

THE OBJECTIVE OF LEARNING ENGLISH IN INDONESIAN

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ABSTRACT

The objective of learning English in Indonesia is to improve people's communication skills in English. English is an international language used in various fields, such as business, education, and technology. By having good English skills, Indonesian people can access wider opportunities in the global world, communicate with people from different countries, and broaden their knowledge and insight. Learning English is also crucial in today's world of work, as many companies seek employees with good English communication skills to face global competition. However, some people in Indonesia may need help understanding the importance of learning English. They may perceive English as a foreign language only needed in specific situations or focus solely on grammar and vocabulary. To address this, it is essential to emphasize the actual purpose of learning English in Indonesia. The Ministry of Education and Culture is vital in regulating the curriculum and standards for learning English in Indonesia. The objectives of learning English include developing knowledge and language skills, such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as grammar and vocabulary. Language skills should be actively applied in everyday life, enabling individuals to communicate effectively, understand written text, and express thoughts and ideas. Additionally, learning English aims to foster attitudes appropriate to the language's context and variety. To achieve these objectives, improving the quality of English language teaching in Indonesia, incorporating innovative methods and technology, and developing a relevant curriculum are necessary. By doing so, individuals in Indonesia can enhance their communication skills, overcome barriers, build intercultural relationships, and actively contribute to the international community.

Key Words: Objective learning; Learning English; Curriculum,

INTRODUCTION

The objective of Learning English in Indonesia is apparent: improving people's communication skills in English. English is an international language widely used in various fields, including business, education, and technology. Therefore, Indonesian people need to have good skills in English. By having good communication skills in English, Indonesian people can access wider opportunities in the global world. proven ability to use a foreign language help smooth your career in the field of Public Relations and establish good relationships with the community and customers organizations and companies (Yani et al., 2018). They can communicate with people from various countries, develop international cooperation, and broaden their knowledge and insight. Apart from that, good Learning English skills are also an important requirement in today's world of work. English needs to be given to the nation's future generations from primary to higher education to face the era world globalization (Handayani, 2016 as cited as Novianty, P. S.,et al. (2022).). For people who want to work in the tourism industry, English language skills are the basis for communication (Damayanti, 2019).

Being able to speak English is a positive added value that is needed in the world of work (Harahap, 2020), (Yulientinah et al., 2020). The influence of English language skills on learning outcomes (Dewi et al., 2020). Language Training English is one way to improve the quality of human resources (Widiyanto et al., 2020), (Budi et al., 2020). Many companies and organizations seek employees with good English communication skills to face global competition. With good English Skills, Indonesian people can increase their chances of getting better and better-quality jobs. Therefore, the aim of Learning English in Indonesia is very important and needs to be emphasized. By improving communication skills in English, Indonesian people can

broaden their horizons, face global challenges confidently, and contribute actively to the international world.

In some cases, Indonesian people may still need to fully realize the importance of the goals of Learning English. Some people may still consider English as a foreign language only needed in certain situations, such as when working in a multinational company. They may still need to understand that good Learning English skills can provide a significant competitive advantage in today's global world. Apart from that, there needs to be a better perception that learning English only focuses on mastering grammar and vocabulary.

Therefore, in this article to avoid people's ignorance the writer will explain what the actual purpose of Learning English in Indonesia is?

DISCUSSION

We can refer to the policies and regulations issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (Kemendikbudristek) to answer questions regarding the objective of learning English in Indonesia. The Ministry of Education and Culture is important in regulating Indonesia's curriculum and Learning English standards. The following is a review from the Ministry of Education and Culture regarding the objectives of learning English in Indonesia in *Standar Kompetensi Lulusan (SKL) Kursus dan Pelatihan Bahasa Inggris for Specific Purpose Berbasis Kerangka Kualifikasi Nasional Indonesia Berdasarkan Peraturan Presiden Nomor 8 Tahun 2012*:

1. Knowledge and language skills, namely listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, as well as language components, namely grammar and vocabulary.

