

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains about background of the research, problem of the research, purpose of the research, significance of the research, scope of the research, operational definition.

### 1.1 Background of the Research

Language has been a part of humans since it existed in the world. It is a communication system uses in a particular social group. Neither humans nor animals can exist without communication. Human can communicate orally or in writing to express themselves or to gain new information. English pronunciation is one of the basic skills and plays an important role in learning English. To be acceptable in English communication, English students must be able to use correct pronunciation. Being able to pronounce words correctly can be important in certain situations. Then also by using proper pronunciation, the listener can better understand what the speaker has said.

Pronunciation is the science uses to pronounce English vocabulary. According to Luluk Setyowati (2017) Pronunciation is one important part of learning English. Pronunciation is an important form of communication, especially for those studying at Madrasah Aliyah Negeri Bondowoso. However, most students have difficulty in pronouncing English vocabulary, as one of the important pronunciations in speaking skill.

According to Gilakjani and Sabouri (2016), pronunciation skills will reduce self-confidence and limit social interaction. It means English pronunciation is important if people want to use English to communicate. Pronunciation is one of the important aspects in English, especially in spoken communication and there are two types of pronunciation: segmental and suprasegmental.

Therefore, it is important to be a good English speaker, especially to be a good developer of oral skills. A special feature of English learners who are categorized as good and successful developers of oral skills are those who have good pronunciation of English consonants and vowels that sound like native speakers. On the other hand, there are several languages spoken by people all over the world, some different sounds are produced between languages that no other language.

An Indonesian learner may find it difficult to pronounce English words, even though he is taking an English subject at school, but he can't pronounce it well. At school, Students study English just to understand. So they don't know how to pronounce correctly each English word, when they are expected to be fluent in English consonants. Discussing sound, Sound types are divided into two categories, namely vowels and consonants. Scientific studies say the meaning of vowels and consonants are not easy. According to Richards and Schmidt (2010: 435) phonology deals with two main things, phonemics, that is, the study of the distinctive sound units, and phonetics that mainly deals with students' consonant. There are several kinds of manner articulation, such as stops articulation, fricatives articulation, and approximant. Fricatives are produced with a continuous airflow through the mouth. Noises are produced due to frictions between the organs of speech. mispronunciation of sounds in one word can eventually lead to misunderstandings. The different pronunciation or different sounds will cause different meanings. Analyze of students' pronunciation are very important, students will know their difficulty to

pronounce words correctly, they also will earlier realize their lack, so for further they will not do over again mistake in pronouncing English words.

Therefore, the researchers chose the Madrasah Aliyah Negeri Bondowoso. Bondowoso State Madrasah Aliyah is located at JL KHAIRIL ANWAR 278, Badean sub-district, Bondowoso District, Bondowoso Regency. The English Club students are 20 students inside. The researcher found in observation that some students are not clear in pronouncing the word with symbol  $\theta$ ,  $\delta$  for example: Smith, Cloth, with, Writhe and many more, lack of vocabularies, and they are followed their accent. Therefore, the reason the researcher chooses this school is because almost all students have Madurese culture and speak Madurese as their mother tongue. Students use Madurese language as their daily language to interact with each other.

In a previous research, Jumiati (2021) surveyed " An Analysis of English Pronunciation based on Students Speech Community at English Education Study Program. " This research is conducted at the University of Muhammadiyah Makassar. The research participants are 30 English department students in the second great in SMA 2 MAJENE. The objective of this research is to determine the student's consonant produce and not produce correctly by student based on the speech community. The formulation of the problem is what student's consonant are produce is not generated correctly by student based on the speech community. The researcher finds the gaps in research method. The researcher takes 20 Madurese students as sample. The focus in this research is dental fricative consist of 30 words use speaking test with recording tools directly.

The researcher also finds the gaps in Juliardi (2019) in her title "An Analysis of Students Pronunciation Mastery of Dental Fricative and Alveolar Plosive Sounds" The gaps there are conduct in Teaching Training and Education Faculty of Tanjung Pura University, the sample was 30 students in linguistic class, and the instrument of the research was reading text test. In this

research, the researcher focuses on dental fricative with using pronunciation test by reading aloud. The resource of the words from narrative text about Indonesian legend of city with 15  $\theta$  words and 15  $\delta$  words. The data will be both descriptive and numeric with percentage to find correct and incorrect pronunciation. Besides that, this research only focuses on the pronunciation difficulties of students whose first language is Madurese which consists of Madurese Situbondo and Bondowoso.

Based on the explanation above, the research is conducted to describe produced correctly and incorrectly by students and its causes in their speaking legend narrative text. This research focus on specific pronunciation of dental fricative use symbol  $\theta$  and  $\delta$ . The researcher use Cambridge online dictionary for the correct resource. The subject is interested in examining students to find out and analyze students pronouncing English words. This is regarded as the important symbol of consonant.

## **1.2 Problem of the Research**

Based on the previous background, the researcher formulates the research questions as follow:

1. What consonant are produced correctly and incorrectly by students in the English Club?
2. What are factors influence the students in producing consonant dental fricative?

## **1.3 Purpose of the Research**

In connection with the formulation of the problem above, the purpose of this study:

1. To find out what consonant are produced correctly and incorrectly by students in the English Club.

2. To analysis what are factors influence the students in producing consonant dental fricative.

#### **1.4 Significance of the Research**

##### **1. Theoretical Benefits:**

The theoretical benefits of this research is expected to give information about the importance of speaking and help other researchers in getting more knowledge learning speaking.

##### **2. Practical Benefits:**

This research is expected to be useful for teachers:

- a. For teachers, this research shows the English club extracurricular in speaking practice so that they can provide an alternative way for students to learn.
- b. For students, they find alternative ways to improve their speaking skills by joining an English club session.
- c. Lastly, for schools, it can be applied as a way to improve students in English, especially in speaking ability.

#### **1.5 Scope of The Research**

In this research, the researcher limits the scope of the research such as participants, the research location, and the variable of the research. The participants are 20 Madurese students of the English Club at Madrasah Aliyah Negeri Bondowoso. Therefore, it's good to make some boundaries to know the pronunciation of students. about the English Club in speaking practice. This scope focuses on the consonant sound of Dental Fricatives on narrative text based on agenda at English club. This study observed the correct and incorrect pronunciation of Dental Fricative.

#### **1.6 Operational Definition of the Research**

## **1. Pronunciation**

Pronunciation is how the word produced for making meaning in oral communication. Segmental is a sound that includes vowels, consonants, clusters, and diphthongs. Segmental refers to sound units arranged in sequence. Segmental include vowel and consonant. The researcher uses dental fricative because the researcher wanted to know how to pronounce the vocabulary correctly in word classification of dental fricative which consist of 30 English words. The table classification gives two part. The first, transcription based on Cambridge dictionary with phonetics symbol as a matter correction. The second, transcription correction include correct and incorrect.

## **2. Dental Fricative**

Dental fricative is classification of speech sound that are enunciated by stooping the bread with the tongue. In this research, English consonants that take are  $\theta$  and  $\delta$  as dental fricative. The word will serve in a table consist 30 words. The values are taken by the researcher include English word, Cambridge dictionary transcription, correct, incorrect. The data of the student transcription will be analysis using descriptive explanation base on the table with to point focus student consonant correct and incorrect.

## **3. Narrative text**

Narrative text is a written work that has meaning to tell an event or story. So, narrative is a written that tell of event that has taken place in the past.