

# IMPROVING STUDENT'S LISTENING SKILL BY USING TIKTOK

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of Study

English, which is the main capital of communication in international relations, is now a common need that must be fulfilled. One way to master English in order to prepare a generation of people who are ready to compete in the global market is to learn English through various channels, both formal and non-formal education, such as elementary schools, courses, or extracurricular activities. Through learning English that is applied consistently, it will improve communication skills and social interaction in children, both orally and in writing.

Therefore, English is a very important subject that must be taught from an early age to universities such as elementary, junior high, high school and university. listening skills in English. "It's quite simple to interact with the nearby surroundings if you understand the concept of transactional and interpersonal interactions." This was a lesson I learned in elementary school, but most students still don't understand it. When we learn English, we recognize four components of the language, such as: listening, reading, writing, and speaking, where these four components are the main factors in teaching English as a foreign language. These components will develop students' communication skills either orally or in writing.

Listening skill, one of the ability to receive, is a communication technique where listeners can understand, interpret and evaluate what they hear. By lowering conflict, promoting cooperation, and improving understanding, the capacity to actively listen can help to improve personal relationships. Listening is one of the language components that is still an obstacle for students to learn. We can find out from the students' achievements. The scores they get are still low when compared to other language components such as reading and writing. The ability to listen is one of the abilities that children must have in the application of learning English, especially in the classroom, the development of media currently used to improve listening skills is also more innovative and efficient, such as Videos, CDs, DVDs. Online applications in today'

However, there is ample evidence that teachers pay less attention to listening (Field, 2009, p.1). When they apply many learning competencies in the classroom, listening skills are always accelerated or reduced. Another factor is the teacher's lack of commitment to applying the right approach to listening, such as the use of integrative skills that affect listening as an indicator for teaching hastily. Reading and listening skills are the main thing in learning language skills. Other factors that affect the poor listening ability of students include: lack of vocabulary that is owned

by students, lack of daily practice, poor media used in class, and less interesting material provided by the teacher.

In overcoming these problems, teachers must try to find a way or solution so that how the problem can be solved. Teachers must be able to use several learning methods, especially in teaching listening. And one of the techniques that can be applied to improve students' listening ability is through Tiktok. Tiktok is a very interesting method in the learning process because this method is still new to use during the research period and is quite interesting to use because there are so many users, especially the millennial era. Therefore this method aims to make students or students able to improve their listening skills through the application TikTok or music video platform with train the ways speaking, adding vocabulary with acceptable and grammatically correct pronunciation, and being able to understand the material presented.

According to Susilowati (2018: 180) in his research, he explains that the Tiktok application is an application that provides unique and interesting special effects that can be used by users easily so that they can make short videos with cool results and can be showcased to friends or other users. Tiktok is so popular with young and old alike. Tiktok is very easy to use. The duration presented is also limited to 60 seconds and 15 seconds for recording, so this application is most suitable for presenting information briefly and densely.

Over time, many people, especially students and students who use this application as the perfect learning and certainly fun because it doesn't bore its users. What's more, during this pandemic, even though it has penetrated the new normal era, it does not rule out that they still want to use this application as a learning support.

TikTok also frequently updates its application, one of which is application development so that the user is more free to use it, especially for education. The accumulation of music and user reviews makes people who previously didn't use this app want to use it too. That's what makes people, especially students and students interested and doesn't stop using this video application. Even so, the TikTok application, which is often used to upload videos, can also make the user's internet package run out quickly.

Talking about the impact there must be, both positive and negative. As for the positive effects, such as filling free time at home. With this, the activities carried out are more productive, especially using access to educational TikTok videos, adding to creativity. A person's creativity varies depending on their method of carrying out the activity, for example people who like to dance can imitate the dance style on TikTok or those who are bored with their hobbies in the past can be changed to TikTok dance, and test one's memory because people often see TikTok videos, the image will continue to stick to the brain of the user of this application. For the negative impact it can increase the hormone dopamine if this is done excessively, a person will be easily agitated, stressed, and experience insomnia.

The Tik Tok application has become the most trending application in the world, many people use this application to fill their spare time. However, it has been explained previously that if you use TikTok too much, there will be a bigger negative impact and certainly requires the right solution. People who have often used TikTok can reduce their use for at least a day or if there are people who often learn to use this application change it with a different method without leaving the TikTok application.

Technology has also made everything easier without thinking about complicated ways. Learn by using one of the video applications currently trending among Indonesians, namely TikTok.

TikTok is one of the video applications that people often use to make their videos on their cellphones with a fairly short duration. The addition of music and reviews from other users makes people who didn't use this app want to use it too. That's what makes people, especially students or students interested and doesn't stop using this video application.

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TikTok social media users among children must be based on an understanding of how to sort and choose information and how to use it. The facts show that social media often provides information that can actually endanger children, both physically and mentally. In accessing social media, the age according to the requirements for creating an account on social media is the age of 13 and over (Triastuti, 2017: 70).

According to Huston and Ripke (in Santrock, 2012: 378) parents act as carers and provide filters when children assume more responsibility, and organize their own lives, so there is a need for a communication relationship between parents and children by providing guidance and direction in social media. 7 The use of social media is often uncontrolled, from the time of use to the place of use. Social media has a negative side for children, in which there is a problem known as "TMI" or "Too Much Information" where children who spend their spare time accessing social media unconsciously reveal too much information about their personal lives. "TMI" encourages another potential behavior called "FOMO" or "Fear of Missing Out". This encourages children to continuously seek various information from the internet through social media. It is at this stage that children will be vulnerable to the risk of accessing negative content (Triastuti, 2017: 72)

## **1.2 Problems of Study**

1. how to improve students' listening skills using the tiktok application in class VII students at SMP Amalyatul Huda?
2. How to apply the tiktok application to improve students' listening skills in class VII student at SMP Amalyatul Huda

## **1.3 Objectives of Study**

1. To improve listening skills in class VII students of SMP Amalyatul Huda, use the Tiktok application
2. To find out how to apply the Tiktok application to improve students' listening skills

## **1.4 Scope of the Study**

This research was conducted to improve listening skills in class VII students of SMP Amalyatul Huda Medan. This study took 20 students in one class only. Researchers used the Tiktok application by displaying tutorial video content and conversations and giving questions to students.

### **1.5 Significances of the Study**

From conducting experimental research this will provide significant benefits for the following individuals or institutions:

1. For students: can improve their listening ability more actively
2. For teachers: can find methods more attractive, efficient, and modern.
3. For future researchers: as reference material for researchers' interest in discussing the same problem.