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Abstract

Kenya Ariartha Study on Gender Anxiety in Writing at SMAN 2 Kediri in the Academic Year 2022/2023, Skripsi, English Language Education Department, FKIP UN PGRI Kediri, 2023.

Key words: gender, anxiety, writing, writing anxiety

This research background came from researcher observation and experience during her teaching apprenticeship at SMAN 2 Kediri. Based on the observation, majority of students were lack of confidence in their writing skill. As a result, they depicted anxiety in their writing or known as writing anxiety. However, during observation, researcher found that male and female students had different factors that might greatly affect their confidence in their writing skill and triggered the writing anxiety they suffered. Therefore, this research had two objectives which are: 1) To find and investigate differences of writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri and 2) To find and investigate differences of factors affect students' writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri and 2) To find and investigate differences of factors affect students' writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri and 2) To find and investigate differences of factors affect students' writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri.

This research is quantitative ex-post facto research. The subjects were eleventh grade male and female student with academic year 2021/2022 at SMAN 2 Kediri. The main instrument for this research is questionnaires adapted from SLWAI by Cheng (2004) and CSLWAI by Rezaei and Jafari (2014). The questionnaire applied Likert scale to represents students' answers. The data taken through *Google Form* and tabulated with SPSS 20.0 version to conclude the result.

Based on the findings and tabulated data, this research found that male students suffered three types of writing anxiety and female students suffered two types of writing anxiety. However, the factors female students' writing anxiety are less than male students. Therefore, it could be concluded that male students had worse writing anxiety than female students. Therefore, researcher recommend teachers to develop teaching – learning process that able to increase students' linguistic knowledge and facilitate students writing anxiety and further researchers to conduct qualitative or mixed method types of research to support and complete this research.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher explained about the introduction those are: a) Background of the research, b) Problem identification of the research, c) Limitation of the research, d) Problem of the research, e) Aim of the research, f) Significance of the research, and g) Definition of key terms.

A. Background of the Research

English is one of the most important language to learn. The language used as lingua franca in global community (Alsalooli and Al- Tale', 2022). Therefore, become proficient in English language is highly beneficial. So, it is common for non- native countries such as Indonesia to teach English language at schools in order for their people to be able to communicate in English. However, mastering a foreign language required patience, practices and long period of time learning. Therefore, majority of non – native English speaker such as Indonesian has difficult time in learning English language.

Majority of Indonesian students found English language difficult to learn especially the writing skill. As foreign language students, it cannot be denied that writing skill is the most difficult to learn (Kusumaningputri, Ningsih and Wisasongko, 2018). There are various challenge students face when they performing writing skill. Students cannot find proper words to express their ideas, ideas blockage, cannot find suitable grammar, cannot match link each sentences properly, negative feedbacks and pressured by time are most common difficulty factors novice and advanced students had to face when they had to perform writing (Kusumaningputri, Ningsih and Wisasongko, 2018). These factors made writing skill complicated so majority of students half- heartedly learn English language. As the result, they mostly able to communicate in spoken manner (Pratama, Dwiyantia and Manik, 2020) but hardly able to express their ideas in written form.

Writing is other communication skill that is difficult to master. Writing allowed students to express their ideas, feeling and thoughts through words. Writing is an ability to convey writer's intention through words and symbols (Reski et. all, 2021). However, the learning process is neither easy nor instant. Writing is challenging skill to learn because it is difficult and complicated to master and has long term process of learning that required patience, experience and practices (Muamaroh, Mukti and Haryanti, 2020; Najogi et. all, 2019; Sabti et. all, 2019; Reski et.all, 2021). In order to learn writing skill, students has to be proficient enough in other three language skills which are listening, speaking and reading. Besides, vast theoretical knowledge related to writing skill such as vocabulary and grammar is highly demanded in order to learn writing skill. Vast knowledge of vocabulary and grammar understanding play great role to be able to write in target language (Syarifudin, 2020; Mukhayati, Setyaningrum and Husen, 2022). In result, many of students feel burdened from the demand, thus instead of progressing, they started to build anxiety in their writing ability (Cheng, 2004; Hartono and Maharani, 2019; Fitrinada, Leoneto and Fiftinova, 2018).

