

THE CORRELATION BETWEEN STUDENTS' MOTIVATION AND LEARNING GRAMMAR

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Abstract

This correlation research aimed to find out whether there is correlation between students' motivation and learning grammar. The population of this research was the students at the second grade students of MTs Al-Muslimun NW Tegal, which consisted of 104 students. The sample of this research used one class which consisted of 26 students. The sampling technique used simple random sampling. The instruments of this research used grammar test and questionnaire. The result of the analyzed showed that the value of r-test (0.880) was higher than r-table (0.388), in 0.05 of significant level. Based on the result of the study, it could be concluded that there was correlation between students' motivation and learning grammar. In other words, alternative hypothesis (H_a) was accepted and null hypothesis (H_o) was rejected.

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INTRODUCTION

Learning is one of complex problem that influenced by many aspects. One of aspects is motivation. Motivation is probably the most frequently used catch-all term explaining the success or failure of virtually any complex task. Nancy (2013: 23) said that motivation is the act or process of providing a motivating that can cause a person to take some action.

In the classroom context, the concept of students' motivation is used to explain the degree to which students invest attention and effort in various pursuits, which may not be the ones desired by their teachers. Student's motivation is rooted in students' subject experiences, especially those connected to their willingness to engage in learning activities and their reason for doing so.

Students' motivation in leaning can be up and down. According to Harmer (2001: 51), there are four sources that effect students motivation in learning those are a). The Society; outside any classroom,

there are attitude to language learning and the English language in particular. All of language learning will affect the students' attitude in the society to the language being studied whether the attitude is positive or negative, b). Significant Others; apart from the culture of the world around the students, their attitude to language learning will be greatly affected by the influence of the people who are close them. The attitude of the students' peers is crucial. If the students' critical of the subject or activity, the students' own motivation may suffer. If there are enthusiastic learners, however, they may take the student along with them, c) The Teacher; in this case, although teacher is using similar method or technique in teaching learning but the results can be different. The teachers need to make the course interesting and make the students participate in learning process, d). The Method; the methods by which the students are taught by the teacher have to

have some effect on their motivation in learning.

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There are many ways that teachers have done to increase students' motivation. They used various teaching method, teaching strategy, and teaching model. As teachers know that motivation is one of factor which supports student's learning especially when they are learning English grammar.

The researcher also found the problem of motivation especially in learning grammar when researcher conducted observation at MTs Al-

Muslimun NW Tegal. The students thought that grammar was very complex and so hard thought.

Grammar is one of component in four skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In teaching grammar, there are so many rules that must be paid attention when someone wants to master grammar itself. Someone who can master the grammar, they should make differences between the kind of elements in grammar. The element of grammar is tenses. According to Decapua (2008: 1) explain that grammar is a set of rules. Grammar is also often linked to both explicit and implicit criticisms of people's use or "misuse" of language, which may have created a sense of resentment or frustration with the notion of grammar.

Generally, grammar or structure is sometimes defined as the way words are combining or put together to make correct sentence. We can, however, apply the term, grammatical to the unit which is smaller than sentence (Greenbaum and Nelson, 2002: 1). Based on the definition above, it can be concluding that grammar is set of rules that describe how words and groups of words can be arranged to form sentences in a particular language.

There are four indicators of grammar according to Fiklestain (2010: 14) : (1) Sentence. A sentence is the largest independent units of grammar; it begins with capital letter and ends with period, question mark or exclamation point. A sentence is grammatical unit between the constituent parts of which distributional imitational limitation and dependencies can be established, but which can itself be put into distributional class., (2) Morpheme. In linguistics, morpheme is the smallest grammatical unit in a language. In order words, morphemes are the smallest

meaningful unit of a language. A morpheme is not identical to a word, and the principle difference between the two is that a morpheme may or may not stand alone., (3) Phrases. A phrase is small group of words that adds meaning to sentence because it is not a complete idea with a subject, verb, and predicate, in other words, phrase is any groups of words which does not have subject and predicate., (4) Clauses. A clause is group of words that includes a subject and predicate, clause also a part of grammar whereas a grammar is set rules that can be arranged how to make sentence into the language. A clause can be distinguished from a phrase, which does not contain subject and verb.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research is correlation design. As describe by Sukmadinata (2013: 53) correlation is a research study aimed to determine the correlation between one variable with another variable. This research is the second grade students of MTs Al-Muslimun NW Tegal which consist of 104 students. The total sample is 26 students. The Instrument of this research used questionnaire to know students' motivation which consisted of 20 questions and grammar test consisted of 25 questions. To analyze the data use of count up tricks for each category, for example: strongly agree was 5, agree was 4, undecided was 3, disagree was 2, and strongly disagree was 1. The data analysis used Correlation Pearson Product Moment. Hypothesis was a tentative answer towards a watchfulness problem until proved from data that gathered. Before formulating the hypothesis the researcher firstly needed to state about the hypothesis as whats cited by the experts. The hypothesis of the study

that the researcher intended to test were: (1) Alternative hypothesis (H_a) stated that there is a correlation between students with high motivation had grammar higher than students who had low motivation, (2) Null Hypothesis (H_0) stated that there is no correlation between students with high motivation had grammar higher than students who had low motivation.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Research Finding

The findings obtained when the researcher was conducted at MTs Al-Muslimun NW Tegal. In finding the data, the researcher designed the study based on the questionnaire and grammar test.

