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ABSTRACT

The study aimed to find out how was the speaking performance of the seventhsemester students of English Education Study Program at Sriwijaya University, and whether there was any significant correlation between their openness personality and speaking performance. The results of the speaking test showed most of the students were good at speaking performance because students had learned pronunciation and speaking interaction academically. After that, the openness personality questionnaire found that most students were included in the intermediate category. Last, there was no correlation between students' openness personalities and their speaking performances. Therefore the openness personality trait was not influenced the English speaking performance.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

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

1.1 Background of the Study

Now it is necessary to be able to converse orally in English. Because English is utilized by over 60 nations and many international organizations, it has become the most widely used international language. English has become a worldwide language for various reasons, including (1) migration by English speakers, (2) British colonialism, and (3) the international role and impact of the United States in trade, international communications, media, films, and the dissemination of new technologies (Crystal, 2004). Indeed, the growth of globalization and the fast expansion of information technology has resulted in an explosion in global demand for English (Nunan, 1999).

Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are the four basic language abilities. Speaking is one of the features of English that must be acquired. According to Jaya et al. (2022), speaking is the most desired language ability that is used to determine whether or not someone has succeeded in learning a language. In the meanwhile, several issues have been discovered. The problems that students usually face are feeling embarrassed to talk with their friends because they don't know how to express what they want to say and lacking confidence to say anything because they are afraid of saying something wrong, such as mispronouncing words and following incorrect grammatical rules.

According to Richards (2008), acquisition of English speaking competence is a priority for many second - language or foreign - language learners. Furthermore, according to Burns and Seidlhofer (2002), accurate pronunciation is vital in oral communication. Carnie (2001) states that language is a psychological or cognitive, property of humans. Individuals who

master the capacity to communicate may converse with others, convey their views, and exchange information with people all over the world. Communicating with people from other countries, particularly those who speak English, will be easier for us. Communication may take various forms, one of which is oral communication or speaking, which implies that speaking is vital in discussion since people can express their thoughts by speaking. As a result, it is worth noting that spoken communication is the primary means through which individuals connect with others.

Grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation are all crucial factors to consider while developing strong communication skills. Lecturers will assist students in understanding proper grammar and vocabulary. Furthermore, students should acquire pronunciation because it is critical in conveying the speaker's meaning. Students will be confused if the pronunciation is incorrect. The writer said the problems that she found during speaking subject was lack of vocabulary, the problem with grammar, she was not confident to speak in front of people.

According to Hornby (2009), speaking is the action of communicating information or expressing one's ideas and feelings through spoken language. Speaking requires students to understand not just how to generate certain elements of language such as grammar, pronunciation, or vocabulary but also why, when and how to produce the language.

Based on the previous discussion, the writer is interested in conducting a research entitled The Influence of Openness on Speaking Performance of Seventh Semester Students of English Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University because the writer wants to know the capability of students in speaking performance and the writer wants to see their responses on openness. According to Syam (2009), the students encountered seven difficulties when learning to talk. They are low proficiency in English, fear of making mistakes, students' anxiety in English speaking classroom, incomprehensible input, fear of derision, uneven

allocation of turns, and teacher intolerance of silence. Anxiety has really occurred not only felt by the unite but also other students.

1.2 Problem of the Study

Based on the background above, the problems of this study are expressed in the following questions:

- 1. How was the speaking performance of the Seventh Semester Students of English Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University?
- 2. There was any significant correlation between Openness Personality and Speaking Performance of Seventh Semester Students of English Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the background above, the objectives of this study are to:

- To know how was the speaking performance of the seventh semester students of English Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University.
- Find out whether or not there was any significant correlation between Openness Personality and Speaking Performance of Seventh Semester Students of English Education Study Program Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Sriwijaya University.

1.4 Significance of the Study

In this study, the writer wants to know students capability in speaking performance and see their responses on openness. If the results of this study show no substantial correlation, the writer is unconcerned. However, if the problem emerges throughout the English teaching and learning process, both educators and students must take action to address

it. For instructors, they can identify strategies to minimize or enhance their teaching techniques. Students can study it on their own and devise their own strategy to predict the occurrence of language anxiety throughout the learning process. The writer hopes it may give the contribution also hopes a good impact from this research, especially to give the information that can be very useful for the teaching and learning process in general development. The result of this study is expected to motivate students to improve their speaking skill and expected to provide more knowledge about openness personality on speaking performance or such another similar further study.

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