Writing anxiety is one type of anxiety cause by students' negative feelings towards writing skill. Writing anxiety is a feeling that able to weaken students' writing performance (Demircivi, 2020). Anxiety itself can be stated as excessive feeling of hesitance, worry or fear to do certain action caused by certain factors such as doing unfamiliar things for first time. Anxiety refers to anxious feeling caused by unsure result from certain action a person done (Daud et.all, 2019). Writing anxiety developed by students because they had to perform writing skill with unfamiliar language that they has less sufficient knowledge with. Students mostly cannot express their ideas properly because of their lacking in vocabulary knowledge and grammar understanding. EFL (English Foreign Students) often find learning writing difficult because they either had lack words to use effectively to write or handicap in grammar knowledge (Sabti et. all, 2019). Their disability cause them to create various mistakes so their writing is in low quality and directly reflecting in their decreasing confidence in their writing ability. When student find difficult to write or express their ideas properly, it will demotivate and low their selfesteem that will affect their writing performances and result (Sabti et. all, 2019; Demircivi, 2020). In result, students do not have significant progress in learning writing skill instead they develop negative feelings towards learning writing that become writing anxiety.

Writing anxiety can be developed by male and female students. Although the anxiety may be triggered by different factors, majority of male and female students agreed that writing skill is the least skill they have confidence performing because of its complicated rules applied in the skill. Therefore, writing anxiety often become a solid barrier that prevent students to master English language. Based on several research that had been done, gender become one factor to determine the ability to master writing skills (Cheng, 2002; Cheng, 2004, Rezaei and Jafari, 2014; Fitrinada, Loeneto and Fiftinova, 2018; Cahyanto, Ashadi and Saputro, 2019; Syarifudin, 2020; Rehman, Samad and Ali, 2022). Many of the researches tend to favor female students (Cahyanto, Ashadi and Saputro, 2019; Al- Saadi, 2020). It is because they are better in language learning and more diligent so they have proper foundation. However, some other researchers stated that they had bad writing anxiety because they can easily overthink things that confused themselves and result in low quality writing (Cahyanto, Ashadi and Saputro, 2019; Rehman, Samad and Ali, 2022; Kurniasih et. all, 2022). Meanwhile in some researches male students stated to have less writing anxiety. However, they tend to avoid writing task or keep their writing as short and simple as possible that is also a sign of anxiety (Rehman, Samad and Ali, 2022).

There were researches indicated students' cognitive ability would affect students' learning. There were various researches related to gender affect students' ability to learn English language (Prihastuti, Padmadewi and Ramendra, 2020; SaizAja, 2021) and anxiety affect students language learning (Wahyuni and Umam, 2017; Balta, 2018; Hanifa, 2018; Sabti, Rashid, Nimehchisalem and Darmi, 2019). However, there are only limited research connected gender trait to measure students' anxiety in learning writing skill. Besides, many of them were old researches that may or may not relevant nowadays (Hortwitz, Hortwitz and Cope, 1986; Williams, 1991; Cheng, 2002; Cheng, 2004). Therefore, researcher wanted to investigate whether senior high school students today suffered writing anxiety and the factors that play role in building their writing anxiety.

Researcher interested to investigate this case due to her finding during teaching apprenticeship at SMAN 2 Kediri. There, researcher found that students tend to be more passive during English class. The passiveness became worse when they had to perform their writing ability. When they had to write on whiteboard, female students would write longer sentences but they need more time to write it because they often erase their writing several times first. However, for male students, researchers found that they were really against to perform their writing skill unless really necessary such as they had to write on whiteboard to get extra score or did written test. Researchers found that their hesitance in writing is due to their lack linguistic knowledge such as grammar and vocabulary. Therefore, researcher interested to find and investigate the difference of writing anxiety and the factors of writing anxiety between male and female students nowadays. Researcher hopes the research's result able to help further researchers that interested in relevant research as well as help as references to build teaching and learning methods that suitable for both male and female students.

