**PROMOTING LEARNER INTEREST on ENGLISH WRITING THROUGH ENGLISH QUOTES**

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**Abstract**

As a foreign language, some students find difficulties to learn English at school. An attractive media such as English Quotes are expected to increase learners’ interest in English writing. Thirty participants who are active users of social media are asked to answer several question through questionnaire and interview. The result shown that English Quotes help the participants to learn English accidentally. Since they only read what are they interested in, they enjoyed the process and do not feel burden to do it. When they find unfamiliar words, they are pleased to search the meaning through both online and offline dictionary. As a result, it can increase their vocabulary. Last but not least, after they already understood of the meaning, they tried to rewrite and posted it in their social media status, thus it help them increase their interest in writing.

Key Words: Learners’ interest, Writing, English Quotes

**INTRODUCTION**

English is a language that became an international language, and it is spoken worldwide. Brumfit (2001, P. 35) said that English is an international language that it is the most widespread medium of international communication. Based on Hornby (2005, P. 506) English is the language originally of England, now spoken in many other countries and use as a language of international communication throughout the world. English is important because it is a common language which is used between people of different nationalities when they meet while doing business, being international students, going on vacation in the other countries, and so on. It is proved by a survey thatEnglish has been being used by many people in this world. About 20 percent of the world's population speaks English as a first or secondary language, about 1.5 billion people. If you include people who use it, that brings the estimate up to about a third of the world, or more than 2 billion of the world's 7.6 billion people (2017). Only about 360 million people speak it as their first language, though. "There are now estimated to be 1.5 billion English speakers globally: 375 million who speak English as their first language, 375 million as a second language and 750 million who speak English as a foreign language," noted Tony Reilly in "English Changes Lives," in Britain's The Sunday Times.

As a foreign language, Indonesian students learn English started from elementary school until university. Reading and listening are two skills which is usually used in national examination of junior and senior high school. While speaking and writing are skills which never be tested nationally, yet locally. It is believed that those two productive skills are the key of communication. In this era, English writing is one of the skills which is often used for doing a test. Moreover Indonesia now often doing a collaboration, cooperation with others countries which speak English. There are many tests that use English writing as a way of doing selection or for showing some knowledge of people just like the selection of entering school, university, even for entering the company and so on. Based on Rivers (1981, p. 294), writing is conveying information or expression of original ideas in a consecutive way in the new language. Brown, (2001, p. 336) claimed that writing is a thinking process. He also states that writing can be planned and given with an unlimited number of revisions before its release. In fact, it is very important and students need to master writing skill wherever they study, wherever they work. Thereforthey have to train their ability in writing. The question is how to study writing? How totrain our writing ability? To what extent our writing ability? How to teach writing to the student? We have to know all about it and we have to realize it.

In Indonesia the students still have some difficulties to write in English, the problem is due to the lack of English knowledge. In addition, Maharsi (2007) shown that students of IP (International Program) FTI (Faculty of Technology Industry) at IUI (Islamic University of Indonesia) experienced the stages of the writing process with limited knowledge of writing skills. Based on Ariyanti & Fitriana, (2017) they stated that EFL studentsfaced difficulties in writing.The most common problems which the students face are the clarity of meaning, the implementation of grammar and vocabulary usage variations, the writing groove, and the application of writing scientific paper technique.

Besides, another external factors such as media and teaching methods must be interested as well. Previously, Indonesian teacher usually use the formal book for teaching writing, they use a common book, therefor the students getting bored using the formal one. This mini research is going to find out that English quotes can be used as a media for teaching and learning English writing. The students could get the English quotes from the internet or even from the book. A quotation is the repetition of one expression as part of another one, particularly when the quoted expression is well-known or explicitly attributed by citation to its original source, and it is indicated by (punctuated with) quotation marks. These days there are many people who express their feeling through the English quotes. English Quotes give some motivation to the readers, it has a good word for increasing the reader’s desire or even it can make a better feeling for the reader. From English Quotes, they do not only just show their feeling or even just read it, but through English Quotes, they can learn English. Sometimes, people who use English Quotes for showing their feeling do not understand the meaning. Because they do not understand what the meaning exactly is, so they decide to search the meaning from the dictionary. Therefor they accidentally learn English. Some of the English Quotes has the easy word therefor the basic learner can use English Quotes as the way of learning English through writing practice.

