

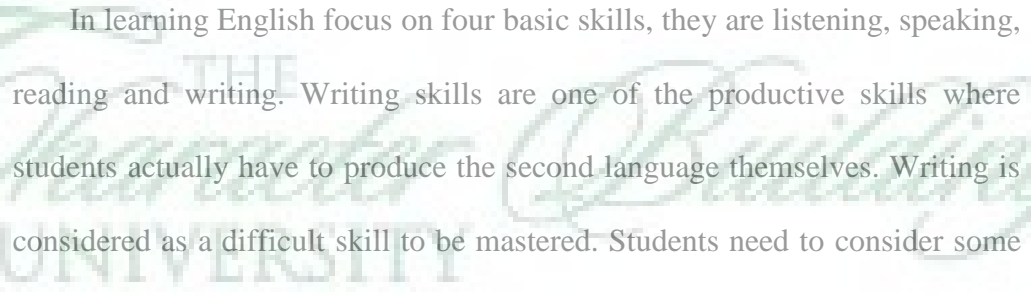


CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Indonesia has two kinds of secondary school which are fundamentally differentiated based on those needs and interest. They are general secondary school (SMA) and vocational school (SMK). Generally secondary school focuses on knowledge expansion and skill improvement of students and preparing students for further education while vocational secondary school focus on development of skill that apply to ascertain specific occupation. Actually, there are many kinds major in vocational secondary school, one of which is computer and Network Engineering. The act of giving relevant materials to the vocational high school students is also demanded by the curriculum implemented now, Curriculum 2013.



In learning English focus on four basic skills, they are listening, speaking, reading and writing. Writing skills are one of the productive skills where students actually have to produce the second language themselves. Writing is considered as a difficult skill to be mastered. Students need to consider some basic skills in writing such as handwriting or typing, spelling, constructing grammatical sentences, and punctuating. Good writing skills usually develop

from extensive reading, some specific training, and a good deal of practice (Davies and Pearce, 2000: 96). To progress in writing skill, students need some practice. They need to read plenty of examples of descriptive, narrative, and also recount writing to develop their skills. Because reading and writing are so important when they are collaborated in increasing students' skills, the reading and writing materials are needed to be developed.

Based on the researcher's observation on the X students at SMK MULTI KARYA MEDAN, it was found that the students use the English Textbook which is published by the Ministry of Education and Culture; unfortunately the textbook is also used by the general high school. Based on the writer's preliminary observation, the writer has also found the most of the student were not good at writing. It was difficult for them. Then, the writer checked their English textbook and got the result that their English writing materials materials they use are not proper to students' needs.

Based on findings above writing materials which are related to Computer and Network Engineering students will be developed in order to meet the students' need in relation to their major. Writing materials chosen to develop by considering the facts that the materials given to the students are not relevant where as writing skill should be mastered by them as students of Computer and Network Engineering study program English writing materials for the tenth grade students of SMK MULTI KARYA MEDAN will be developed through Task-Based Learning (TBL) and hopefully help the

teaching and learning process of writing in order to improve and develop the students' writing skill for the students' need in the future.

B. The Problems of the Study

By seeing from the background, the problem of the study are:

1. How are the existing English writing materials which we used by the students of Computer and Network Engineering?
2. What are the relevant English Writing materials for students of Computer and Network Engineering needed?
3. How are English writing materials developed based on Task-Based Learning for students of Computer and Network Engineering at SMK Multi Karya Medan?

C. The Scope of the Study

Based on the background of the study, this research focused on the development of writing materials based on task-based learning. It is applied in the first semester tenth grade students of Computer and Network Engineering. At SMK Multi Karya Medan.

