CHAPTER I
BACKGROUND

Language is important in human life to express an idea or feeling to other human. There are many languages that have been created in the world. In the future, one international language that is frequently used is English. English becomes a language that is important in some communication areas such as political, economy, culture, education, business etc.

The parents now realize that children have to master English. There are many reasons why we must prepare the children as early as possible. It will be wise to start their education of language in age around 6 or 7. In this stage the students will easily practice their mother tongue. Doing an early education of language makes the students feel comfortable to deal with it in the future education.

When they become familiar with English, they are able to receive a new language easily. It is also a basic asset for them to enter the next stages of education in order to be able to compete in their next future and make a qualified generation. It makes the Indonesian government apply an English education which is started early.

In the first step of learning, the children learn a basic thing such as vocabulary. Vocabulary is the first thing that the students of an elementary school that should be learned well. It is an important part in learning language and it is a basic matter in teaching and learning.
In order to use a language to communicate well, vocabulary becomes the crucial thing to be learnt. By learning a vocabulary, the students get a great foundation to know the language. The foundation is used in preparing the students to continue to the higher class. It will give a problem in future to understand the language if the vocabulary is not good enough from the beginning.

However, learning English is not easy. It is a challenge for teachers to teach their students with theories and skills. This is proved in the process of learning English in elementary. Teaching English to young learners is not as easy as anybody thinks. Teaching young learner needs some patience. Even though they are in the stage of curiosity, they are also in the stage of easily bored with something.

A student starts to learn a new language from some sources, such as parents, friends, teachers, and some books. It will be boring for them to learn just from reading a book. Teachers also make them bored when their lesson is not interesting enough. These matters are the problem that will occur in teaching vocabulary.

I did a job training activity to apply his knowledge in the real situation. During the job training as an English teacher, I focused on the teaching and learning vocabulary to the 5th grade students of elementary school. I faced some difficulties in delivering the vocabulary of English to students. The problems faced by the students in learning English were the lack of material sources and limited time. These problems appeared in the teaching learning process. English becomes the language that is hard enough to be learned in the country.
Based on the explanation above, I present a discussion and report that help to know about teaching vocabularies to young learner especially 5th grade students. The final project shows the activities and problems that occur during teaching vocabulary. The project is entitled as “Teaching Vocabulary to the 5th Grade Students at Elementary School of SDN Ngoresan 80 Surakarta”.

A. Objectives

The objectives of the report are:

1. To describe the activity of teaching and learning English vocabulary for the fifth grade students of SDN Ngoresan 80 Surakarta.
2. To describe the problem of teaching and learning English vocabulary in SDN Ngoresan 80 Surakarta.

B. Benefits

It is expected that this project report will give advantages to:

1. SDN Ngoresan 80 Surakarta

   The final project is expected to be useful as an additional instrument and to find out the best solution in solving the problem of teaching and learning vocabulary.

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2. Students of English Diploma Program.

To add references needed by the students who are interested in teaching vocabulary to young learners.

3. The readers

The final project is expected to be meaningful to add some knowledge for the readers about problem that would be faced in teaching and learning especially vocabulary.