

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Teaching Assistance Program that the writer followed was part of Merdeka Belajar Kampus Merdeka (MBKM). MBKM is a new program formed by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia (KEMENDIKBUD). The intention of this program is to give students around Indonesia to obtain studies from everything besides class, such as internship, entrepreneurship and many more.

By taking part in the Teaching Assistant program, the writer apparently get more knowledge about teaching, particularly in English Language as well as implementing material the writer obtains from courses in Ma Chung University. In this program the writer was given opportunity to teach in SMPK Sang Timur Malang as an English teacher for grade 7. SMPK Sang Timur Malang is one of the private schools in Malang. The school was founded in 1967 and has A accreditation

SMPK Sang Timur Malang is one of the schools that set English subjects in their curriculum. English is one of the languages in this world that needs to be learned because we usually use English to talk with people from another country. The importance of using English in daily activities eventually led the Indonesian government to set English lessons as a required subject. English is one of the compulsory subjects for all students in Indonesia.

Difficulties that often arise while English Language subjects are being carried out are students showing difficulty in learning the new language. With the difficulties experienced by students, this should be the concern of both the teachers and students to make the learning process successful. Teachers should find the best way to reach a successful teaching method and students can find it.

1.2 The Objectives of Teaching Assistant Program

The aim of taking part of this program is to help students in SMPK Sang Timur Malang to learn English in various methods that help them to comprehend the given material and implement it to their daily needs.

As well as help the students with their learning process, this program also helps the writer to implement teaching skills that have been learned in class to an actual teaching and learning in school as a teacher.

1.3 The Scope of The Program

The scope of this program that is followed by the writer is the writer teaches in 2 classes in SMPK Sang Timur, namely grade 7. Teaching in grade 7 is worthwhile for students in grade 7 to learn English and prepare them for odd final examinations. The writer's teaching and learning activities are offline or presented directly in schools.

1.4 The Significance of The Program

For students and school, the benefits of the program is to help students to learn English with multiple methods that will lead them to better comprehension of the English language. Also, schools received support to use new methods of teaching for their students.

For writer, the benefits of the program is having new experience teaching in junior high school and the opportunity to implement the teaching skills that have been obtained into real activities.