

THE IMPROVEMENT OF ENGLISH ABILITY THROUGH THE SINGING METHOD AT AR-RAUDHAH MUSTIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION, BATU MALENGGANG VILLAGE, LANGKAT DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

The community service activities are carried out in order that the students improve the English skills, especially for students at the Ar-Raudhah Mustia Education Foundation, Batu Malenggang Village, Langkat Regency. Its application is carried out by the singing method. Through the singing method taught, the students quickly absorb something that is taught and make a better mood. It is a way to achieve a goal in learning in a fun way. In this service, the tool used is the guitar.

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PRELIMINARY

Situation Analysis

The AR-Raudhah Mustia Education Foundation is located in Batu Malenggang Village, Langkat Regency. This foundation is an institution engaged in the religion of Islam. English courses at this foundation include local content and given once a week.

Learning English as a foreign language is very well introduced early so that the children can later socialize using that language and can have an important impact on their lives. The introduction to English since the beginning is based on a pedagogical concept that the earlier someone is introduced to the target language the faster and better the mastery and acquisition of children of the language learned (in this case English as a basis for learning science). The level of mastery of English given early will not be maximized if the approach or teaching method provided is not right. It is, therefore, very necessary to choose a teaching method to achieve the goals that have been determined and planned before.

Problem Justification

Teachers who teach English still use the conventional methods by using text-oriented books by emphasizing vocabulary memorization so that the children at this foundation quickly feel bored and bored, especially for children who are new to English. Another problem found at this foundation is the absence of tools (media) for singing that can be used to practice singing together so that the atmosphere of learning English is more interesting and enjoyable. It is, therefore, urgent for them to have a special ability (singing) to teach English at this foundation.



Figure 1 Introduction to English manually

Purpose of Activity

It is aimed to improve students ability to use pleasant English and to create a comfortable, interested atmosphere, and to be more active in English lessons adopting the singing method.

The singing method gives a new colour in learning English. Through singing children can express all their thoughts and contents. Songs can also strengthen memory because through something interesting and fun it will be easier to remember in mind. This method of singing is performed because most children at an early level really like singing and they can more easily memorize English vocabularies through the English songs given every day.

Service Outcome

The output produced in this service is the method of applying English through the singing method. Besides that, the outputs are in the form of mass media publications in Waspada newspaper, video publications on YouTube and ISSN articles.

METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

The introduction of English at the Foundation is carried out by the method of singing with the help of guitar instrument. Singing is one of the activities that is very popular for most people, especially for children. So the singing method is a way to achieve a goal in learning in a fun way, that is by singing.



Figure 2 Guitar used in singing



Figure 3 Singing activities

Results and Discussion

By the singing method in improving English language skills, it will train students at the Ar-Raudhah Mustia Education Foundation to improve their learning abilities and they will not feel bored at accepting the learning programs so that it can be applied in a daily life.

Conclusions and Suggestions

In improving English language skills for students at the Ar-Raudhah Mustia Education Foundation, it is better to use the singing method. So that students can memorize English vocabularies more easily through English songs given every day.

It is expected that training by this singing method can go on to achieve a goal in learning in a fun way that is by singing.

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