

Improving Students English Competency through The First Rank English Competition

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Abstract

The Young Generations were the next generations of the nation, which must have a positive impact on the surrounding environment, therefore, English Club Student Organization of Bina Insan University, was holding an English language competition which was beneficial for educational circles in Lubuklinggau, Musirawas and North Musirawas environments. This competition aims to improve students' ability to speak English. Where this competition consists of 4 rounds, namely, true false round, multiple choice rounds, scramble round, and final round. This competition was very well received by students; It can be seen from the number of participants who took part in the competition, which amounted 71 people. This competition runs smoothly and well.

Keywords – Competition, improving, Competence

Abstrak

Generasi Muda, adalah generasi penerus bangsa, yang harus memiliki dampak yang positif bagi lingkungan sekitar, oleh karena itu, Organisasi Mahasiswa English Club Universitas Bina Insan, mengadakan perlombaan Bahasa Inggris yang bermanfaat bagi kalangan pendidikan dilingkungan lubuklinggau, Musirawas dan Musirawas Utara, Perlombaan ini bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan siswa siswi dalam berbahasa inggris. Dimana perlombaan ini terdiri dari 4 Babak yaitu, babak true false, babak pilihan ganda, babak rebutan, dan babak final. Perlombaan ini sangat diterima dengan baik oleh kalangan pelajar, hal ini dapat dilihat dari jumlah peserta yang mengikuti perlombaan yang berjumlah 71 orang. Kegiatan perlombaan ini berjalan dengan tertip dan lancar.

Kata kunci – Perlombaan, meningkatkan , Kompetensi

INTRODUCTION

Youth, were the next generation of the nation, who must have a high spirit of socialization, a strong personality, never give up, and ready to play a role in the surrounding environment. Likewise, Bina Insan University students, who grow up in the current globalization era, must be able to have superior abilities and be able to have a positive impact on the surrounding community. One of the activities carried out by student organizations was to develop knowledge in the field of language. Language is a communication tool used by all humans on the earth, language was used by humans to understand each other, with language humans can interact. Language was a symbol in the form of sounds and arbitrary which used by people to speak or communicate. Without language, humans cannot communicate with each other.

Bina Insan University students created a language organization called English Club (EC), English Club was an organization that operates in the field of developing English language learning. This organization was not only beneficial for Bina Insan University students, but also beneficial for the around community, this was because English was very important for all levels of society to learn. It cannot be denied that the most widely used international English language. English was taught widely in many parts of the world. Crystal (2000:1), states that English was a global language. It means that English was the language used by the whole world to communicate. Therefore, it is important to learn and hone English language skills.

According to Ratmaningsih (2019) English language learning in Indonesia aims to enable language learning to be able to communicate with speakers of it language and also English learning was carried out by non-English speakers as a second language in certain countries where it was used as a communication bridge, such as trade and education. Therefore, learning English was very important for Indonesia's young generation, especially students in Lubuklinggau, Musirawas and North Musirawas.

As we know, in mastering English there were 4 skills that a person needs to master, namely reading, writing, listening and speaking. To be able to communicate well, someone must master these 4 competencies. According to Zaim (2016) in the concept of language learning, there are four language skills that must be mastered by a language learner, namely speaking skills, listening skills, reading skills and writing skills. A language learner can master these four language skills supported by the ability to master language components, namely mastery of grammar and vocabulary. Therefore, to improve English language competency among students in Lubuklinggau, Musirawas Regency and North Musirawas, English Club (EC) Bina Insan University which engaged in the field of English specialization took the initiative to hold an English language competition. Where the main aim is to develop the participants' English language skills to a better level, and can be a means of assessing their own abilities, and was expected to become a connecting link between campuses and schools. This activity aims to, Establish friendship between academics, students and Senior High Schools (SMA). It was a place for students to connect with each other to share information and knowledge. This competition was intended to introduce Bina Insan University and English Club (EC) at the Senior High School (SMA) level. Develop enthusiasm and interest in students and high school (SMA) students in learning English.

Apart from that, this activity also has several benefits, such as training self-confidence in appearing in public, becoming a place for students to measure their abilities, gaining new relationships from various schools and different regions, training students in organizing, working together, being time disciplined and duties, as well as trust in carrying out duties, Becoming a place to gain new relationships, Bridging friendship between the campus and surrounding schools. For this

reason, the competition "The First Rank English Competition" was carried out.

