CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the researcher presents about the research background, formulation of research question, research purpose, formulation of hypothesis, significance of the research, and the definition of the key term.

A. Research Background

English is a language widely used by many people around the world to interaction with each other. English has a big contribution in accomodating many people to enrich their knowledge and skills in various fields, such as education, tourism, religion, technology, and global economy. By thus, it is important to every country that does not use English as primary language to equip the resident in developing English skills. In Indonesia, English is included as a foreign language and the government of Indonesia includes English as one of the compulsory subjects in the formal school from junior high school to university levels. This is one manifestation of the government's efforts to develop the resident English skills, especially for students.

In English, there are four skills that should be learn, those are writing, reading, listening, and speaking. The most important English skill that should be learn is writing skill. According to Byrne (1998:5), writing is learned through a process of instruction, we have to master the written form of the language and to learn certain structures which are important for effective

communication it can be understood by a reader who is not present and perhaps by a reader who is not know us. Writing is a skill uses to explore the idea of the writer. In writing, there are several component of language such as spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.

In this era, writing activities are not only conducted through conventional methods. These days, we can use applications that related to writing. The reason of using applications to conducted writing is because by using applications, writing more interesting and efficient. And one of applications that can be used as media in writing is Padlet

Padlet is a website for creating a bulletin board that can be used for any kinds of learning. It is a digital application providing a free multimedia wall which can be used to encourage students to take a part and get assessment in teaching-learning process (Nurviyani, 2011). Padlet is a virtual board that allows students to upload a variety of files, including pictures, documents, videos, presentations, and voice recordings. It is a collaborative tool, which means that everyone with a link to the board can access it and add comments (De Berg, 2016).

In this case, the students especially the eighth grade students of MTs Darunnajah Jombang have problems in doing effective writing. The students cannot enjoy writing activity and they have no idea what they write in narrative text.

The researcher found some previous researches that conducted about using Padlet Application toward students' ability. The first previous research is *The Effectiveness of Using Padlet in Teaching Writing Descriptive Text (A Mixed Methods at 10th Grade of One Senior High School in Ciamis)* by Ilham Taufikurrohman. The researcher of this research found that there is a significant difference in students' descriptive text writing ability between the students taught by using Padlet Application and the students who are not.

The second previous research is *Padlet as Media to Improve Writing Mastery of English Department Students of UNISKA 2015-2016* by Pritantina Yuni Lestari and Erwin Hari Kurniawan. The researchers of this research concluded that Padlet Application can improve students' writing achievements.

The third previous research is *Fostering College Student's Critical Reading Skill Through Padlet Application* by Vina Nurviyani. The researcher concluded that the implementation of Padlet Application in critical reading makes students read the text clearly and completely.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher tries to test a new way to teach writing for the eighth grade students. The researcher tries to use Padlet Application in teaching writing. For those reason, the researcher conduct a research entitled *"**The Effectiveness of Using Padlet Application Toward Students' Ability in Writing Narrative Text of the Eighth Grade at MTs Darunnajah Jombang".**

B. Formulation of Research Question

Related to the research background, the researcher formulated the question as follow: Do the students' taught writing narrative text after using Padlet Application have better score than students' taught before using Padlet Application?

C. Research Purpose

According to formulation of research question, this research is aimed to know whether using Padlet Application is effective toward students' ability in writing narrative text or not.

D. Formulation of Hypothesis

The hypothesis that will be tasted can be formulated as:

1. Null hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant difference score before and after using Padlet Application in writing narrative text.

2. Alternative hypothesis (Ha): There is significant difference score before and after using Padlet Application in writing narrative text.

E. Significance of the Research

By this research, the researcher hopes that it will give contribution for:

1. Students

   The students can use Padlet Application for their writing activities, especially in writing narrative text.

2. Teacher

   The teachers can use Padlet Application toward their students' ability in writing narrative text.

3. Future researchers

   The future researchers may use this research to find the similarity topic and how to get the problem solving.

F. Scope and Limitation of the Research

The scope of the research is Padlet Application. The research is limited only on the effectiveness of using Padlet Application toward students' ability in writing narrative text at the eighth grade of MTs Darunnajah Jombang.

G. Definition of Key Term

1. Writing

   Writing is a combination of processes and products. It means at the time of collecting the ideas that create text that can be read by readers who is a product of the activities undertaken by the author.

2. Padlet Application

   Padlet is a virtual board that allows students to upload a variety of files, including pictures, documents, videos, presentations, and voice recordings. It is a collaborative tool, which means that everyone with a link to the board can access it and add comments.

3. Narrative Text

   Narrative text is a story that tells about something interesting that has purpose to amuse and entertain for the readers.