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Abstract

This journal aims to investigate the students' improvement on speaking ability through the application of Role Play technique. There were 25students of SMA Kristen 1 Soe as the participants. The researcher used Classroom Action Research as the method and collect the data by using test, in the form of pre test and post test and observation for the teacher and the students. The result of the study indicated that Role play can improve students' speaking ability. The improvement covered, the students being active in the process of teaching and learning, pronouncing the words clearly with few errors, being able to construct a simple sentence fluently, their comprehension reflect topic, and the students being able to create content of the dialogue which is relevant to the topic.

Key words: Speaking Ability; Role Play Technique.

Introduction

Speaking is an important skill for people, because people speak to interact with others, and it is the way to express feeling and to share ideas. Cameron (2005) stated that "Speaking is used to express meanings so that other people can make sense of them." In addition, Brown (2001) argued that "speaking is an interactive process of conducting meaning that involves producing, receiving and processing information". Therefore, the researcher concludes that speaking is the tool to communicate, to express our idea, opinion and feeling.

In learning English, speaking is one important skill that should be mastered by students, but the reality in learning process, many students find difficulties in speaking class because it is not an easy skill to master. Huda (1999) said that "Oral communication is important skill required for English language students but it is the most difficult skill to develop".

Based on the preliminary study, the researcher asked the students in SMA Kristen 1 Soe who have problem in speaking. The problems are: some students often worry or unconfident when they speak in English because they are lack of vocabulary. Other students do not have motivation to speak in English because they do not understand about the material being given. In teaching speaking, mostly students become listeners, without having opportunity practice one by one. Students said that in speaking class teacher always asked them to practice dialogue or conversation in their hand book and never asked them to think and explore their idea.

This conditions encourage the researcher to offer the application of Role Play technique as the solution in order to at least minimize the weaknesses in speaking and improve their speaking ability.

According to Stocker (2006) "Role Play is one of the techniques in communicative language teaching (CLT) which is effective to improve student's