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Nothing lasts forever,

Your happiness, your pride, your ease

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ABSTRACT

Relaxing and enjoyable learning is certainly very much needed by teachers and students to increase learning enthusiasm and create a relaxed and enjoyable learning atmosphere. In the current digital era, ice-breaking sessions can be implemented through the use of game-based learning as one of the learning media that receives acceptance in the classroom from the involvement and immediate feedback from the students. Kahoot! is a platform that can be easily used for the activities The use of game-based learning has been widely accepted throughout the world. This research deals with two problems about 10th grades students' perception of the use of Kahoot as an ice breaker in English subject in SMA N 6 Palembang, and how does the use of Kahoot in learning English. This research is descriptive qualitative. Data collection was taken by distributing questionnaires, interviewing several students and doing member-checking. The data were obtained through questionnaires, interviews, and member-checking based on student perceptions which were interpreted by the researcher. The results of this study indicate positive perceptions that Kahoot can create positive learning environment, encourage students' interest, and enthusiasm so that the learning process more relaxed and enjoyable. Therefore, teachers can use Kahoot as one of the ice breakers as well as learning media for students.

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents (1) background of the study, (2) the problems of the study, (3) the objectives of the study, and (4) significance of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

The industrial revolution 4.0 is very influential in all spheres of life, especially in education. This industrial revolution shows the impact of changes on interaction behavior between teachers and changes in student experience. Students rely more on technology to make their lives easier. Conducive and enjoyable learning in this era makes a change in learning styles in the learning process. Teachers are required to follow an interactive digital learning process. The presence of telecommunications equipment makes it easy for students and teachers to access information so that at any time and at any time they can easily search for materials and various evaluation methods using information technology. Game-based Learning is one way to provide learning experiences that are able to increase the participation of students' collaboration in learning. Fun and non-boring learning is one of the challenges for instructors and Learning Technology Developers to innovate in learning. Kahoot! application as a learning technology platform combines learning evaluation experiences by combining through interactive games and equipped with a monitoring system for students' activities (Correia& Santos, 2017). In this era, technology has its own advantages in the world of education. Prensky (2016) reported that students are excited to experiment with different technologies to help their learning, primarily because they are skilled in the use of digital technology and prefer using apps and games built for these devices. Creativity is needed to create a learning environment that is not boring so that lessons can be understoodeasily. Ice breaker is an activity that leaves participants to relax and have fun. Ice breaker is an activity, game, or event that is used to welcome and warm up the conversation among participants in any events. Ice breaker also helps the participants to comfortably interact with each other and facilitator (Heathfield, 2015). It is a simple activity that enables to get to know each other, between the students and teachers. Most of the activities are short, fun, and require little or no organization.

Papastergiou (2009) found that games improved students' knowledge of computer memory systems to a greater extent than other computer-mediated learning tools, namely, educational websites. Students' interactions with their peers and lecturers and positive vibes can be enhanced bygames. Papastergiou (2009) also found that students rated games as more appealing and more valuable as an educational tool compared to other performance-tracking educational websites that contained the same content. Morover, Kahoot provides metacognitive support to lecturers and encourages students to think critically on their understanding of the various ideas while enabling them to enhance their insight (Plump and LaRosa 2017) and to encourage their ability to think on different issues. Wang and Lieberoth (2016) dissected Kahoot! to explore which gamification elements positively impact students' experiences finding that the full Kahoot! experience, rather than any single component, accounted for students'increased concentration and enjoyment. Siegle (2015) states "Kahoot! is a game-based quiz to measure students' knowledge." Kahoot! is one of the media which is usually used as an ice breaking session that carries quizzes as the base. Kahoot! can be implemented using internet connection and several supporting media such as computer / laptop / smartphone. Kahoot! can also be held in an individual or team because Kahoot! is easy to use for beginners, the researcher carries Kahoot! as the object of the research. The statements from the researcher above are also supported with some theories. As stated by Byrne (2013), Cross, Kahoot! and Thomas (2014) "Kahoot! is a student's response system that engages students through game-like pre-made or impromptu quizzes, discussions and surveys" (p.49). Students do not need an account to join the quiz on Kahoot! (Byrne, 2013). It only needs the teachers to have an account to create quizzes (Thomas, 2014). Official Website Kahoot (2017), "Kahoots are best played in a group setting, for example, a classroom. Players answer the questions on their own devices, while games are displayed on a shared screen to unite the lesson. It creates a 'campfire moment' encouraging players to look up and celebrate together. Besides creating your own Kahoots, you can search among millions of existing games."

