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#### **ABSTRACT**

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The objective of this study is to find out what the English listening materials are appropriate for students in tourism major. Indonesia has many spots for tourism then it makes government to improve the students' ability in tourism major. Since the students need to communicate with other people especially tourist then it needs to improve listening skill. Because basically listening is a skill of English that consists of receiving, constructing, and responding to verbal or nonverbal massage. In fact, the finding of materials that provided for the Grade X students of Tourism major at SMK Negeri 7 Medan that listening materials provided in the textbook are not related to the students' major. Then it is needed to develop the English listening materials for the tenth grade of tourism major. The research was conducted by using Research and Development (R&D) method. The subject of this research was 2016/2017 students of the tenth grade of tourism major in SMK Negeri 7 Medan. The number of the students was 26 students. The data of this study were collected by using need analysis questionnaire, and interview. It was found that 61.90% of the respondents assumed that existing listening materials are not related to their major, and 93.75% expected major-related English listening materials. The experts' validation shows that the developed listening materials are appropriate and recommended to be used. At the end of this study, teachers are expected to be able to see the students' needs and can prepare even develop the materials in order to meet students' needs and job.

Key words: Research and Development, English listening materials, Tourism

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### *Background of the Study*

In Indonesia, English is utilized as a foreign language and plays important roles in education. English become one of subjects to be examined to get higher education level. English is also used as the access to gain the knowledge and information through World Wide Web.

Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK) or Vocational School is kind of education in Indonesia besides senior high school. The difference is vocational school prepares their students to get ready for work after they finish their study. Besides their skills, they also can use English to get better job later.

Listening is a language skill that enables human to get the message from what being heard. Listening is important because it is a skill of English that consists of receiving, constructing, and responding to verbal or nonverbal message (Verderber, et al: 2008). Thus, before people can speak and build communicate well, they should listen the others.

Moreover, listening skill becomes one of the skills that should be mastered since it is a part of National Examination. Students have to listen carefully while the record is playing. They need to gain the message from what is being said by the speaker and then they need to write down the message on their paper test. Unfortunately it is hard for the students who do not have good lesson in their school due to the material which taught at school are not suitable with their major.

Unfortunately, mostly teacher are ignored the problem that faced by the students. They just skip listening section and move to the next lesson without finish the listening section. In fact, teacher should know the factors that influence the achievement of student while doing the listening section such as irrelevant materials, teaching strategy, and failure in managing students' motivation.

Based on the explanations, it is an important thing then to review the listening materials for the Grade X students of tourism major, then to develop these listening materials which related to the students' major in order to help improving the students' learning eagerness and to improve their mastery on listening skill to achieve the competency standards moreover it will help them to get work later since they are students of vocational school.

#### **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Listening is a receptive skill that allows people communicate each other. Rost (2002:2) describes listening in its broadest sense as a process of receiving what the speakers actually says, constructing and representing meaning, negotiating meaning with the speakers and responding, and creating meaning through involvement, imagination and empathy. Means, listening is not just about sound, intonation, and words but it is complex skill which runs in real activity. Listeners should be active and creative in catching the message or content of the information. Further, Brown (2001:247) describes listening as a major component in language learning and teaching. This is to say that listening plays a important role in learning especially for communicating.

Learning materials is important as a media for students to get the lesson from teacher. Learning material can be defined as any materials used by the teacher and students for teaching and learning process. Learning material should help students get the essence of learning process. Like Tomlinson (2008:4) said that learning materials should provide opportunities for feedback. Unfortunately, teachers nowadays have not aware about the learning materials that used in learning process. They just used the textbook as the main learning material in every learning process. In fact, Tomlinson (2001:66) explains "material is anything which is used to help to teach language to the students. Material can be in the form of a textbook, a workbook, a cassette, a CD-ROM, a video, a photocopied handout, a newspaper, a paragraph written on a whiteboard: anything which present or informs about the language being

learned. In the other words, teacher can develop the learning material based on students' needs.

