CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this research, the researcher explained about the background of research from general to specific point of the research. This research contained the research background, research question, research purpose, research significance, limitation of research and terminology.

A. Research Background

At the beginning the covid-19 pandemic all activities that caused crowds were prohibited by the health worker and the government. The covid-19 pandemic can infect or be contagious and is spread out by touch and through the air of an infected person. This case can gived effect for all activities in world of education, especially teaching-learning activities at school. Covid-19 pandemic is very dangerous for people who have low immune system. Covid-19 pandemic is not only crippling activities involving crowd or touching a hand with shaking hands with these viruses. This pandemic caused the activities in the world of education simultaneously changing. All the learning activities are carry out face-to-face or students going to school and learning in schools before the existence of the covid-19 pandemic. The government implemented regulations during the covid-19 pandemic, which is doing all activities from home or stay at home.

Education is one of the human efforts in growing and developing potential himself with physical and spiritual as the value and culture that

exists in society. The advancement of the nation and state are inseparable from their education, because education has importantly role in increasing human resources. Education has important role in the development and success of the nation's life as education can produce intelligent people. Education is able to improve quality and creative human resources and compete in every technological progress.

Language is an important tool to communicate with others. Language has some the kinds in the world mainly English. English is an international language which is why we have to learn English. In indonesia, English is a foreign language and one of the languages that should be held, as well as English, is included in the national exam in junior high school. In early 2020 during the pandemic covid-19, which requires students to learn from home and use online learning application. That caused students to be confused, about how they learn from home and to join the online class. Before the covid-19 pandemic, students went to school and they learned and interacted directly with their teachers at school. After the covid-19 pandemic, students must learn from home and use a specific app to learn and do their tasks. The ministry of education implements a learning system from home using online media that includes google meet, zoom meeting, google classroom, WhatsApp and others. In the polemic, many schools have not been ready to impose learning systems with online media. The unpreparedness is due to poor adequate network access. There are even a few areas that don't have an internet network at

all. This makes teachers require their creativity to wear other media to remain to carry out learning activities.

In this research, the researcher was analyzing learning English during the covid-19 pandemic in SMPN 4 Putussibau. The Researcher asked some students when they learning English during the covid-19 pandemic. Almost of the student said they fell difficult to learn English at home during the covid-19. The students love to learn in classroom. They can ask the teacher directly about the material that they do not understand in class.

The researcher saw some problems with English learning during the covid-19 pandemic some of student deos not have an android to access the internet well. If they learn from home they difficulti to understand the English lesson. Learning English as directly in the classroom makes students happy. They can get the point in learning. The researcher asked about the process of learning English during the covid-19 pandemic. The English teacher at SMPN 4 Putussibau explained that they use Whatsapp to explain the material and give assignments in turns in each class Whatsapp group. After the Covid-19 cases increased, the education system changed and teachers distributed materials and tasks using WhatsApp. The students have to send their task via WhatsApp. Learning during the covid-19 period is difficult to carry out because there are several obstacles, such as a network that is not smooth and some students do not have Android to access online learning. Students say studying from home during covid-19

is quite difficult because they do not understand the material. If they learn English in class, they can practice and understand the material explained by the teacher.

B. Research Question

Based on the background of this research the researcher formulates the questions, namely as follows:

1. How is the process of learning during the covid-19 pandemic at SMPN 4 Putussibau?

C. Research Purpose

1. To know the process of the learning during the covid-19 pandemic at SMPN 4 Putussibau.

D. Research Significance

In this study the researcher wanted to explain the benefits of research for teachers and students.

1. For teacher

The benefit of this study that are, how teachers evaluate English learning during covid-19, using the right media in English learning, using other alternatives if there were obstacles in English learning during covid-19, using variations of media in English learning and set time in English learning.

2. For student

The benefits of this study are, students are more concerned with the tasks or material given by teaching teachers, the media that can

be used to attract tudents to learn by their android, accessing learning materials easily through certain applications and materials delivered by some students to learn English.

3. For researcher

This research can give rules for the next researchers to develop the use of learning techniques when there are deterrents in the teaching and learning process.

E. Limitation of the Research

The researcher focused on analysing the media used of the English learning during the covid-19 pandemic in SMPN 4 Putussibau. The researcher limits the data to this research on the process in English learning during the covid-19 pandemic. The researcher only analyse the process in English learning during the covid-19 pandemic.

F. Terminology

There are some terms used in this research, in order to avoid misunderstanding about terms above, this is the list of definition which has been conducted by the researcher.

1. English learning

English learning is commonly to permit you to take part in exchanges or information: speaking with pals, reading instructions on a packet meal, information directions, writing a word to a colleague, and many others.

2. Covid-19

Covid-19 is a disease that attacks the human respiratory system. Covid-19 can cause minor disturbances in the respiratory system, severe lung infections that can cause death. This virus can attack anyone, such as the elderly, adults, children and babies, including pregnant and lactating women. Corona virus infection is called covid-19 (corona virus disease 2019) and was first discovered in the city of Wuhan, China at the end of December 2019. This virus is spreading very quickly and has spread to almost all countries, including Indonesia, in just a few months.