They explained that knowledge and language skills are two critical communication skills. Language knowledge includes understanding grammar, vocabulary, and cultural and social aspects of language use. On the other hand, language skills involve listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the language concerned. Language

knowledge includes understanding language rules and structures, such as grammar and vocabulary. This involves understanding the form, function, and use of words and sentences in the language. Knowledge of culture and social context is also essential for understanding how to communicate effectively in the studied language.

Meanwhile, language skills involve using language in different communication situations. Listening skills involve the ability to understand and interpret information presented orally. Speaking skills involve expressing thoughts, opinions, and ideas orally. Reading skills involve the ability to understand written text, while writing skills involve the ability to express thoughts and ideas in writing. In language learning, it is essential to develop language knowledge and skills in a balanced way. Knowledge of grammar and vocabulary provides a solid foundation for understanding and using language correctly.

Meanwhile, developing listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills allow one to communicate fluently and effectively in the studied language. By holistically developing language knowledge and skills, a person can achieve language learning goals, including the ability to communicate well and understand information conveyed in the language.

2. English language skills that can be actively applied in everyday life.

The objective of learning English in Indonesia also includes having English language skills that can be actively applied in everyday life. This is important so that individuals can use English in various situations, such as communicating with foreigners, traveling, reading and writing in English, and participating in discussions and presentations in English. By having English language skills that can be actively applied in everyday life, individuals in Indonesia can expand their opportunities and improve their quality of life. They can access information and resources in English, communicate with people from different countries, and participate in international activities.

Learning English in Indonesia also aims to help individuals develop confidence in using English, overcome communication

barriers, and build better intercultural relationships. With strong English skills, individuals can become more open to cultural differences and develop a better understanding of people from different backgrounds. To achieve this goal, it is important to continue to improve the quality of English language teaching in Indonesia, including the use of innovative methods and technology and developing a curriculum relevant to the needs and demands of the times.

3. English language attitudes that are appropriate to the context and variety of language.

The objective of learning English in Indonesia is to develop attitudes toward learning English appropriate to the context and variety of languages. This is so that individuals can master English as an effective communication tool in various aspects of life. Even though English is still considered a foreign language in Indonesia, it is essential to continue to pay attention to Learning English policies from the perspective of forming world citizens with intercultural competence. In addition, the adaptation of teaching English as a foreign language in Indonesia continues to develop, especially with educational technology integration.

Thus, learning English in Indonesia aims to allow individuals to adapt to various languages and appropriate contexts. This is important so that individuals can communicate well in English in various life situations, whether in academic, professional, or social contexts. Along with the dynamics of globalization, individuals in Indonesia need to master English as an essential skill in facing challenges and opportunities on a global scale. By learning English appropriate to the context and variety of languages, individuals in Indonesia can actively participate in the global community and expand opportunities in education, career, and cultural exchange.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the objective of learning English in Indonesia is to improve people's communication skills in English. English is an

international language that provides individuals with access to wider opportunities in the global world. By having good English skills, individuals can communicate effectively with people from different countries, broaden their knowledge and insight, and enhance their chances of securing better quality jobs in today's competitive global market.

However, there may be a need for more awareness among some individuals in Indonesia regarding the importance of learning English. It is crucial to emphasize the actual purpose of learning English, which goes beyond specific situations and focuses not only on grammar and vocabulary but also on developing comprehensive language skills. The Ministry of Education and Culture significantly regulates the curriculum and standards for learning English in Indonesia. The objectives of learning English include developing knowledge and language skills, such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as grammar and vocabulary. These skills should be actively applied in everyday life, enabling individuals to communicate effectively, understand written text, and express thoughts and ideas. Additionally, learning English aims to cultivate attitudes appropriate to the language's context and variety.

To achieve these objectives, it is essential to continually improve the quality of English language teaching in Indonesia. This includes incorporating innovative methods and technology and developing a relevant curriculum that meets the needs and demands of the times. By doing so, individuals in Indonesia can enhance their communication skills, overcome barriers, build intercultural relationships, and actively contribute to the international community. So, learning English in Indonesia is not just about acquiring language skills but also about fostering a global mindset and preparing individuals to navigate the challenges and opportunities of an interconnected world.

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