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Challenging Factors Affecting Students' Speaking Performance

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Abstract. This research was carried out due to the lack of students' to achieve their fluency and proficiency in English speaking skill at English Department of University of Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara. The present study aims to investigate the students' speaking problem and solve the speaking factors contributing their issues. The research applied descriptive qualitative design by collecting the documents, observation and interview data. Then the data was analyzed by using qualitative data analysis with Miles and Huberman data analysis by covering data collection, data display and conclusion through triangulation. The was data obtained from the questionnaire with 120 FF second year students, individual interview with lecturers, and class observation. The result showed internal factors supposedly dominated the difficulties in their speaking performance namely the students' lack of vocabulary and their hesitance or reluctant feeling of making mistake and being afraid to be. However it will make a big for them if the lecturers conduct the suitable teaching approaches by helping the peers and classroom organization.

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1. Introduction

In Indonesia studying English as foreign language is fundamental for the security presented in this globalized world since science and technology are the world culture and the means to acquire and keep up with the development of science and technology. Speaking English tends to be the most important skills of all the four skills because people who know a language are usually referred to as speakers of that language. In Indonesia, the achievement of English speaking proficiency has been more and more concerned by most English majored students for its indispensable role in international communication relationships across from the recent trend of global integration. Such the impact has brought about the fluency and proficiency of English speaking skills as one main objective to curriculum of English language program at most universities especially in English education program. But the fact showed that it is still challenging for numerous English language undergraduates to fully achieve speaking skills, especially for second-year students in University of Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara, Indonesia.

A number of empirical studies have examined the same research concern related to difficulties encountered by university EFL students while participating in oral classroom activities. For example (Y.P., H.T., & P.T.M., 2018) studies the major difficulty revealed by the participants in lacking vocabulary to express ideas in speaking English with over one third

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Factors Affecting Tardiness of Grade II Students in San Teodoro National High School

Reasons Why Being Tardy to School is Bad

by Leyla Norman, Demand Media

Being late to school disrupts more than your child's day.

Tardiness affects not only your child's attendance record and ability to learn, but it also impacts the school environment and you. Being late to school can lead to legal problems for you and your child, and it also interrupts other students' learning. Tardiness also adds up to absences in many schools. For example, at Erie Elementary School in Erie, Wash., three tardies equal one absence. Preparing the night before and allowing a little extra time in the morning can prevent most tardiness.

Legal Reasons

States have laws that require attendance at school, and parents who do not have their children at school on time can face legal problems. In fact, they can be charged for having their kids late to school and face arrest and fines. Older students can also be arrested for being truant, depending on the circumstances and state law. Tardies can add up to absences, and that can result in truancy, an offense states and school districts take very seriously.

Your Child's Learning

When a child is late to school, she misses out on important instruction. Every minute that a child is in school is important to her learning. When she is tardy, she faces the challenge of trying to settle in and catch up with what other students are doing. She is behind and has to struggle to understand material the teacher has already explained. Being late is detrimental to her learning, especially if it occurs on a consistent basis.

Other Children's Learning

Other students also suffer when a child is late to school. They have to wait to proceed with a lesson because the teacher is busy trying to catch the late child up. The interruption of a door opening into a classroom and the teacher having to address who is coming in is distracting and can cause students to lose their concentration as well. It wastes time to deal with and then recover from an interruption caused by someone coming in late to class.

Preparation for Real Life

Being on time to school is preparation for the world outside of school. When parents focus on punctuality, students learn that not coming to a meeting or event on time is disrespectful of other people's time and that they miss out on important information. It's a priority of which many high school students are acutely aware, writes Leslie Ford, staff writer for the Sugar Beet student newspaper at Garden City High School in Garden City, Kan. In an April 2011 opinion piece, she notes that job interviews do not wait for people who are late and that tardiness does not help students get ready for the world after graduation.

Ways to Prevent Tardiness

Have your child set out her clothes for the next day the night before. Her backpack should contain all her books, supplies and homework she will need for the next day. Get all of the supplies and equipment needed for after school practices and activities ready. Have your son make his lunch if he brings it, and ensure he is in bed at a reasonable hour. Set the alarm 10 or 15 minutes earlier than absolutely necessary to ensure your child has enough time to get to school before the body bell rings.

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The Impact of Tardiness on School Success: Students who are on time to school are more successful by Stacy Zeiger, eHow Contributor

Schools stress the need for students to get to school and class on time and with good reason. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education on truancy, which is connected with tardiness, show that school attendance is a major factor when it comes to school success and student behavior.



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