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Speaking becomes one of the most important skills in English. Speaking is a productive skill that must be mastered by students to express ideas, thoughts, and feelings through oral language. In academic context, many students face difficulties in speaking such as pronouncing words correctly, understanding grammar, and using appropriate vocabulary. In this era of rapid technological development, students can learn English from various digital sources. Therefore, students need new and interesting learning media to keep improving their speaking skills. As a solution, educators are expected to innovate by using online-based media in the learning process. In this research, the researcher used one of the most popular music streaming platforms, namely Spotify, as a media to facilitate students' speaking skill. Spotify provides features such as digital music, song lyrics, and podcasts that can support speaking activities in an enjoyable way.

The aim of this research is to find out the students' perceptions toward the use of Spotify in speaking skills at SMAN 8 Kediri, especially regarding its usefulness, effectiveness, and the obstacles faced by the students in using the application. The researcher used a quantitative research design in the form of a one-shot survey method. This research involved 293 students from tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. The students were asked to fill out a questionnaire consisting of several statements related to Spotify features and speaking components. The data collected were then analyzed using percentage calculation and interpreted into category scales.

The result shows that 40% of students stated the song lyrics feature is very helpful in facilitating their speaking skill, especially in pronunciation. 83% of students agreed that reading and following lyrics helped them understand correct pronunciation, and 82% felt it improved their vocabulary. In terms of effectiveness, digital music scored 81% in pronunciation, and podcasts scored 66% in grammar. However, students also experienced challenges, particularly in pronunciation and vocabulary aspects, with 23% reporting difficulty in understanding pronunciation through digital music and 17% facing limited vocabulary access through song lyrics. In conclusion, Spotify gives a significant contribution to students' speaking skill development. It helps students to learn pronunciation more effectively and makes the learning process more enjoyable. Therefore, the researcher suggests that teachers prepare additional support such as transcript and vocabulary lists to optimize the learning outcomes when applying Spotify in the classroom.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher explains the background of the research, identification of the research, limitation of the research, formulation of the research, purpose of the research, significance of the research, and definition of the key term.

A. Background of the Research

Since language is utilized for both speaking and communication, it is an indispensable instrument in human life. Proficiency in speaking ensures that the message is communicated properly and efficiently, improving interpersonal communication. According to (Mandasari & Aminatun, 2020) Speaking is twoway oral communication between a speaker and a listener that requires both receptive understanding and productive speaking abilities. Furthermore, Srinivas (2019) stated that, in today's world, communication skills are extremely important, and in order to achieve success in one's selected field, it is necessary to have a strong command of these abilities. In order to communicate effectively in our global society, speaking is the most critical ability out of the four language skills that are available. Learners are required to develop the communication skills necessary to communicate effectively in English in order to achieve success in their various industries. This is because English is extensively used all over the world. Wulandari et al (2022) said, One nation where students are less motivated to study English is Indonesia. Speaking English is seen as quite challenging by many high school students.

This study focuses on speaking skills, because speaking plays important roles in the global word. There are several factors that cause difficulties in speaking English. First, because of a variety of speaking issues, including bored with the media used in the teaching and learning process, many students lack motivation to practice speaking. (Mandasari & Aminatun, 2019). Moreover, Suprayogi & Pranoto (2020) discovered that since English phonology differs from Indonesian phonology in some ways, students may have trouble pronouncing

English words. Furthermore, the majority of students are lazy enough to look up the context in dictionaries, and thus are unable to improve their speaking abilities. (Pratiwi & Ayu, 2020).

Students need media that can reach for their interest and make speaking more comfortable (Sinaga & Oktaviani, 2020). Otherwise, these days the phrase "Industrial Revolution 5.0" is used all over the world. Technological developments have really improved many areas of education such as teaching, learning and research, which provide various resources that help teachers and students learn independently (Aminatun, 2019). This means that in the teaching and learning aspect, technological developments encourage students to learn independently and interestingly (Oktaviani and Mandasari, 2020). Apart from that, if students have the will to develop their speaking skills, they can learn independently by taking advantage of technological developments.

The Spotify application is an example of media to improve speaking skills. Thus, they can learn speaking independently using memory strategies and the Spotify application. Spotify is an easy-to-use tool with exciting features, it is the most necessary pick in this case. Spotify is a digital music streaming platform that offers a large selection of English-language songs by different artists. Among other things, users can search for music by mood, genre, album, or even artist. It also offers radio stations and playlists that may be modified. Additionally, users have the ability to create and share custom playlists with others. Spotify is a music program that can be used on devices including laptops and smartphones (Shafwati et al., (2023). Salsabila et al. (2021:157) explain that Spotify is a digital platform for streaming music and podcasts, offering users access to millions of songs and various content from artists worldwide. Through Spotify's lyrics feature, students can also enhance their understanding of English tenses by studying the language used in songs. Additionally, Lazuardy, Susanti, and Suhartono (2023) note that one of the advantages of using Spotify is the ability to repeatedly listen to the same content, which helps students reinforce their listening and comprehension skills.

