

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

In learning, concentration is important because concentration can help learners to get the point of what they listen, read, and watch easily.

Concentration is a process of focusing the mind on a particular object with full attention (“Pengertian Konsentrasi Dalam Belajar” par.1). If learners lack of concentration, it will be hard for them to understand what they are learning.

When I was doing my internship in New Concept English Education Centre (henceforth, NCEEC), I found a student who has difficulty in concentrating in every meeting. Therefore, the problem is there is an 8-year-old boy who lacks concentration. His name is Bramasta, and he was in the Pre Introduction 3 level. He was one of five students whom I taught twice a week in English class during my internship as a teacher in NCEEC for a month. Bramasta’s lack of concentration was disturbing the process of his learning. He often day dreamed while putting his pencil to his mouth.

Therefore, he did not catch the lessons that I explained which gave him difficulty in doing the exercises. This is why I want to analyze this problem in this term paper.

The solution of this problem is important to find, because this problem can affect the future of Bramasta, especially in his education. Therefore, if there is a solution, it will help Bramasta's education better. For that reason, I am going to analyze this problem in a systematic and critical way.

B. Identification of the Problem

The problem will be discussed in this term paper to answer the following questions:

1. Why does the student lack concentration?
2. How does his lack of concentration affect his learning process?
3. How can I help the student to be able to concentrate on **the** lessons?

C. Objectives and Benefits of the Study

There are three objectives of this term paper. The first is to know the causes of the student's lack of concentration in learning. The second is to know the effects of the student's lack of concentration in learning. The last is to understand the way to help the student who lacks concentration in learning.

There are two benefits of this term paper for teachers in NCEEC. First, this term paper can help them to make the lesson more interesting, and

the lesson which is interesting will get the students' attention. Second, it can help them on how to help the students especially those who lack concentration.

For the readers, this term paper is beneficial to get information about students' lack of concentration in learning. If the readers have difficulty in dealing with their students or their children who lack concentration, they can get information about the solution from this term paper.

This term paper also has benefits for me as the writer. This term paper gives me some information about lack of concentration which can help me whenever I face a similar problem in the future.

D. Description of the Institution

NCEEC is an English education institution under Yayasan Pendidikan New Concept. NCEEC was founded in 1983. This institution has been educating a lot of students and professionals. From 2002 NCEEC has been extending their network to other cities outside Jabodetabek. Now NCEEC has one hundred twenty two (122) branches in Bandung, Semarang, Yogyakarta, Solo, Madiun, Surabaya, Demak, Kudus, and Jepara. I did my internship at the branch in Bandung, which is located at Sarijadi Blok 14 no. 25. It is led by Mr. Sutrisno, S. Kom.

There are two visions and four missions of NCEEC as stated in their brochure. The first vision is willing to participate in making the life of the nation being intellect especially in the area of the English language teaching as the facility as the way to have the capability in information

system, technology and science. The second vision is being a reliable and trustworthy English educational institution. The first mission is creating sophisticated teaching method which is most up-to-date, and able to accelerate in mastering English language. The second mission is creating a management support which is professional, so that the teaching activities can work effectively and efficiently. Then, the third mission is creating a professional team of human resources in systematic and efficient trainings and expansion. Forth, developing networks and marketing in order to make the education service can be enjoyed by the whole society.

E. Method of the Study

For getting the information that I need to complete this term paper, I use some research methods. During my internship from January to February 2011, I wrote my daily internship journal which recorded the experiences in my teaching, and I got some data from that journal. I also did an interview with the student to get the data about him. I read some articles from the Internet and also read some books to find the theories which can support my statements.

F. Limitation of the Study

The study focuses on an 8-year-old student in the Pre Introduction 3 level at NCEEC who lacks concentration. He was one of five students that I taught in the class during my internship between January and February 2011.

G. Organization of the Term Paper

This term paper starts with an Abstract. The Abstract is a summary about the whole content of the term paper in Bahasa Indonesia. Then, there are four chapters of the contents.

The first chapter is Introduction which is divided into seven parts. The first part is Background of the Study which explains the reason of choosing the topic. Then, there is the Identification of the Problem which has questions that will guide the research. The third part is Objectives and Benefits of the Study which describe the aims and benefits of this term paper for the institution, the readers, and for the writer. The fourth part is Description of the Institution which is about the history, vision and mission of NCEEC. Afterwards, there is Method of the Study which is about the process of collecting data. The sixth part is Limitation of the Study which is about the limit of the topic to discuss. The seventh part is Organization of the term Paper which is the order and the short description of the parts of the term paper.

Next is Chapter II. It is Problem Analysis which analyzes the causes and the effects of the problem. After that, Chapter III, Potential Solutions,

which discusses three Potential Solutions with their positive and negative effects.

The last is Chapter IV. It is the Conclusion of the best solution that I choose, with logical and responsible reasons. Then, there is Bibliography. It contains the information about the publishing of all sources cited in Chapter I to Chapter IV. After that, there are Appendices which contain the Flowchart, and an interview transcript.