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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to find out the students' levels of self-directed learning readiness, the students' learning strategies and, whether or not there is a significant correlation between self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategies of the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University. The sample of this study was 2nd semester students of English Education Study Program, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University consisting of 76 students. Self-rate of Self-directed learning was used to measure the level of self-directedness in learning process and Strategy Inventory for Language Learning Questionnaire was used to assess the variety and frequency of language learning strategies used by students. Then, the data were analyzed using the Spearman Rank Correlation Test in SPSS 25. The result of this research showed that most of the students had high level in self-directed learning readiness and the most strategy used by students was metacognitive strategy. It also highlighted that there was significant strong correlation between self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategies ($r= 0.683$, $p\text{-value}= 0.000$).

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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

1.1 Background

English is one of the foremost fiercely Utilized languages in the world. It has been respected around the world use for communicating, participating, and creating the world together. In 2019, the world's most spoken language was about 1.27 billion people, either native or second language speaking the English language, slightly more than the 1.12 billion Mandarin Chinese speakers during the poll (Szmigiera, 2021). That number of people who speak English will likely develop persistently as English is utilized as a worldwide implies of communication for a few purposes and in various settings such as the world organization including the United Nations, International meeting. Moreover, English has been utilized as a medium for communication for International trade, proficient, and counting the tourism and travel industry settings in various fields. In recent years, there has been a rising demand in society to teach and learn English as a foreign language. It is now widely recognized that English affects every aspect of the field in the world.

English, especially in Indonesia, becomes one of the main subjects of learning. The way of teaching and learning process in the classroom impact develop students' ability in English skill. In learning English at a higher level, such as at Sriwijaya University, students participate in the class learning with various learning processes. One of them is the student-center which requires students to become a learning center. Students are taught to learn independently to prepare themselves before they enter the classroom. Therefore, before starting to study, students are expected to have the readiness to be developed with lecturers and peers in the classroom.

The readiness of students to prepare themselves to learn in class is essential to increase the achievement of the learning process. In this fast-moving world, learning opportunities are nearly infinite. A sense of duty and a clear initiative are

essential, on behalf of the learner, to leverage the tools available and cope with the fast-moving environment. That is what makes the idea of self-directed learning important. It enables students to survive in today's world (Gibbons, 2002). According to Knowles (1975), self-directed learning was students' ability to choose what and how they learn. Self-directed learning occurs when the learner creates his or her own tasks and environment (Gandomkar and Sandars, 2018)

According to Knowles (1975), there is substantial evidence of better learning than passive students for the active students involved in their education. In general, self-directed learning is concerned with both the learning environment that promotes self-directed learning skills and the ability and willingness of students to learn themselves (Loyens et al., 2008). El Gilany and Abusaad (2013) also observed that self-directed learning readiness is the ability of a student to conduct self-managed learning effectively. Based on this, the researcher can assume that every student needs to be aware from an early age of the importance of self-readiness in learning in the classroom.

Adult education has long recognized self-directed learning as an important component. The roots of Descartes and Socrates, recently Frank Lloyd Wright and Malcolm X, were developed to learn that a person takes responsibility for his or her learning (Brockett & Hiemstra, 1991). Self-directed learning has always been a popular topic, as many adults want to continue learning and enjoying what to learn. Many factors influence students' readiness for self-directed learning, such as talent and intelligence, gender, mood, health, education, and learning strategies. These factors are not the only factors that can affect student academic achievement, but internal factors and independent readiness in learning are among the factors affecting students' readiness for self-directed learning. The ability of students to control learning through active and independent learning can impact student performance (Bodkyn C & Steven, 2015).

As a university student or higher education student, there are various requirements for self-directed learning, since the atmosphere is often more independent than at the level of school. It was discovered that university students use various types of learning strategies to a high degree because adult learners, such

as students, appear to regard the use of strategies as a valuable means of overcoming various linguistic difficulties (Gavriilidou & Papanis, 2010).

Learning strategy is the aware thoughts and actions of students to achieve a learning objective (Chamot, 2004). Suwaranak (2012) concluded that language learning strategies provide language learners with information on learning features, learning styles, and learning achievement.

In learning English in Indonesia, especially the English Education Study Program at Sriwijaya University, students study L2 using various methods, blended learning. In order to prepare in that method. Students need some strategies to manage their learning process in the class. In learning a second language, a strategy that suits each student's needs and personality help the learning process. Therefore, students are fundamental to know the methods they use in the learning process.

Furthermore, students need strategies to help them in the learning process. Every student has a different way of learning, and this can affect their learning process and outcomes. In the explanation, according to Oxford (1990), learning strategies have several types and parts, including memory strategies, cognitive strategies and compensation strategies, metacognitive strategies, strategic strategies, and social strategies.

Based on those explanations, students' self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategies are important things that students have to know. How far their readiness in the learning process and the strategies they used to get the learning process's goals. The researcher also thought that the students must have enough readiness to study in the classroom and the best strategy for learning English to achieve good academic achievement. It is also clear from the existing literature that students' self-directed learning is related to students' language learning strategies. However, there is little empirical research on the relationship between self-directed learning and language learning strategy.

Therefore, in this study, the researcher used first year students because the students are still at the beginning of the course. Based on some explanation above, the researcher measured the correlation between self-directed learning readiness

and language learning strategies of first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University.

1.2 Problems of the Study

The problems of the study are formulated in the following questions:

- 1) What readiness levels did the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya engage in self-directed learning?
- 2) What learning strategies did the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University had?
- 3) Was there any significant correlation between self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategy of the first year English Education study Program students at Sriwijaya University?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study are to find out:

- 1) levels of self-directed learning readiness of the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University,
- 2) learning strategies of the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University, and
- 3) whether or not there is a significant correlation between self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategies of the first year English Education Study Program students at Sriwijaya University.

1.4 The Significance of the Study

The research was carried out in order to provide several contributions to the lecturers and students. The researcher explains some of the advantages of the study taken and used for the future. The findings of this study are hoped to have a positive contribution to:

1.4.1 The Lecturers

This research can provide helpful information for the lecturers about the readiness of students in the English Education Study Program to engage in self-directed learning. This research also offers lecturers information to help students

decide on their goals and needs for learning. It is also hoped that this research's findings help the lecturers devise effective lesson plans based on students' needs in learning English.

1.4.2 The Students

The researcher hopes that the results of this research may lead the students to have a higher level of readiness in self-directed learning to maximize and understand their objectives and learning requirements, particularly when learning English as a foreign language. In addition, she also hopes that the results of this research will provide the students with better awareness in line with enhancing their self-directed learning readiness in their learning process and knowing their language learning strategies to get the better academic achievement.

1.4.3 The Future Researchers

The researcher hopes that future researchers will find more information for further studies related to these variables or other variables. They can also develop this study based on more studies and further research. They can also explore other various variables of the research which may be related to self-directed learning readiness and language learning strategies.

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