

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Huling-Huling Acca (HHA) is a puzzle game in English which, like riddles, is a question and answer activity where the teacher will give the question and the answerer will guess the answer. English riddles have always been associated with things that smelled of humor, mystery, humor, and education. In this study, researchers will enter English riddles into the realm of education which will certainly produce values and morals. Puzzle games are excellent as ESL / EFL Tools because they require students to practice various language skills to find solutions in finding answers with their critical minds. English riddles can also improve students' vocabulary mastery. (Tessa Apriandari, 2019) Students can easily remember the vocabulary that has been taught and the majority of students have a positive response to the use of puzzle techniques in increasing students' vocabulary. Besides, puzzles can develop and motivate students in learning English, especially vocabulary. On the other hand, Middleton states that the puzzle game requires two cycles to improve students' vocabulary mastery.

English riddles can be used as an EFL learning strategy to improve a child's English language skills. English riddles games or question and answer activities in written or oral form to solve a question. In English Riddles, researchers found similarities in the oral tradition of the Batak tribe. Oral tradition is a literary work from a culture that can be told by a particular community and developed from generation to generation. Oral tradition is a variety of knowledge and customs passed down from generation to generation orally, including not only folk stories, myths, and legends but includes community cognitive systems, history, customary law, practice, and medication (Tiworo et al., 2019). There are many kinds of oral traditions in society, such as Manulangi Tulang, mangongkal Holi, Umpasa, Turi-turian, Ende, Esek-esek, Mamoholi, and Huling-Huling Acca. In this study, the researcher found the similarity between English Riddles and the Batak Toba oral tradition, namely HHA. HHA is a hobo puzzle, which contains elements of humor, education, and certain values for learning as well as fun for children or students. HHA is appropriate to be applied to the younger generation as a learning medium to instill

enthusiasm for learning and add social value to them because HHA is pragmatic oral literature. Pragmatics aims to improve human life and activities to meet human needs. An example of Huling Huling Acca "*Sae Mangan ro siganjang obuk*" If in English it mean is coming" in language, the meaning is "after eating a creature with long hair comes what is it?". Of course, the answer is a broom. Because a 'broom' is like a creature that has long hair like a devil. So the values contained in this example of HHA are moral and ethical. Because it should have finished eating the rest of the dirt must be cleaned. From that statement, the authors decided to formulate the problems of this research including what are the HHA values that can be obtained from EFL learners and how do you students respond to using HHA in the context of EFL.

Although HHA is classified as a game, HHA can hone a child's thinking skills so that when playing it will be faster in responding to something both from seeing, listening, and feeling. Usually, when using huling-hulingan there will be a questioner and answerer. When the asker asks a question, the person will say "hutissa" and the answerer will reply "Acca". This is when the question-and-answer activity takes place in a roundabout. It is known that the existence of the oral tradition of huling-huling Acca is undergoing modification (major changes) over time and can even be said to be almost extinct. Time does not rule out the extinction of this oral literature, both due to the influence of modernization and westernization. That's why this study aims to introduce HHA to the public or students who have almost forgotten it so that HHA can be maintained. As well as learning English in the field of oral literature, so that it can get the values contained in the meaning of huling huling Acca and serve as a fun EFL learning strategy in Toba.

Based on the explanation above, the authors are interested in researching educational- based Acca huling as the subject of this research to revive this oral tradition by the predetermined title "Huling-Huling Acca as English Riddles for Fun EFL Learning Strategy in Toba.

1.2 The Problems of the Study

Based on the background of the introduction above, the problems of the study are as follows:

- a. What are the meanings of HHA taught for EFL of learning strategy?
- b. What are the aims of using HHA as a fun EFL learning strategy??

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

Based on the problems of the study above, the research objectives are as follows:

- a. To find out meanings of HHA taught for EFL of learning strategy.
- b. To find out the aims of using HHA as a fun EFL learning strategy.

1.4 The Scope of the Study

The target or focus of this study is to prove that HHA can be used as a fun learning strategy as well as a teaching strategy to master the classroom atmosphere and motivation for students to improve their English language skills. Furthermore, this research was conducted by describing the HHA to students and finding the meaning and values contained therein. Where the scope and limitations of this study are the object and subject of research.

The subjects of this study were limited to school children and the people of Sosordolok, Toba Samosir. While the object of this research is the presentation of the HHA which they find from the results of their thoughts in English, for example, HHA, its meaning, and value.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

Theoretically, this research is useful as additional knowledge and information for teachers and students. It develops English language skills as well as learning materials and strategies and learning motivation for students.

Practically for students, this research is useful to provide meaning and apply the values contained in H2A, while for teachers it is expected to provide an overview and knowledge as well as teaching materials about the meaning contained in HHA.