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This research focused on the students' perception about implementation of Blended Learning with used a descriptive quantitative research, because it was intended to obtain information related to the students' perception about implementation of blended learning in English learning. The subject of this research was the eleventh grade with the total number of participants 82 students. The data of this research were obtained from the result of the questionnaire. The result of this research indicated positive respond from the students. It was be seen from the results of the questionnaire 39% of students answered agreed that learning English using Blended learning was more interesting. 49% students answered neutral that Learning English in Blended learning was more enjoyable. 37% students answered agreed that Learning English in Blended learning makes me become self-driven and responsible over learning. The last 35% students answered agreed that Blended learning method had a positive impact on me.

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents background of the research, formulation of the problem, objective of the research, significance of the research.

A. Background of the Research

Education is a process of acquiring information on knowledge, personality, and skills. According to Mulyadi and Haura (2019), education is one of the primary needs that is very important for personality improvement, both in terms of intellectuality and morality (P.1). Bhardwaj explained (2016) that everyone should have an education because education is very important in human life, and with education we can have the ability to know about the world and build opinions and have a better perspective on life (P.25).

Indonesia has entered the Industrial Revolution Era 4.0. Which is in this era especially education is required to utilize digital technology as a tool to improve academic quality (Syamsur and Reflianto, 2019). To meet these demands, the main target in implementing education during the digital technology era is the role of the teacher. Because the role of the teacher is very important in increasing the next generation (Cholily, Putri, Kusgiarohmah, 2019).

Education certainly cannot be separated from learning. Learning is a process of interaction, discussion between teachers and students in order to realize the goals of an education (Saputra, 2020). To improve education, teachers must have creative and innovative abilities to attract students' interest in learning. (Sani, 2013)

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One of the most important subjects to be studied in Indonesia is learning English. According to Maduwu (2016) English is an international language that is very important to learn from an earlyage. Learning English is given to students from elementary, junior high, high school and even university. Besides that, English is very influential in all aspects such as business, economic, social, education, and others. However, English proficiency in Indonesia is still relatively low. And even in the Education First English proficiency index (EF EPI) 2021 research, Indonesia is ranked 80 out of 112 countries or down six places from last year. Indonesia got 466 points, an increase from last year's score of 453. Despite the increase in scores, this year Indonesia is still in the low category for English proficiency.

Modern methods were used to improve the learning process. This modern method is also applied due to the corona virus pandemic which has spread widely throughout the world, including Indonesia. In order to save education from the corona virus pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the Indonesian government decided to allow the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia to issue circular letter No. 4 of 2020, regarding the implementation of educational policies in the emergency period of the spread of Covid and the teaching and learning process is carried out at home through online learning. The Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia (2020).

Since pandemic all schools must be able to provide effective learning, so those students still get good quality learning even though they are at home. This is something new that is inevitable. Therefore, educators should prepare an effective and innovative learning system for the learning process at home so that it can run effectively. To carry out learning at home, the teachers apply online learning. This online learning system, of course, uses electronic media such as laptops, smartphones and so on.The home learning system that always used electronic media certainly has obstacles that occur. According to Wardani and Ayriza (2020) the obstacles that occur in the process of implementing learning are economic constraints, internet network and parental assistance to children (P.772).

According to Rofi'ah (2021) parents are of the opinion that online learning is less effective for several reasons such as; 1) Busy parents in dividing work time and monitoring children's learning, so online learning does not run optimally. 2) Parents who do not understand children are learning materials, so it is difficult to help children in doing assignments. 3) The child does not have a smartphone, making it difficult for the child to take online lessons. 4) Limited of network access and internet quota (P.55). To overcome these obstacles, the ministers decided to issue Circular Letters Number 3/KB/2021, Number 384 and Number 440-717 of 2021 concerning Guidelines for Implementing Learning in the Corona Disease 19 Pandemic Period. Learning in universities will start in the odd semester of the 2021 academic year/2022 is held with limited face-toface learning while still implementing health protocols, and or online learning. In carrying out learning, universities must prioritize the health and safety of campus residents (students, lecturers, educators) and the surrounding community. March 30, 2021 regarding Guidelines for Implementing Learning in the Covid-19 Pandemic Period issued by the Minister of Education and Culture, Minister of Health and Minister of Religion, as well as a Circular from the Office of Education and Culture of West Kalimantan Province dated August 13, 2021 regarding the call for limited face-to-face learning.

There is one option that can streamline learning in this pandemic era, namely the implementation of blended learning. According to Tambunan, Onga and Sinaga (2021) blended learning is a collaboration between face-to-face teaching techniques with effective and interactive online learning (P.81). According to Budiyono (2020) the implementation of blended learning is the implementation of combining two systems, namely traditional systems and modern systems that always use technology media. So those students can still study at home and communicate with teachers even though they are in different places (P.9). So it can be concluded that the implementation of blended learning is the best alternative in education that can be used during a pandemic like nowadays. Because blended learning is a mixed learning between face-to-face learning and online learning where the teaching and learning process is carried out in different places.

Based on the results of observation and interview between the researcher and one of the teachers at SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang, that SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang used blended learning started begins in the second semester of 2021. Blended learning is a learning system that is still newly implemented in SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang. Therefore, the researcher wants to know the perception of the students at SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang about the implementation of blended learning between online learning and face-to-face learning in English learning.

The implementation of blended learning at SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang combines two learning system, face-to-face and online learning. Online learning always uses media and technology in teaching and learning process, SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang uses several technology media in online learning, such as WhatsApp, Youtobe, and EduMu (*Edukasi Digital Muhammadiyah*) which have been used by teachers since the Covid-19 pandemic. For the face-to-face learning process, SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang also uses media and technology there are laptops, smartphone and InFocus. In the implementation of a new learning system. Therefore, researcher wants to know whether the blended learning system is more effective than faceto-face or online learning.

B. Formulation of the Problem

Based on this research, the researcher formulated of the problem was what students' perception about implementation of blended learning in English learning of the eleventh grade of SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang

C. Objective of the Research

Based on the formulation above, the objective of this research was to know what students' perception about implementation of blended learning in English learning of the eleventh grade of SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Palembang

D. Significance of the Research

For the teacher, the researcher hopes that teacher can get more information about the implementation of blended learning in learning English study. For students, the researcher hopes that students would be more enthusiastic in learning English, even though they are still not used to using the implementation blended learning. For herself, by doing this research, researcher would get more information and knowledge, so that the positive things obtained would be applied correctly when she becomes a good teacher in the future. For other researchers, the researcher hopes this research would be a reference for other researchers who would analyze students' perception about the implementation of blended learning between online and offline learning.

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