B. Problem Identification of the Research

Writing is a skill that combine three language skills that are listening, speaking and reading. To be able to write in target language properly, students have to master the other three language skills. Therefore, as EFL learners, Indonesian students found writing skill difficult to learn. The problem commonly either limited linguistic knowledge or poor writing techniques. As a result, they constantly made low quality product that result bad feedback and affecting their confidence in their learning and abilities. These constant decrease of confidence will trigger students to build writing anxiety. In result, students had more difficulties in learning writing skill because they overwhelmed by negative feeling that push them to avoid performing writing skill that will worsen their writing anxiety even more.

The researcher found such phenomenon during her teaching apprenticeship. She found that majority of students she taught felt hesitant when they had to perform their writing skill. They would constantly asked their friends or used translator that showed they had small confidence in their writing. Researcher noted that male students had stronger hesitance than female students in performing their writing skill. Therefore, researcher wanted to investigate whether students' gender affect types of writing anxiety they suffered.

Gender related to students biological sex which either male or female. Based on their gender, students had advantages and disadvantages in language learning. Some books stated that female had better language learning abilities (Reilly and Andrews, 2019) but prone to stress (Nelson and Burke, 2002) but able to control it better (Gurian, 2001). Meanwhile, male students had lower language learning abilities (Reilly and Andrews, 2019), better in calculation (Gurian, 2001) and easy felt stress and difficult to control it (Karlina and Pancoro, 2018; Nelson and Burke, 2002). At school researcher placed, she found that majority of female students had trouble in controlling their nervous when performing their writing skill, while male students strongly hesitant in performing their writing anxiety, thus, she wanted to conduct this study to know and find whether male and female EFL students has different writing anxiety and whether they had different factors that affect their writing anxiety.

C. Limitation of the Research

Writing anxiety built by male and female students. Therefore, researchers wanted to conduct this study. Researcher limited this study to know and find whether male and female students suffered different types of writing anxiety and the factors behind those writing anxiety. The subject of this research were male and female students in their eleventh grade eleventh grade of senior high school at SMAN 2 Kediri with academic year 2021/2022. The research is quantitative ex- post facto research and used their experience and background knowledge in writing using English language to answer the researcher questionnaires.

D. Problem of the Research

- What are differences of writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri?
- 2. What are differences of factors affect students' writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri.

E. Aims of the Research

- To know and find differences of writing anxiety between male and female students' of SMAN 2 Kediri.
- 2. To know and find differences in factors affecting students' writing anxiety between male and female students at SMAN 2 Kediri.

F. Significance of the Research

1. For English teacher

This research can be used as reference to find out male and female students writing anxiety and the factors behind it. So, teacher will be able to create or find several teaching methods that able to effectively increase students writing knowledge so it will decrease students writing anxiety and increase students confidence in their writing skill. 2. For students

This research can be used as reference to add students' knowledge about writing anxiety male and female students suffered and the cause behind the anxiety. So, they will be able to find better learning strategy to learn writing that accommodate both their ability and match their gender traits.

3. For future researchers

This research can be used as reference for further research related to gender and anxiety in learning in addition to old researches with similar topics that in the far future may or may not be considered as significant researches or not.

G. Definition of Key Terms

1. Gender

The term gender actually used to use to refer people as masculine or feminine based on social values. However, gender has been long used to refer people as male or female based on their biological sex. The use of term 'Gender' has been used to differentiate people based on their biological sex Thus, this research used the term to refers students as male or female based on their biological characteristics and traits. 2. Anxiety

Anxiety refers to excessive fear, cautious and worry feelings caused by certain stimulus. Anxiety is the combination feelings of nervous, worry, and uneasy that turned into dread feeling to do certain activity (Sabti et. all, 2019) caused by biological traits, certain stimulus or condition (Hartono and Maharani, 2019).

3. Writing

Writing is a communication skill that allow people to express their ideas, thoughts and feelings through words in written form. Writing is an ability to convey writer's intention or information through words and symbols (Reski et. all, 2021).

4. Writing Anxiety

Writing anxiety developed from students' negative feelings towards learning writing skill. Writing anxiety refers to a condition when students tend to avoid situation that required performing their writing skill (Karlina and Pancoro, 2018). Based on Cheng (2004), writing anxiety classified into three which are somatic anxiety related to physical condition, cognitive anxiety related to thinking process and avoidance behavior ability related people response to performing writing skill.

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