The use of educational games as learning tools is found to support the development of students' cognitive, motivational, emotional and social outlook (Papastergiou2009; Siegle2015). However, they are better suited to smaller classrooms with elementary and high school students. Rather than university students who have to achieve specific learning outcomes through course work delivered in medium to large lectures. Students' perceptions about using *Kahoot*! as an ice-breaker in English subject will show how technology can increase students' willingness to study, especially after they use *Kahoot*! as an ice breaker in English subjects.

A study conducted by Licorishet al (2018) entitled "Students' Perception of *Kahoot!*'s Influence on Teaching and Learning" reveals that all the students seem to agree that the use of *Kahoot!* trigger positive attention and focus in the classroom.

Another study done by Yuruk in 2019 entitled "Edutainment: Using *Kahoot!* As A Review Activity in Foreign Language Classrooms" raise some findings on the use of *Kahoot!* that there are higher level of motivation towards learning language using Kahoot game platform. The participants' responses show that they feel motivated in learning the language after they were engaged in Kahoot!games.

Some English teachers at SMAN 6 Palembang used *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker, one of them is in English subjects. Usually the Kahoot method was applied once in a month during the middle or at the end of the lesson when the subject material has been finished to refresh the students' brains so they don't get bored easily and get excited again in learning English.

In conclusion, the researcher would like to obtain the students' perception on the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker in English subject. The researcher conduct this research based on the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker in SMAN 6 Palembang can be categorized as a new media for ice breaking session. Based on the situation, the researcher wants to see students' perception on the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker in English Subject.

1.2 Research Questions

This study attempts to answer these two research questions which are formulated as follows:

- 1. What is the students' perception on the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker in English subject?
- 2. How *Kahoot!* is used in learning English?

1.3 Research Objectives

Based on the research problems above, the researcher concludes that the research has several objectives. The objectives of this research are presented as follows.

- a. To find out students' perception on the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker in English subject.
- b. To find out how *Kahoot!* is used in and learning English.

1.4 The Significance of the Study

The research was carried out in order to provide several contributions to the lecturers and students. Researchers explain some of the advantages of the studytaken and used for the future. The findings of this study are expected to make a positive contribution to:

1.4.1 English Teachers

This research provides a deeper description for teachers to understand about the use of *Kahoot!* as an ice pick in the English subject. This research can provide useful information to teachers about students' opinions about using *Kahoo!* as an ice pick in class whether it's important or not to do *Kahoot!* in the English subject. It is hoped that this research can provide some useful suggestions for English teachers in providing ice breaker sessions to make the teaching-learning process better. The benefits are also for other teachers who might try to implement or even implement Kahoot! as an ice breaker in their class.

1.4.2 The Students of 10th grade

After the researcher was getting the research findings, it was hoped the teacher is really aware of how to use *Kahoot!* as an ice-breaker. The results of this

study could be used to determine whether *Kahoot!* could help students relax before facing material on an English subject or not. The results could also be used to see if *Kahoot!* as an ice-breaker at the beginning of class helps students to understand the material to be taught in English subject.

1.4.3 The Future Researchers

The researcher expected that the research can stimulate future researchers to explore more in the use of the questions for quizzing with *Kahoot!* as anicebreaker and also find other essential findings such as the importance of the questions for quizzing with *Kahoot!* as an ice breaker to help students understand the material more.

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