The using of English quotes are not only for the learning but also to raise their interest in learning English by using the other media. Interest is a little thing but it is really important. WS Winkel (2004, p. 188) stated that the interest is defined as the persistent tendency of subjects to feel interested in the subject or a certain subject and was pleased to learn that the study. The Slameto Hilgard (2003, p. 57) found gives the formula of interest is as follows "is persisting tendency to pay attention to enjoy some activity or content" that interest is a permanent tendency to notice and remember some of the activities, attention constantly accompanied pleasure. While Muhibbin Shah (2003, p. 136) stated "The interest (interest) and the mean trend of high excitement or great desire for something". So interest is really important, by using English quotes for teaching or learning English can make the student more interest in writing English, because it is not about the writing itself but also the form of English quotes which usually picturesque. Students can get English quotes from the internet or even book, now there are many writer or author that publish their writing into a book which put some art into their book. There would be a different atmosphere if the students use this book for learning English writing, they would be more interest, then they also will be more motivated, because some of the books give motivations to the readers. This research is intended to explore how English Quotes can engage students’ interest in learning writing.

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

According to Donoghue (1981) writing is like a drug, too often employed by quacks who don't know what is true and what is false. Like a drug, writing is both a poison and a medicine, but only a real doctor knows its nature and the proper disposition of its power (Mohamad & Abdulrahman, 2016). Writing is not a game played according to rules. Writing is a compulsive, and delectable thing. Writing is its own reward. Burchill (1992) stated that writing is more than anything a compulsion, like some people, wash their hands thirty times a day for fear of awful consequences if they do not. It pays a whole lot better than this type of compulsion, but it is no more heroic. Sackville-West (1928) mentioned that it is necessary to write if the days are not to slip emptily by. How else, indeed, to clap the net over the butterfly of the moment? , for the moment passes, it is forgotten; the mood is gone; life itself is gone. That is where the writer scores over his fellows; he catches the changes of his mind on the hop. Atwood (2010) highlights that students most likely need a thesaurus, a rudimentary grammar book, and a grip on reality. This latter means: there's no free lunch. Writing is work. It's also gambling. You don't get a pension plan. Other people can help you a bit, but ¬essentially you're on your own. ¬Nobody is making you do this: you chose it, therefor don't whine.

Besides that, we also have to provoke our interest in English writing, because if we study about it but we don’t interest in it, we will be lazy to study it. An opinion expressed by Slameto (2003, p.180) the interest is a preferred taste and interest in a matter or activity, without being told. Interest is essentially the acceptance of a relationship between yourself with something outside themselves. The stronger or closer the relationship the greater the interest. Ibrahim Bafadal (2005, p. 191) says that the interest that could be classified as a trait or behavior (trait or attitude) that have tendencies or certain tendencies. Meanwhile, Sutarno (2006, p. 27) stated that the interest of one's fellow feeling that something is high, the passion or desire for someone or something. Interest may arise because of the habit. Based on Crow & Crow (in Abror, 1993, p. 112) interest is something related to the motion that drives us to tend or be attracted to people, things, activities or can be effective experiences stimulated by the activity itself. Amjah (2013) in her study of “A study of teachers’ strategies to develop students’ interest towards learning English as a second language” found that there were 56.7% who found that learning English as their second language was fun and they wanted to learn more. Most of the respondents are higher achiever students and show more interest in learning English. However, 43.3% felt that the English language is difficult to understand and they disliked the subject. Some students mentioned that they had no interest in learning the English language.

By using English quotes we can provoke our interest to study English writing. A quotation is the repetition of one expression as part of another one, particularly when the quoted expression is well-known or explicitly attributed by citation to its original source, and it is indicated by (punctuated with) quotation marks. A quotation can also refer to the repeated use of units of any other form of expression, especially parts of artistic works: elements of a painting, scenes from a movie or sections from a musical composition.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This is a descriptive quantitative study. There were 30 participants of this study, 10 of them are the students of English Education Study Program of UIA while the rest are not. Purposive sampling is used since the participants must be active users of social mediawith the age range of 15-25 years old who lives around Jakarta and Bekasi. The data are gathered through questionnaire and list of interview.The data are analysed by using Microsoft Excel.

**FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

**Result of the questionnaire**

It is shown that 80% students translate the meaning of English quotes before they posted the English quotes, so it means they study English accidentally. 70% of them state that they do not know the meaning. Then 96, 6% of the students agree that reading English quotes can increase their knowledge of vocabulary. 30% of them do not know all of the meaning of English quotes. About 83, 3% of them write the words in their book in order to memorize the meaning of the words which they haven’t known. 76, 6% partisipants write the whole English quotes on their book in order to learn the meaning of English quotes. Then 100% of them often to read English quotes. 83, 3% of the participants use English quotes for showing their feeling. 96, 6% of them being motivated by reading English quotes. Thus 83, 3% of them want to study English more after reading English quotes. 96, 6 % of participants read English quotes from social media and only 16, 6% read English quotes from the book.

**Resultof the Interview**

When the respondents are asked “when did they start using English quotes to express your feeling?” most of them said that they started to use English quotes since they were at school. From 5 respondent two of them started using English quotes since at the first grade of senior high school. Moreover one of them started to use English quotes since she was at junior high school since the second grade exactly. Then the other one used it since she likes to translate the English sentence into Bahasa and the last one used English quotes since she started to play Facebook.

After that the second question is given to the respondents “why do you use English quotes to express your feeling?”one of them said that she doesn’t like to use Bahasa to express her feeling.She prefer English which is more comfortable since there are more vocabulary that can express her feeling. Another girl said that there are many English Quotes which pretty can represent her feeling, so she often uses it. After that, the other one said that at the first time she thinks it’ s for fun, for being cool, but then she started to search the meaning and started to learn it. One of the participant said that she likes English but she cannot speak English, so she likes to read English Quotes. She likes to update her status by using English Quotes.For the word that she doesn’t know the meaning, she will write it on the book and look for the meaning of it. When she was at senior high school there was an extracurricular that taught English and Arabic, and the teacher was a college student. Sometimes she asked her to tell the meaning then she updated it, or sometimes she searches it from google translate. Then the last one said that English expression is more appropriate to express her feeling than Bahasa since Bahasa expression is excessive.

The third question is “Do you search the meaning of the word in English quotes?” The first respondent said that she usually already have known the meaning of it when it contains simple words, but if there is a word that she doesn’t know she will search for it. While the second respondent said that when she doesn’t know the meaning, she directly will search for it. The third respondent said that she search the meaning first, and she still does it until today. The fourth respondent said that she searched for it because sometimes there is vocabulary that she doesn’t know the meaning. The last one said that she searches the meaning before she posted it, but she doesn’t search for the meaning if the words were easy to be understood.

For teh forth question, “Do you feel the difficulties when you study the meaning of English quotes?” The first respondent said that there are no difficulties because for her the words of English quotes are easy enough to be understood. If there is a word that can not be understood, she can directly search for the meaning in the dictionary and learn it at the same time. Then the other one said that so far she thinks there is no problem because she thinks English Quotes usually use easy words which can be understood by the reader. Then the third reader said there are a little bit difficulties, but because the word it’s not really difficult so maybe there are only one or two words which she doesn’t know. Then the fourth respondent said that it is not really difficult, she said if there is the word that she doesn’t know the meaning she will search it from the online dictionary. Then the last one thinks that there are a few difficulties because sometimes there is a difficult one so she searches for the meaning first.

The last question is “Do you think that English quotes can help to study English writing?” The first respondent said that English quotes really can help. Since it is easy to be understood, it is suitable for being used to learn English. Usually, there is also the grammatical that can help us to study English. Besides, by using English Quotes we can use it to train our translation skill, or we can write some Quotes in Bahasa then translate it into English. The main point is we learn English accidentally by using English Quotes. Then the second respondent also agrees that English quotes can help in English writing. As an English Quotes lover, she usually like to rewrite English Quotes in the book or paper for being motivation and it accidentally increases her ability in English writing. The third one also said that it can help, moreover for the self-taught learner because from the frequency of using it we can be smarter. Then the other one said that it can increase her vocabulary. The last one also agree that English quotes can help to study English writing, because English Quotes has easy words, so it is suitable for being used to study English, especially for the basic learner. In the past, she often wrote English Quotes in her book then search the meaning, then when there was a right moment she would post it.

**DISCUSSION**

Therefore m, English writing is really important for being studied. Based on Vita Sackville-West (1928) it is necessary to write if the days are not to slip emptily by. Almost all of the tests that have been held in this world is always use writing test to examine the test taker. Therefore it is important to study English writing. Julie Burchill (1992) stated that writing is more than anything a compulsion, like some people, wash their hands thirty times a day for fear of awful consequences if they do not.

