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### **PRFFACE**

Our gratitude is very deep and there are no other words that we should say other than gratitude, because thanks to His grace and grace the book entitled Independent Learning as a Method on Learning Speaking has been published for consumption by a large audience. Quality of life is also affected by stress levels and job satisfaction. Every employee is required to develop and realize their competence to the fullest, in order to improve the quality of human resources in an external environment full of competition.

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However, although many studies have been conducted to help learners master English speaking skills, many EFL learners still find it challenging to master, in addition to the view that speaking is the most complex and challenging skill to master (Hinkel, 2005). Another cause is possible that those studies still mainly deal with the linguistic aspects of second language acquisition. Little research has been carried out regarding students' perspectives on the learning of speaking in the EFL classroom. In contrast, students' views, which at least provide awareness to teachers in this context, are essential.

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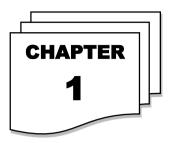
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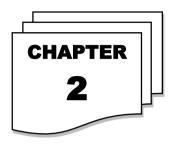
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### INTRODUCTION

In the study of the English language, four crucial skills should be well-mastered by the students: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These skills are the objectives of teaching and learning the English language. They can not be separated because they give a contribution to one another.

Speaking skill is an essential skill in English language learning, as it is also said by Harmer (2004) that speaking is a vital skill for English language learners as much as for everyone using their first language. Gebhard (1996) and Naibaho (2019) emphasizes that speaking is one of two productive skills in language teaching. It is because speaking is a process of building and sharing meaning through verbal or oral forms. Besides, speaking is helpful for the students to learn a language because through speaking, they are provided many advantages, such as reinforcing the grammatical structures, idioms, and vocabulary. Speaking also enhances the students' adventure with the language; by speaking, the students will be involved with the language effort to express their ideas. In order to be able to speak in English, of course, students should have learned the language first, whether it is formally or

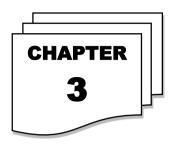


### SPEAKING SKILL

### A. DEFINITION OF SPEAKING

Speaking is one of two productive skills in language teaching. It is a process of building and sharing meaning through a verbal or oral form (Gebhard, 1996). Moreover, Nunan (2003) said that speaking produces systematic verbal utterances to convey meaning. Torky (2006) said that speaking was based on perceptive motor skills. In addition, he said that speaking is the production of auditory signals designed to produce differential verbal responses in a listener. Howarth (2001) and Naibaho (2019) defined speaking as a two-way process involving proper communication of ideas, information, or feeling.

According to Gumperz (1999), speaking is cooperatively constructed based on contributions, assumptions, expectations, and interpretations of the participants' utterances. Speaking is a multi-sensory activity because it involves paralinguistic features, such as eye contact, facial expressions, body language, tempo, pauses, voice quality changes, and pitch variation (Thornbury, 2005), which affect conversational flow. Based on the two definitions above, we can say that speaking is a mental motor skill that

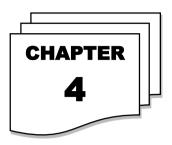


### LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING

In language teaching and learning, there was a move away from teaching and learning language that focuses on writing and reading skills to a method that is focused on speaking and listening skills. Even the actual questions concerning language teaching that are debated have already been discussed throughout the theory of language teaching (Richards & Rodgers 2007). The first teaching methodology for acquiring a foreign language was the one applied for learning Latin since Latin was the education language 500 years ago. The teaching methodology used for learning Latin was adopted for learning foreign languages. This approach to foreign language teaching became known as the Grammar-Translation Method (Richards & Rodgers 2007). Therefore, the grammatical-translation method has been used in teaching English.

### A. APPROACHES AND METHODS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

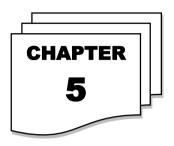
This part discusses approaches and methods in language teaching, especially concerning the role of grammar in the different approaches and methods. Many authors have written books or texts on the topic; however,



### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

The Department for Children's School and Families (DCSF) suggests that independent learning is a broad concept Mayer et al. (2008). He defined self-regulated learning as independent learning that highly effective approaches to learning are associated with success in and beyond school. It also cites Candy (1991), who suggests that independent learning is a method and educational philosophy in which learners acquire knowledge by themselves and develop the ability to undertake inquiry and critical reflection. In support of these definitions, there is a consensus in the international literature that independent learning is a process during which learners develop the values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed to make responsible decisions and take appropriate actions regarding their learning (Bates and Wilson, 2002). Independent learning is learning in which the learner, in conjunction with relevant others, can make the necessary decisions to meet the learner's learning needs (Kesten, 1987).

There is a consensus that independent learning is fostered by creating opportunities and experiences that encourage learners' motivation, curiosity, self-confidence, and self-reliance. It is based on the understanding by learners of their interests and valuing learning for its own sake. However, it is

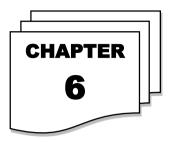


## QUANTITATIVE DATA AND THE QUALITATIVE DATA

### A. QUANTITATIVE DATA

The data of this research were obtained from the questionnaire, interview, diary note, observation, and the test result, which was conducted for three months within two cycles. The data were divided into qualitative data (questionnaire, interview, diary note, and observation) and quantitative data (the test result). This research was done in two classes which consisted of 38 students. In conducting the research, some speaking topics were given as the students' test when the research was conducted. The test was conducted on the students in each meeting of the cycle. A pre-test was given to know the entry behavior level of the students, a progressing test was given to know how independent learning helped the students' speaking ability, and the last post-test was to know the students' final score.

The diary note, interviews, questionnaires, and observations were analyzed to know how the teaching process was, the condition of the class and the students, and how the students responded to the strategy offered.



### ANALYSIS INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND SPEAKING SKILL

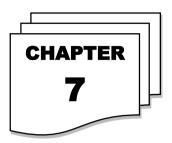
### A. THE FIRST CYCLES ANALYSIS

In this cycle, there six meetings were conducted with the students. The first meeting was conducted to formulate the students' problems in speaking, and the next was to find out the students' entry behavior level. The students were asked to speak at the end of the teaching and learning process.

The plan was arranged before doing this research. All the preparations needed in the research process were prepared. The preparations are analyzing and observing, examining, conducting students' tests, identifying problems, preparing and designing speaking material, conducting progressing tests, preparing media, preparing observation sheets, designing questionnaires designing the learning pattern of independent learning.

### The activities that were done in this phase were as follows:

The students were given some free topics, and they chose one of the topics to be developed into speaking. Then they explained the definition and the importance of speaking, asking them to identify the topics of speaking



### CONCLUSION

After analyzing the data, it was found that the student's scores increased from the first cycle, namely from the first meeting until the eighth meeting. In all of the meetings, it was shown that the students improved speaking through independent learning. It was shown from the mean of the score and the score improvement percentage as follows the mean in the pre-test was 52,39, the mean in the post-test of cycle one was 61,34, and the mean in the post-test of cycle two was 79,15. The percentages are as follows the percentage of improvement on pre-test and post-test in the first cycle is 17,08%, and the percentage of improvement on post-test in the first cycle and post-test in the second cycle is 29,03%. Moreover, the last percentage of the pre-test and the post-test in cycle two is 51.07%. Thus the use of independent learning on students' speaking ability worked well.

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