

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Communication is a vital part of human existence, enabling individuals to connect with others and adjust to their surroundings. In the process of learning a language, vocabulary plays a crucial role element. A certain combination of words will form a sentence which will be used as a communication tool to obtain good information. According to Zaen & Fauzi Miftakh (2022), vocabulary is a fundamental element in learning English, they must be able to master vocabulary, and they must also understand reading texts and be able to write and speak English. Vocabulary plays a useful role in language acquisition. Let us assume that students understand and recognize the reasons why the constant influence of vocabulary has great benefits for their learning success. Teachers will have a lot of time to optimally teach vocabulary in the classroom. According to Ur (2022), in Huda & Kusumawanti (2024), the success of more effective vocabulary learning outside the classroom depends largely on motivation.

Furthermore, the wordwall can expand students' ability to remember vocabulary and make sentences because it can prepare an area full of useful words for students (Zaharani, 2022). This Wordwall in learning will certainly create a new learning situation in learning activities that will make students not feel objected when learning. Implementing web-based game learning such as Wordwall, will greatly help students in sharpening their ability to get to know English language

learning not only that, it can also improve students' ability to learn vocabulary material and can train English language skills ranging from speaking, reading, writing, and listening (Putu et al., 2024). According to Ismaya et al. (2024), Wordwall is a great step for students to add new words, learn their abilities, and explore their English. Arafah & Ahmad (2020) also say that using word walls is one of the most effective ways to learn English, especially vocabulary. In addition, wordwall media presents students with a page full of diverse and interesting words, which are believed to improve students' memory and learning ability (Triariani, 2020). Enhancing vocabulary skills can boost achievements in language acquisition. It is crucial to emphasize that expanding vocabulary is highly advised for learners. Vocabulary plays a significant role in mastering a new language. The greater the number of words students are familiar with, the smoother their journey in learning English will be.

Based on the findings observed by the researcher at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang, an interview with the English teacher revealed that students struggle with grasping vocabulary during the educational process. They fail to fully understand vocabulary, often not recognizing the meanings of words. This limited vocabulary hampers their ability to enhance their English learning skills. The English teacher noted that students today tend to choose online content from platforms like YouTube, websites, applications, and various other forms of media. However, schools infrequently develop such resources, resulting in lower levels of student engagement at times.

Based on the issues mentioned, the researcher aims to create educational tools for helping students learn vocabulary through Wordwall, titling the study "Creating Wordwall for Vocabulary Acquisition in Seventh Grade at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang. " He anticipated that both teachers and students would utilize Wordwall as a learning resource.

1.2 Formulation of the Problem

In light of the issue at hand, the inquiry can be framed in the ensuing manner : “How can a wordwall be developed to enhance vocabulary learning of seventh grade students in SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang?”

1.3 Objective of the Study

The goal of this research was to develop a word wall to improve vocabulary abilities among seventh graders at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang. The results of this research were anticipated to offer the following contributions.

1.4 Specification of the Product

There are various important aspects of the product:

1. The tool for learning vocabulary named wordwall is developed on the wordwall platform.
2. The vocabulary created for educational purposes was meant for application in both digital and traditional environments.
3. The vocabulary learning resource wordwall was established to focus on common vocabulary as a helpful asset.
4. The wordwall for vocabulary learning is suitable for both educators and learners.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study aimed to create a word wall for learning vocabulary in seventh-grade students at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang. The results of this research were anticipated to offer contributions in the following ways:

1. Theoretically

The conceptual significance of this study can act as a reference for educational goals and boosting students' enthusiasm for learning through the creation of a wordwall aimed at vocabulary acquisition for seventh graders at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang.

2. Practically

a. For the Students

★ This research proved beneficial for learners, particularly those in the seventh grade, as they can utilize this wordwall as a tool to enhance their abilities, especially in terms of vocabulary.

b. For the English Teacher

This study was advantageous for educators, notably for those teaching English. They may implement the created wordwall as a resource for vocabulary acquisition in English instruction.

c. For the Other Researcher

For additional researchers, this can serve as supplementary information when carrying out future studies in the same area.

1.6 Assumption and Limitation of the Study

The premise behind the created wordwall was to enhance students' vocabulary and assist them in comprehending English better. It was anticipated that educators would utilize it as a resource to teach English-related activities to their students. The word wall that was developed specifically targeted vocabulary to aid English learning at SMPN 15 Tanjungpinang.

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

Based on the title of the research, the definitions of key terms are identified as follows:

According to the title of the study, the meanings of important terms are outlined below:

1. Vocabulary

Vocabulary refers to a collection of words used in the process of acquiring a language to facilitate effective communication.

2. Things around us

Things around us is an English lesson designed to teach the names of items or objects found in our environment.

3. Wordwall

Wordwall is an online application that serves as an educational tool, offering features like quizzes, matching games, randomizing words,

word searches, and grouping activities. This app can be accessed both online and offline.

