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1.1 Background Of The Study

Language is a very important communication tool used by humans to express the feelings and opinions we want to convey to the interlocutor. According to Wibowo (2001), language is a system of symbols that are meaningful and articulate sound (generated by said tool) which are arbitrary and conventional, which is used as a means of communicating by a group of human beings to give birth to feelings and thoughts. Through language, we may also get a lot of information to develop knowledge and may increase interaction in two ways

Listening become one of the most important skill in english. Listening is the first skill and basic ability in learning a new language that beginners have to learn. Listening activities also required in academic context, for most students', there are many difficulties in listening such as understanding the contents, lack of media and they are also did not know how to find main idea, especially in analyzing generic structure and language features. Considering that in this era, where technology is getting better and students' can easily learn from any source and make it easier to learn English especially listening skills, therefore students need new and interesting things to keep learning to listen.

There are so many learning media that students can use to get information, knowledge and language mastery such as printed books, brochures, modules, pamphlets, CD, multimedia, videos, internet, etc. Printed books are one of the media that is considered as a very effective medium for students to increase their

Language knowledge. Pustika (2018) argues that through the activity of reading, students would be able to transform themselves into long life learners because their knowledge is always being modernized and improved every time they read the texts. Printed books are also very helpful for teachers in delivering material. In today's digital era, we cannot only learn to use books, there are many ways or media that we can use to increase our knowledge of our language like online platform and multimedia game.

Based on the researcher observation at school, especially in the ninth grade of SMP HKBP Pardamean the researcher found that students had problems or weaknesses in listening. Students cannot clearly understand words or even simple sentences in English, where students have difficulty understanding simple sentences that researcher say, such as when researcher say "where do you live" the students answered "i live" or when the researcher said something the students answered "what miss" the researcher had to say the same sentence up to 2-3 times the pronunciation and lack of facilities to practice their listening skill and uninteresting way of teaching listening skill.

From the observations above the solution researcher use learning media as an innovation by utilizing online media, one of the well-known online media that can be applied in listening learning is TikTok, TikTok can create fun learning listening skills. Researcher use the TikTok learning media as a reference to be able to teach listening to students and can improve students' hearing in an interesting way. Researcher can describe pictures and sounds that students want to listen to. The purpose of this study was to determine students' listening skills before and after

being taught using the TikTok application, and to find out whether there was a significant effect from using the TikTok application.

Tiktok was chosen by researcher because in this era, a majority of society, even kids, are able to use technology in life. A social media is the media most often used by humans. According to Howard and Parks (2012), Social media is media that consists of three parts, namely: Information infrastructure and tools used to produce and distribute media content, Media content can be personal messages, news, ideas, and products. Culture that is digital, then those who produce and consume media content in digital form are individuals, organizations and industries. Then with the development of strict mastery of internet material, it is an indicator of students' ability to be more creative in expressing their ideas. There are also examples of various social media, namely Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and many others, and what the researcher would focus on here is the social media application tiktok.

Tiktok is a social media that is loved by many young people today. Tiktok is an application for creating and sharing various short videos in a vertical format, which are played by simply scrolling up or down the screen, which includes other features such as DM (direct messages), comments, likes, sticker filters and video effects, voice changer filters, beauty filters, auto captions filters, added music, and live broadcasts. Currently there are many tiktok accounts that not only share photos and videos, but they also share specific information about English material. Seeing these facts, it can be concluded that currently students are actually equipped with

abundant technology that can assist them in learning (Aminatun, 2019). Students also perceive social media as a tool that can enhance their learning.

Based on the background above, the researcher wanted to found “The Effect of Tiktok Application on Students’ Listening Skill at Ninth Grade SMP HKBP Pardamean “

1.2 The Problem of the study

Based on the background above, the problem of the study can be formulated as follow “is there any significant effect of Tiktok application on students’ listening skill” at Ninth Grade of SMP HKBP Pardamean?”

1.3 The Objective of The Study

Based on the problem above, the objective of this research is to find out the effect of Tiktok application on students’ listening skill of SMP HKBP Pardamean

1.4 The scope and limitation of The Study

In order to focus on the topic, the researcher made the limitation of the study on this research. Researcher only concentrate on one TikTok content creator, namely "tienganhthucrealenglish"

1.5 The Significance of The Study

The result of this study is to give some increase and advantage for the teacher, the students, and other researcher.

1. For students

Students can apply the Tiktok Application so they have fun in learning in listening skill.

2. For teacherss

From this research, it would hope that teachers would get more information about teaching listening skills and teacher can apply Tiktok for learning media.

3. For other researcher

it can be reference and guide the next another researcher with different or common appr