METHOD

This activity was carried out using the competition method, where this activity was attended by a number of high school students in Lubuklinggau. "The First Rank English Competition was a competition to compete for speed and accuracy in answering English questions, including vocabulary, speaking, grammar and reading. This competition has been designed by members of Bina Insan University English Club English organization, which consists of 4 rounds, namely, true/false round, scramble round, essay round and final round,

1. True false round, was a warm-up round where participants will be given statements in turns and participants must answer either true or false with a maximum score of 100
2. Multiple choice round, was a round where participants will be asked questions, and answer by choosing the correct question. Maximum score 100
3. Scramble round, was a round where random questions will be given and participants must answer rapidly, maximum score 100
4. The final round was round to determine the winner, where participants will choose an envelope containing essay questions, where participants will be asked questions and answered in essays. The maximum score was 100 the team that can answer the most questions correctly and have the largest accumulated value was the winner.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The competition activity "The First Rank English Competition" was attended by 71 students in Lubuklinggau, Musi Rawas Regency and North Musi Rawas Regency, these students came from Senior High School Number 1 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Xaverius Lubuklinggau, MAN 1 Lubuklinggau, Senior high school Number 2 Lubuklinggau , Vocational School Number 2 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Tugumulyo, MAN 2 Lubuklinggau, Senior Hugh School Number 5 Lubuklinggau, Vocational School Number 3 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Rupit. In the first round, a competition was held with true false questions, which was participated by all participants who were grouped into several teams, one team consisting of 3 students. In this first round, participants were invited to choose a question, and the chance to take the question was drawn by number. Each team has the opportunity to answer 4 true and false questions. Teams which got the high scores can joint to the next round, from this first round the big scores were gotten by, Senior High School Xaverius Lubuklinggau, MAN 1 Lubuklinggau, Senior high school number 5 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Number 1 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Tugumulyo, MAN 2 Lubuklinggau, Senior high school Rupit, Vocational School Number 3 Lubuklinggau, Vocational School Number 2 Lubuklinggau.

The next round is round 2, in the second round the questions are given multiple choice, each team gets 2 questions, the team that can answer the questions correctly can continue to the next round, and the teams that can continue to the next round were, Senior high school Xaverius Lubuklinggau, Senior high school number 5 Lubuklinggau, Senior high school number 1 Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Rupit. Senior High School Tugumulyo.

The next round was the scramble round. In this session, participants were given questions, and must answer them quickly. The team that can answer the questions correctly and the most can joint to the next round, and the team that can joint to the next round were, Senior High School Number 1 Lubuklinggau , Senior High School Xaverius Lubuklinggau, Senior High School Number 5 Lubuklinggau, and Senior High School Rupit.

The next round was the decision round, the round to determine the winner, In this round,

participants were given essay questions, and participants are expected to answer quickly, the team that can answer quickly and correctly was the winner. From the final result in this competition, the winner teams were as follows

Table 1.
The Winner of “ The First Rank English Competition”

No	School	Number	Final Scores	Explanation
1	SMA Negeri 1 Lubuklinggau	11	1.150	First Winner
2	SMA Xaverius Lubuklinggau	01	900	Second Winner
3	SMA Negeri 5 Lubuklinggau	03	650	Third Winner

The First Rank English Competition 2024 competition activities held by the English Club on Tuesday, 06 February 2024, which took place in the Hall of Campus Bina Insan University, Lubuklinggau, have achieved program achievements including:

1. The First Rank English Competition activities have been carried out in accordance with the contents of Activity Fund Submission Proposal with the theme "Improving Students English Skills in the Globalization Era".
2. After the First Rank English Competition 2024 was held, participants from SMA/SMK/MA equivalent students became more fluent in English both written and spoken; participants gained new vocabulary and gained new relationships.



Figure 1.
“ The First Rank English Competition” Activities

CONCLUSION

The First Rank English Competition 2024 activities carried out by the English Club Student Activity Unit have run according to the aim of holding this activity, namely first, increasing the interest and talent of SMA/SMK/MA equivalent students in the field of English. Second, make the younger generation literate in English. Third, building cooperation and closeness between the Bina Insan University campus and

schools in the surrounding area.

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