1. The Result of Questionnaire

The researcher used questionnaire to measure students' motivation when they are taught used grammar. The questionnaire was given to the students of VIII A of MTs Al-Muslimun NW Tegal in academic 2017/2018 which consist of 26 students. From that raw score, it was found that the highest score of students was 86; the lowest score of students was 51. Further, student's score of questionnaire.

Table 1
Score of Questionnaire

NO	Students' Name	Questionnaire item					Score
		5	4	3	2	1	
1	AA	5	5	5	3	2	68
2	AS	8	7	4	1	0	82
3	ARW	6	8	4	1	1	77
4	AS	6	5	5	3	1	72
5	AK	8	7	4	1	0	82
6	HIS	6	5	5	3	1	72
7	IA	7	6	3	4	0	72
8	IEA	7	4	3	4	2	70
9	I	4	5	1	4	6	62
10	JA	6	5	5	3	1	72
11	JE	7	8	3	2	0	80
12	KF	8	7	3	2	0	81
13	KIL	8	7	4	1	0	82
14	LYS	11	6	1	1	1	81
15	MHRM	5	5	5	3	0	68
16	MNW	7	6	3	4	0	72
17	MRP	10	4	4	2	0	82
18	MFN	7	8	3	2	0	80
19	MN	8	7	3	2	0	81
20	MA	3	7	2	5	3	62
21	MJR	3	3	2	6	6	51
22	NA	3	7	2	5	3	62
23	RA	4	5	2	4	5	59
24	WA	11	6	2	1	0	86
25	YB	8	7	3	2	0	81
26	YN	5	5	5	3	2	68

The result of questionnaire showed that 11 students (90%) have very motivating category, 7 students (75%) is slightly motivating category, and 8 students (40%) is neutral. It showed that students at MTs Al-Muslimun NW Tegal have high motivation when they are taught grammar. Further, study the following score interpretation of motivation.

Table 2
Score Interpretation of Motivation

Category	Students	Percentage
Very motivating	11	90%
Slightly motivating	7	75%
Neutral	8	40%
Slightly	0	0%

demotivating		
Very demotivating	0	0%

2. The Result of Grammar Test

Based on the result of computation, it was found that the result of students' grammar test was neutral category. It proved by there are many students got average score, only one student got high score 83 and two students got 58. Further, study of following frequency distribution.

Table 3
Frequency Distribution of Grammar Test

No	Class Limit	Class Boundaries	Mid Point	Tally	Frequency	Percentage
1	56-60	55,5-60,5	58	II	2	7,69%
2	61-65	60,5-65,5	63	IIII	4	15,38%
3	66-70	65,5-70,5	68	IIII II	6	23,07%
4	71-75	70,5-75,5	73	IIII III	7	26,92%
5	76-80	75,5-80,5	78	IIII II	6	23,07%
6	81-85	80,5-85,5	83	I	1	3,84%
Total					26	100%

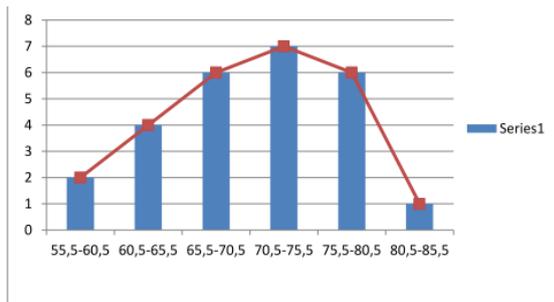


Figure 1. Histogram and Polygon of Grammar Test

3. The Result of Descriptive Analysis

The research computed descriptive analysis to know mean score, standard deviation, mode and median both of questionnaire and grammar score. Further, study of following statistics.

Table 4
Statistics

	VAR00001	VAR00002
N Valid	26	26
Missing	0	0
Mean	73.2692	70.5000
Std. Error of Mean	1.75109	1.24437
Median	72.0000	72.0000
Mode	72.00	68.00 ^a
Std. Deviation	8.92886	6.34508
Sum	1905.00	1833.00

a. Multiple modes exist. The smallest value is shown

Based on the table above, it could be seen that mean score of questionnaire is 73, grammar is 70. Standard deviation of

questionnaire is 8.93 and grammar is 6.34. median of questionnaire and grammar is similar 72. Mode of questionnaire is 72 and grammar is 68.

4. Testing Hypothesis

Table 5
Correlations

		VAR00001	VAR00002
VAR00001	Pearson Correlation	1	.880**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	26	26
VAR00002	Pearson Correlation	.880**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	N	26	26

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Based on the result of computation, it could be showed that r-test is 0.880. it means that there is high correlation between students' motivation and learning grammar. Then, the researcher compared the value of r-test and r-table with degree of significant of 0.05. The value of r-test is higher than r-table (0.880 > 0.388). Thus, the result of implication that there is a correlation between students with high motivation had grammar higher than students who had low motivation. It means that Null hypothesis (H0) is rejected and Alternative hypothesis is accepted.

Discussion

Related to the result of this study, high or low motivation also had relationship with students' achievement of grammar. This happened because it was influenced by students' motivation in learning. According to Harmer (2001: 51),

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The existence of motivation was very important in improving the ability of students and facilitated to achieve what the objectives for the students themselves.

CONCLUSION

Based on the data obtained and analyzed in the finding and discussion above, it is clear that students with high motivation level have high grammar and students with low motivation have low grammar. This can be proved by mean score of questionnaire and grammar test. The researcher comes to the conclusion that there is correlation between students

with high motivation had grammar higher than students who had low motivation. It means that Null hypothesis (H₀) is rejected and Alternative hypothesis is accepted.

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