Using digital audio applications as interactive media is necessary to review because digital audio applications can help students increase their abilities. First, a study conducted by Shafwati et al. (2023) stated that using Spotify as an instructional medium can enhance students' English-speaking abilities. With its wide range of audio content and user-friendly access, students are able to engage in speaking practice, listen to various dialogues, and rehearse spoken expressions in English. This exposure can lead to improved fluency and increased confidence in oral communication. Second, Mayalisa et al. (2023) represent the use of English songs on Spotify to improve students' speaking skills and motivate students to learn at SMP 2 Purnama Semarang. Another study by Afriyuninda et al. (2021), reveals that listening to English songs on a digital audio platform helps students improve their listening ability, good and correct pronunciation, and increase new vocabulary.

There are a lot of researches on students' perceptions of using Spotify. (Azizah 2023) Students' perception on listening, (Purba 2023) Students' perception on pronunciation, and (Hamzah 2023) Students' perception on vocabulary. However, there is no research about students' perceptions of using Spotify in speaking skills. In order to fill in the gap of knowladge about the use of Spotify in speaking skill, this present's research focuses on speaking skills, especially in senior high school students. The researcher intends to conduct a study entitled Survey on Students' Perception Towards the Use of Spotify Application in Speaking Skills at SMAN 8 Kediri.

B. Identification of the Problem

Based on the research background above, the following problems are identified: First, the use of Spotify as one of the most popular music streaming applications in the world as a medium of instruction in listening English song. Second, Spotify has many features such as digital music, song lyrics, and podcasts. The high number of students who access the Spotify application and use the various features in it. They can listen to songs while reading and following the lyrics. Knowing new vocabulary, correct pronunciation, and knowing grammar in

sentences, these are the aspects of speaking ability.

C. Limitation of the Problem

For this research to be carried out more effectively and efficiently, it is necessary to have limitations in studying the problems that arise as mentioned in problem identification. Researcher limited the problem to be studied only by surveying to find out students' perceptions of using the Spotify application in speaking skills in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade of SMAN 8 Kediri. Perceptions in this research relate to the perceived usefulness when using Spotify, the effectiveness of using Spotify in learning, and obstacles in learning English through Spotify. The main features of Spotify are divided into three namely, digital music, song lyrics, and podcasts (Spotify., 2024). There are three areas of knowledge that composes speaking ability, namely; pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary (Kürüm, E. Y. 2016).

D. Formulation of the Problem

The research questions are formulated as follows:P

1. General research question:

What are the students' perception towards using Spotify as a tool to enhance their speaking skills?

- 2. Spesific research question:
- a. Which Spotify features can facilitate students' speaking skills?
- b. How do those Spotify features facilitate students' speaking skills?
- c. What challenges do students face when using Spotify to facilitate their students' speaking skills?

E. Purpose of the Research

According to the research question, this research has several aims:

1. General purpose

To know the students' perception towards the use of the Spotify application in speaking skills at SMAN 8 Kediri.

- 2. Spesific purpose
- a. To know which Spotify features can facilitate students in speaking skills
- b. To find out how the Spotify features can facilitate students' speaking skills
- c. To know challenges do students face when using Spotify for speaking skill improvement

F. Significance of the Research

1. For Teachers

As a facilitator for students, the teacher benefits from understanding students' perceptions of the Spotify application, which enables them to design more effective learning materials. By bringing engaging and familiar voices and conversations into language instruction, educators can increase students' motivation, engagement, and overall language proficiency.

2. For Researcher

By conducting thorough research, the author developed a deeper understanding of students' perceptions of using Spotify in speaking skills. Researching current topics can help writers expand vocabulary, improve sentence structure, and develop writing style. Carrying out research can add new insight and knowledge regarding the topic being researched.

3. For Other Researchers

This study is expected to provide valuable insights for future researchers who are interested in conducting further studies in related fields, as well as to encourage them to explore the use of media, such as Spotify, to enhance students' motivation and interest in developing their speaking skills.

G. Definition of Key Terms

1. Student's Perception

Perceptions are divided into three, namely based on perceived usefulness, effectiveness, and obstacles in learning English through Spotify (Hamzah 2023). This process also occurs in students' perceptions of learning in class to produce achievement. Student perception is a student's view of something that happens in the learning process in class and produces it with suggestions or arguments to the teacher or classmates to improve the learning process (Ansow et al., 2022)

2. Spotify

Spotify is a digital streaming service offering a vast collection of music, podcasts, and video content from global creators. It supports multiple devices, including desktops, mobile phones, tablets, TVs, and car systems, and enables smooth transitions between them via Spotify Connect. Access to content is limited to its official app platforms (Spotify., 2024).

3. Speaking skills

Speaking is an interactive process of conveying messages or information and, if necessary, being followed up by listeners. There are three areas of knowledge composes speaking ability, namely; pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary (Kürüm, E. Y. 2016).

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