D. The Objectives of the Study

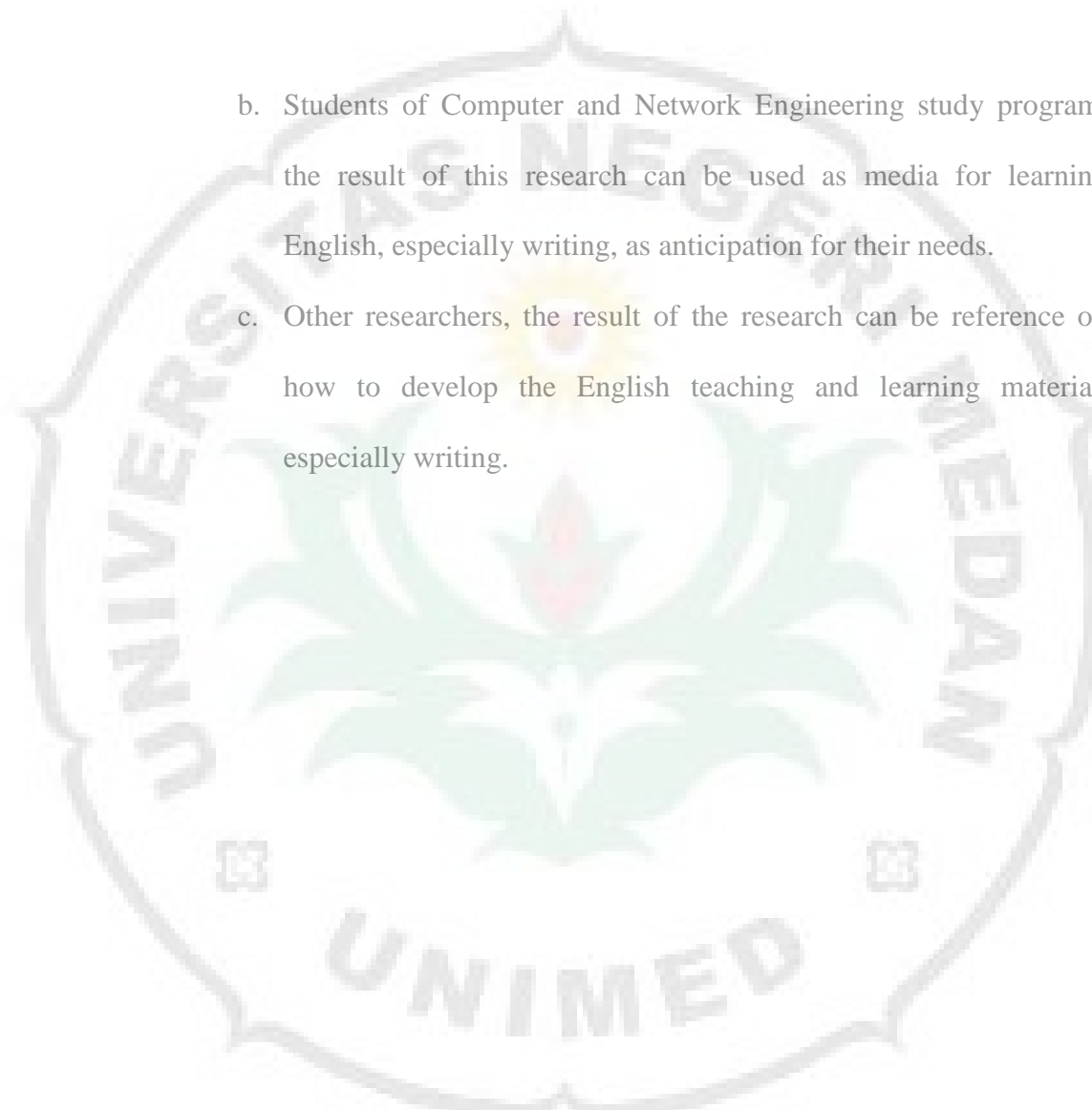
As mentioned in the problem of the study, the objectives of this research are:

1. To investigate how the existing English writing materials which are used by students of Computer and Network Engineering
2. To investigate the relevant English writing materials for students of Computer and Network Engineering
3. To develop appropriate English writing materials for students of Computer and Network Engineering at SMK Multi Karya Medan

E. The Significances of the Study

This research is expectantly hoped to give a valuable contribution to the following parties;

1. Theoretically, this research can be provide information and theories about developing English Writing materials to teachers.
2. Practically, the writer expects that result of the research will be useful for :
 - a. English teacher of Computer and Network Engineering study program, the result of the research can be an example on how to design English teaching and learning material, especially for writing.

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- b. Students of Computer and Network Engineering study program, the result of this research can be used as media for learning English, especially writing, as anticipation for their needs.
 - c. Other researchers, the result of the research can be reference on how to develop the English teaching and learning material, especially writing.

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