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At STAIN Zawiyah Cot Kala Langsa specialy in English Department, there are some students who use Indonesia as their first language. They use it in daily life. They have the dialect or characteristics that influenced by Indonesian dialect in communicating. The influence of mother tongue makes the students difficult to produce good pronounciation, good sound, stress, rhythm and intonation in speaking. So the writer want know to much the effects of using mother tongue towards students' ability in speaking English at STAIN Zawiyah Cot Kala Langsa? the aims of conducting this research are to find out how much the effects of using mother tongue towards students at Langsa. The writer used qualitative descriptive research and took 20 sample by using Purposive sampling. The techniques of collecting data applied by the writer are test and questionnaire. From the calculation of the questionnaire and speaking result, the result of the is 60 % in category poor by test and questionnaire respond 35 % student answered always use mother tongue in speaking English.

Keywords: mother tongue, speaking ability, speaking skill

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A.The Background of The Study

Language is a communication tool that used by all the people in the world. It is extremely important to human interaction because people use language to convey their idea. Language plays important role for all of the people in their daily life. According to the Safir in Rajend et, al "Language is a purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbols. These symbols are, in the first instance, auditory and they are produced by the so-called 'organs of speech"¹. Furthermore, many scientists define the meaning of language differently, but generally the language explains as a mean of communication.

There are thousand languages in the world which are not similar each other. Each country in the world has different language. It is become of some factors such as geography, culture, ethnics, and etc. Now, one of the most important languages in the world is English.

English becomes the most important language in the world since the beginning of the mid- nineteenth century up to the current twentieth century. English has taught and learnt since in Junior High School. Even some of them had been introduced with English in elementary school. However, many graduates do not have enough skill to speak English . Most nations including Indonesia need

¹ Rajend Mesthrie, Joan Swann, Ana Deumert and William L. Leap. *Introducing Sociolinguistics. Second Edition.* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. 2009). P. 28

to learn English because English is not their mother tongue. There are four skills such as : Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. All of them are important to be understood by students. The most important skill is speaking. Speaking is an activity that is most often used in communicating thoughts, ideas, feelings, ideas, and opinions to others. Brown and yule said," Speaking is to express the needsrequest, information, service,etc².

As a big country, Indonesia consisted of many ethnics who lived a regional; each has different culture and different regional language such as Javanese, Bataknese, Sundanese, Acehnese, and so on. Although many languages are there in Indonesia, but we still use Indonesian as a mother tongue. Indonesia Language and English language are different. One of the reasons is the characteristics of English itself. For example, tenses, regular and irregular verb are not found in Indonesia. Mother tongue is the language that you first learn to speak when you are a child³.

At STAIN Zawiyah Cot Kala Langsa specialy in English Department, there are some students who use Indonesia as their first language. They use it in daily life. So that they have the dialect or characteristics that influenced by Indonesian dialect in communicating. All speakers of language need a mother tongue in speaking or pronouncing a word based on their habit. Mother tongue is one of the characteristics of speaker of language that is difficult to separate from students. It certainly will affect when they spoke in other languages, especially in English. Appoximately, their mother tongue cannot lose when they speak English. The

² Albert Valdman, *Trend in Language Teaching* (Mc Graw: Hill Book Co, 1996).p.194

³ Albert Valdman, Trend in Language Teaching. P,864

influence of mother tongue makes the students difficult to produce good pronounciation, good sound, stress, rhythm and intonation in speaking.

Based on the above problems the writer choose the topic of the reseach "THE EFFECT OF MOTHER TONGUE TOWARDS STUDENTS' ABILITY IN SPEAKING ENGLISH AT STAIN ZAWIYAH COT KALA LANGSA "

B. The Problem of Study

Based on background of study, the writer states some problems of study in this research as follows:

- 1. How much are the effects of using mother tongue towards students' ability in speaking English at Stain Zawiyah Cot Kala langsa?
- 2. What are the factors that effects students' ability in speaking English at Stain Zawiyah Cot Kala Langsa?

C. The Purpose of The Study

- 1. To find out how much the effects of using mother tongue towards students' ability in speaking English at Stain Zawiyah Cot Kala langsa.
- To know the factors that effects students' ability in speaking English at Stain Zawiyah Cot Kala Langsa.

D. The Significance of The Study

The result of this research is hoped to be useful:

 For the University; it can be a reference in formulating the syllabus for English material, especially in speaking subject.

- 2. For the students; it can be motivation for the students to practice good speaking in English, especially for the students whose strong Mother tongue.
- 3. For the lecture ; as a reference in making some plans in teaching English for student from variuos first language background and social background.
- 4. For the readers and others researchers who want to do further research with the same as point of departure in conducting their research, this provides information and knowledge about the effect of Mother tongue towards Speaking Ability.
- 5. For the writer; to avoid doing error or foreign in speaking English.

E. Hypothesis

As what have didn't mentioned in the statement of the problem, the hypothesis of this study is:

- Ho : There is no effect of using mother tongue towards students' ability in speaking English.
- Ha : There is some effects of using mother tongue towards students' ability in speaking English.

F. Terminology

1. Definition Of Speaking

Speaking is an important aspect which has to be mastered by students in studying English. The English learners would face difficulties in communicating the language if they could not speak. We have to remember that speaking is used to share the ideas, thought and feeling so that the students could develop their speaking ability.

According to Hartmann and Stork define speaking as "one of the basic linguistic skills: the act of producing speech as mean of communication"⁴. And according to Brown and yule said," Speaking is to express the needs- request, information, service,etc⁵. It means speaking is one of important skill should be mastered by students in language learning and also important for make communication with other people. We define speaking as being conscious of what to say. It also means saying exactly what we mean, and the meaning exactly what we say.

2. Mother Tongue

A first language (also native language, mother tongue, arterial language, or L1) is the language(s) a person has learned from birth or within the critical period, or that a person speaks the best and so is often the basis for sociolinguistic identity. In some countries, the terms *native language* or *mother tongue* refer to the language of one's ethnic group rather than one's first language. Children brought up speaking more than one language can have more than one native language, and be bilingual⁶.

⁴ R.R.K. Hartmann & F.C Stork, *Dictionary of Language and Linguistics*.(London: Applied Science Publisher LTD, 1972). P.213

⁵ Albert Valdman, Trend in Language Teaching. P.194

⁶ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_language access on 27 Juni 2014