From all of the questionnaire that has been filled by the respondent is English quotes really suitable for studying English, because most of them are getting some words from English quotes. After getting the answer of the interview so it would be analyzed. Most of them started to use English quotes since they were in senior high school. They started to interest in using English quotes to show their feeling and most of they also learn English writing from English quotes. The interest is also important, we must increase our interest. When we do activities it will be nicest if we interest in it. An opinion expressed by Slameto (2003, p.180) the interest is a preferred taste and interest in a matter or activity, without being told. Interest is essentially the acceptance of a relationship between yourself with something outside themselves. The stronger or closer the relationship the greater the interest. Ibrahim (2005, p. 191) says that the interest that could be classified as a trait or behavior (trait or attitude) that have tendencies or certain tendencies. Meanwhile, Sutarno NS (2006, p. 27) stated that the interest of one's fellow feeling that something is high, the passion or desire for someone or something. Interest may arise because of the habit.

Further, the words that contained in the English quotes are pretty much easy to learn so it is suitable for being used as an exercise book, they found a little bit difficulties when they read English quotes so students can use it for study English writing. If they found the difficulties about the meaning of the words in English quotes they can directly search for the meaning from the dictionary or even from the online dictionary because of the existing sophistication. The way of using this method for studying English first they can write in on their book then they can translate it into Bahasa and start to memorize it. From 5 respondents the result which has been gotten is, the conclusion that all of them agree that English quotes can be used for study English writing, because the language itself has easy words which means can be used for studying English for basic learner so it must be joy to used English quotes moreover usually we find English quotes has its uniqueness because usually it is colorful and has an art on it so the students must be interested in it.

Based on Yusimah (2013) Teacher A stated that she will make sure the explanation and activities were interesting and enjoyable for students to follow. She used some demonstrations and colorful materials to support her teaching then they also stated that it was very important to set up a conducive and fun learning environment so that students would be able to learn English in a comfortable and secure environment. English quotes is a good way to be used for studying English it also can increase the interest of the students in studying English because the interest itself is really important. So from this research, it can be proved by the result of the research that had been done by Yusimah (2013) which shows that the media which is used for teaching English or even for studying is really important, and most of the students need the other innovation of media which has been used because the media is also taking important effect of students’ interest.

The writing skill that has been mastered by Indonesian students is still underrated. Some of the difficulties that have been faced by the student are their knowledge of the vocabulary and it is proved that the students’ text organization was not coherent because of lack of vocabularies and inability to use the appropriate English grammar on Wigati (2015). By using English quotes students can increase their knowledge of vocabulary from the easiest one to the most difficult one.

English is a language that really needs to be studied because it has been being used for a long time as an international language, moreover there are many countries that used English as their second language. In this globalization era, we have to master English because we compete with people who have good ability moreover we compete with all of the people in this world. This result of this research can be proved, and here is the proof, English is also considered as major course among others which is taught in a university Ariyanti (2016) so that university students may apprehend any literature written broadly in English Prihatmi (2017) and can compete with other students from all over the world in a matter of English writing in academic context.

The English quotes can give some new vocabulary if we often read English quote, not only give some new vocabulary but English quotes also can give motivation to the reader. Then students also can express their feeling by using English quotes they can give their pure feeling by using English quotes and they can be more confident. And when use English quotes we also can find some topic or we can create some topic which comes from the English quotes and it can be used as a method to teach or to study English writing, and it also has been proof, based on University of Washington Psychology Writing Center Sometimes, quotes by historical or political figures can be useful in setting up the central issue of a paper. This use of quotes is more common in review articles and book chapters than in primary research articles.

**CONCLUSION**

English quotes can be used as a media for studying English writing. Because the words which are contained in English quotes are easy enough for being learned. English quotes also can increase students’ interest in studying English because English quotes also have some good appearance, some of the writers sometimes put some art in the appearance of English quotes so it can make student more interest to read it or even to write in on their book then study about the meaning of the English quotes. Moreover, by reading English quotes a student can get any knowledge of new words, they can increase their vocabulary because English quotes have many words that can be used for being learned by students. They also can get English quotes easily, because on the internet there are a lot of English quotes, even now there is a lot of authors that published a book that contained English quotes. Not only getting some new words but the students also can get the motivation that from the English quotes that can increase students’ interest.

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