, there are fricatives, one of which is labiodental. Labiodental are sounds made by the lower lip and upper teeth. When pronouncing, sometimes students got confused. They found that there were many problems with learning English, especially labiodental. They are difficult and don't know them well. It is difficult for students to place the vocal organs in the correct position. They are Initial, Medial, and Final position. Moreover, in the English pronunciation system, each individual's pronunciation mode has multiple pronunciation modes due to various factors such as origin, initial influence, and social environment. Therefore, many English linguists provide detailed description of one form of English pronunciation, which at least can be easily understand by the English Speaking environment, although not standard.

An Indonesian learner have difficulties to pronounce English sounds, although they got an English subject at University but they cannot make a pronounce sounds well. In University students learnt many English subject for understand only without to understand about pronunciation every English sounds well outside classroom. They did not realized that it would be such a big deal when they spoke. In fact, without correct pronunciation, speakers will make it difficult for listeners to pronounce sounds.

In addition, there is some speech articulation. One of them is Labiodental. Labiodental is formed by the down lip and the upper front teeth. the sounds produced by the lifting of the lower lip to the upper front teeth, such as the first consonant sound in a word (Five, dive, ), etc. In pronouncing it, some students find it difficult to distinguish between sounds and voiceless sounds such as (Laugh and Love). The word (Laugh=la:f) has a consonant (f) at the end of the sound, while the word (Love=lav) has a consonant (v) at the end of the sound. It will be misunderstood by listeners if the speaker cannot distinguish between consonants (f) and (v).

Based on these problems, the researchers focused to research on “Students’ difficulties in pronouncing labiodental sounds of 4th semester students of English department at SintuwuMaroso University. The researcher found that the factors of difficulty in pronouncing labiodental sounds were; less knowledge of students about the English sound system, and the environment is not supported.

## **B. Problem of The Research**

The problem of this research is:

1. What factors experienced by the 4th semester students of English Department in pronouncing English Labiodental sounds?

## C. Objectives of The Research

Based on the statement of the research problem, the objectives of the research are formulated underneath :

1. To find out the factors experienced by the 4th semester students' at English Department in pronouncing English labiodental sound

## D. Significances of The Research

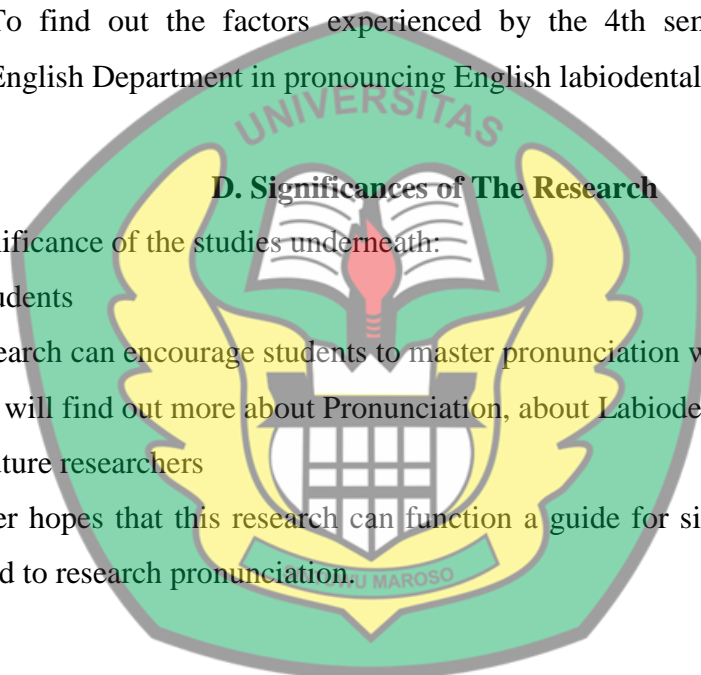
The significance of the studies underneath:

1. for students

This research can encourage students to master pronunciation well. it is hoped that students will find out more about Pronunciation, about Labiodental.

2. For future researchers

the writer hopes that this research can function a guide for similarly researchers who need to research pronunciation.



## E. Scope of The Research

This study made a speciality of finding the problem difficulties in pronouncing sounds, specially Labiodental in 4th semester college students of English at Sintuwu Maroso university. in step with Dalton and Seidlhofer (in Machackova 2012), there are two methods how pronunciation as a big sound manufacturing may be characterized underneath. First, sound is vital due to the fact it's miles used as a language. we will talk by means of generating sounds and repeating speech. second, sound is vital due to the fact it's far used to attain the reason of the use of context. Code combines with different elements to make communication. we can communicate about pronunciation via reference when talking.

## F. Definitions of Key Terms

Definition of key terms, they are underneath:

### 1. Difficulty

College students have issue in pronouncing Labiodental sounds. on this look at, trouble method the trouble experienced by means of 4th semester English college students when they analyze and pronounce sounds

### 2. Pronunciation

Pronunciation is part of speaking, in studying how to pronounce in English, listening competencies also are needed because when the other man or woman speaks we can digest their speech and additionally pay attention different vocabularies here comes a labiodental sound.