

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Problem

A news report is similar to a news article, news articles cover the basics of current events. News report included into journalism, in journalism we learn about news and report writing. It is the basic facts of a story that is currently happening or that just happened. Then, the meaning of the report itself is defined as a collection of information about something or rumors or gossip that is being spread. And the definition of news itself is provide through many different media: word of mouth, printing, postal systems, broadcasting, electronic communication, and also on the testimony of observer and witnesses to events. It is also used as a platform to manufacture opinion for the population.

Furthermore, news reporting involves discovering all relevant facts, selecting and presenting the important facts and weaving a comprehensive story. Reporting involves hard work, which in turn involves stamina and patience. The main function of journalistic profession is news reporting. In addition, students need to learn about news and report writing in order to know how to do the activities of the journalist. Writing a news report is easy if you report on the subject, conduct good interviews, and write in a style that is clear, concise, and active.

Beside of that, Since technology is beneficial for students, it might be better for teacher to use it in a classroom. Actually, not all the teachers in

Indonesia have used technology as their teaching learning media for many reasons. In fact, if we look at some sources about the benefits of technology we will find effectiveness in using technology in teaching and learning process. we can conclude that today's technology is very helpful in the education process and we can use it.

In this era, there are various kinds of technology, one of them is Internet. By using internet , teacher and students can find and search many things from various sources. They can also send emails between teachers and students. While students and teachers are using , they might also find several different websites which provide different function and they might get some difficulties in choosing the appropriate one.

The general problems that faced by students is students motivation to learn do not improvement because teacher not does not utilize the technology, students who have different learning characteristic and ability in learning process are not facilitated by the teacher, shameless students expressing opinion on a conventional class are not given the facility that suitable for them, and the last, students are the digital generation who need internet services, but not all of the lectures used media of internet to facilitated students in learning process.

Furthermore, Edmodo helps students to more understanding in learning process, and also it makes lecture more easy to apply their students assessment , Edmodo is one of the appropriate websites for students and teachers to support the learning process. According to Ekmekci (2016), Edmodo is a free social learning platform that allows students to access the course content uploaded by their

teachers. Edmodo is a free of charge social learning platform which provides learners with access to course content presented by teachers. It helps students interact with each other and teacher through instant messages. Teachers can easily assign students and set a deadline for homework. Using Edmodo also can facilitate teachers in teaching news and report writing to be able to send news to students quickly and easily.

Based on researcher observation, the use of Edmodo in the learning process is still very rare. Although Edmodo has many advantages in supporting the teaching and learning process between students and lecture. In this research, The researcher have made observation to one of lecturer who teach news and report writing, she said that Edmodo is very helpful in doing assessment in news and report writing subject. Then it can be used easily and can be used anywhere. Because, using Edmodo lecturers can provide materials, exercise, quizzes anywhere and anytime. In addition, lectures can also know the students who collect the task or quiz on time, also can provide assessment directly and make it easier to check the completeness of student tasks. Another reason to use Edmodo as an assessment that it is paperless. So, we can conclude that Edmodo has many advantages and very practical because it can be used everywhere and everytime.

It is known that, students and teacher are components who consider That education can be done well, then teachers and students also will use technology to help improve quality in the learning process. The teachers, way of teaching will not be escape from students' perception, because students will give evaluation of teaching implementation by their own perception.

According to Pickens (2005), “perception is closely related to attitudes (p.52). So, perception could be shown because the ability of feeling and the ability of thinking. Then, students’ perception on use Edmodo as an assessment will give their attitude and interest in learning using Edmodo. It means, through impression happened during teaching and learning process, students will have perception toward use Edmodo as an assessment in learning news and report writing. So, with the perception of students, researchers can find out their responses about the technology to be used in the assessment.

Based on the background of the problem, the researcher lift the title of research students’ perception on the use of edmodo in news report writing class at the fourth semester student’s of english department universitas islam riau.

### **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Based on background of the problem above, the problem can be identified as follow students motivation to learn do not improvement because teacher not does not utilize the technology and the identification of problems in this study is how advantages and disadvantages of using edmodo. so in this research, the researcher will prove the extent of the influence of edmodo from the students' perceptions in the application of edmodo in news report writing.

### **1.3 Focus of The Problem**

The researcher just limit the problem about student’s perception at the fourth semester towards use of Edmodo as an assessment tool in news writing class.



#### **1.4 Research Questions**

The aims of this study are investigated through the following research questions:

- 1.) What are the advantages and disadvantages of using Edmodo as an assessment tool for learning process?
- 2.) What are the students' perception on the use of Edmodo as an assessment tool for learning?

#### **1.5 Objective of The Research**

Generally, the objective of the study was find out the answer of the problem above. The main purpose of conducted this research are:

- 1.) To find out the advantages and disadvantages of using Edmodo in news report writing class at the third semester students of Islamic University of Riau.
- 2.) To find out students perception of use Edmodo as an assessment tool for news report writing class at the third semester students of Islamic University of Riau.

#### **1.6 Significance of The Research**

In this section, there are some advantages which might be gained from doing this research:

### 1.6.1 English teacher

Through this study, teachers realize that it might be helpful for them to use Edmodo as a new medium among students. It helps teacher interact with students through instant messages, teachers can easily assigns students and set a deadline for homework. Teacher also can give live assessment for students.

### 1.6.2 Students

Students might be more active to do their tests or assignments because they are using a new medium. Moreover, students can do their tasks everywhere as long as they have a good internet connection. Students also can get their point from doing the task and can see their live score.

### 1.6.3 Researcher and the reader

Looking at the result of this study, the researchers will gain more information about Edmodo. And the reader know more about the use of Edmodo in News Report Writing.

## 1.7 Definition of the Key Terms

### 1.7.1 Perception

According to Pickens (2005), “perception is closely related to attitudes (p.52). on the other hand, Lindsay and Norman (1977) state that perception is the process by which organism interprets and organizes sensation to produce a meaningful experience of the world (as cited in Pickens, 2005,p.52). So,

perception could be shown because the ability of feeling and the ability of thinking. The perception in this study refers to students' perception on use Edmodo in News Report Writing.

#### 1.7.2 News report writing

According to Sharma and Mohan define a technical report as “ a written statement of the facts of a situation, project, process or test.

News reporting involves discovering all relevant facts, selecting and presenting the important facts and weaving a comprehensive story

#### 1.7.3 Edmodo

One of the appropriate websites used in a teaching learning environment is Edmodo. According to Cauley (2012), “Edmodo is an educational website that takes the ideas of a social network and refines them and makes it appropriate for a classroom. Using Edmodo, students and teachers can reach out to one another and connect by sharing ideas, problems, and helpful tips integrated activity in each individual. So, perception could be shown because the ability of feeling and the ability of thinking.