

CHAPTER II

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

In this chapter, I would like to analyze the causes and effects of my problem that is I had difficulty in teaching a 4-year-old boy in *Anakku Preschool & Kindergarten* who had concentration problem. There are three causes and effects of my problem.

The first cause is I was not confident in teaching the boy. It is stated in an article “Confident teachers help preschoolers more with language and literacy skills” (2010) that, teachers with lower levels of confidence may not help pre-school students to gain more language and literacy skills (para. 1). For example, the first time I had to teach English in Kindy A class, I was nervous. I was not confident to approach and handle the boy with a concentration problem. Therefore, my low confidence caused me to have difficulty in teaching a 4-year-old boy who had a concentration problem.

The second cause of my problem is the boy was too dependent on me because he was being spoiled at home. According to Tumwebaze (2017) that, nowadays, children are taught to depend on someone else, especially their teachers to give the simplest

solutions of their problems. As a result, children tend to count on their teachers with all of their helplessness (para. 3). For example, the boy always needed someone to spoon-feed him at lunch time because he never did it alone at home. The boy also needed someone to help him to do tasks that included hand movements. Based on my informal conversation with the babysitter of the boy and my supervisor, I found out that the boy used to being spoiled at home. In conclusion, his dependence on me made it difficult for me to handle him in class.

The last cause of my problem is the boy was not ready for school yet. According to Skouteris and McIntosh (2015), children who are not ready to school will not show the characteristics such as having a positive attitude (like going to preschool), willing to participate in class activities, following simple instructions and rules, having adequate concentration to complete classroom tasks or activities, and having adequate motor development(para.5). Based on my internship journal, I asked my supervisor why the boy rarely went to school and always looked confused in class. She informed that the boy seemed not ready to go to school even though his age was enough to enter kindergarten. In addition, it was the first time for the boy to start schooling because he never attended playgroup (August 2, 2018). Therefore, since the boy was not ready for school yet, it was difficult for me to teach him.

I have discussed the causes of my problem. In the following paragraphs, I will discuss the effects of my problem.

The first effect of my problem is I felt frustrated. Based on my internship journal, I found it difficult to explain the material to the boy like how to make letters (B, D, E, and G). All of the children in the class understood what I taught except the boy.

When I asked him to do an easier task, such as free drawing on a paper, he still did not try his best (August 2, 2018). Therefore, my difficulty in teaching the boy made me felt frustrated.

The second effect is I had to spend more time for the boy. It is stated in my internship journal that, I needed to spend more time to take care of the boy for teaching him the material, such as tracing and writing letters, assisting him to do easier tasks, and spoon-feeding him for lunch. I had to pay attention to the boy more and it caused me to spend more time for him (August 6, 2018). Thus, my difficulty in teaching the boy with concentration problem caused me to spend more time for him.

The third effect of my problem is the boy was not able to finish his tasks. When I did my internship, I found that it was difficult to make the boy finish his tasks as I wanted. In class, I taught how to write a letter in every meeting, the other children seemed to understand what I taught. However, the boy always left the tasks unfinished and I had to give him easier ones like free drawing (August 7, 2018). Consequently, my difficulty to teach the boy made him not able to finish his tasks in class.