ESP has emerges as one of the major areas of EFL teaching today. Hutchinson and Waters (1986:19) who state "ESP is an approach to language teaching in which all decisions as to content and method are based on the learner's reason for learning. ESP aims to make students know where they can use the English after they finish their learning process. In line with that, Basturkmen (2010:8) said that in ESP the learner is seen as a language learner engaged either in academic, professional or occupational pursuits and who uses English as a means to carry out those pursuits.

Indonesia's National Education Department by the Letter of Decision Number 7013/D/KP/2013 about the Competences Spectrum on Vocational School have specified that there are 6 competency major in vocational school, namely: (1) Technology and Engineering, (2) Information and Communication Technology, (3) Health, (4) Agribusiness and Agro technology, (5) Fisheries and Marine, (6) Business and Management, (7) Tourism, (8) Art and Craft, and (9) Performing Arts. Tourism competency major then is subdivided into *Kepariwisataan*, *Tata Boga*, *Tata Kecantikan*, *dan Tata Busana*. The major *Kepariwisataan* then divided into travel agency and hotel accommodation.

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND FINDINGS

#### *Methodology*

The research was conducted by using the educational research and development (R & D) proposed by Borg and Gall. Based on Borg and Gall (2003:569) R & D is "an industry-based development model in which the findings of research are used to design new products and procedures, which then are systematically field-tested, evaluated, and refined until they meet specified criteria of effectiveness, quality, or similar standards." R & D contains ten stages during the research, namely: Research

and Information Collecting, Planning, Development of Preliminary Form of Product, Preliminary Field Testing, Main Product Revision, Main Field Testing, Operational Product Revision, Operational Field Testing, Final Product Revision, and Dissemination and Implementation (Borg & Gall, 1983:775).

Borg and Gall (2003:572) explained that: "it is highly unlikely a graduate student will be able to find the financial and personnel support to complete a major R & D project... If you plan to do an R & D project for a thesis or dissertation, you should keep these cautions in mind. It is best to undertake a small-scale project that involves a limited amount of original instructional design...Another way to scale down the project is to limit development to just a few steps of the R & D cycle." By considering these statements, only five stages applied in order to solve the problem in this study because of the limited time, capacity and financial. This reduction of stages of R & D then called by Borg and Gall as "Small-Scale R & D Project"...

#### Procedures of Materials Development

This research was conducted by adapting the Small-Scale R & D Project proposed by Borg and Gall, which are as follows:

- a. Research and information collecting
- b. Planning
- c. Develop preliminary form of product
- d. Preliminary field testing
- e. Main product revision

#### **Findings**

#### Research and information collecting

The existing materials are in the form of textbook entitled *Bahasa Inggris SMA-MA/SMK Kelas X Wajib* by Otong Setiawan Dj. The topics of the materials for one

semester are provided below. These topics of the existing materials then developed by considering the students' needs.

Table 1 Topics in Existing Listening Materials

Chapter	Title
1	Can I Have Your Name, Please?
2	Excellent!
3	Are You OK?
4	I'd Like To
5	Congratulations
6	Have You Ever Tried It?

(From: Bahasa Inggris SMA-MA/SMK Kelas X Wajib, Otong Setiawan Dj)

In order to fit to the research on appropriate English listening materials then some criteria which are provided by Wong (2014) is amended. The criteria can be seen as following;

Table 2 Criteria for English Listening by Wong (2014)

CRITERIA		
LINGUISTIC CONTENT		
The range of vocabulary is wide by covers tourism terminologies which are		
useful enough for students majoring in tourism		
The listening materials are authentic		
The listening tasks are realistic and related to tourism field		
Examples and texts are correctly written		
There are activities designed for integrating language skills in relation to		
tourism field		
The materials is relevant and consistent		
There is a glossary in tourism field		
The listening activities are designed to guide learners to answer questions		
related to the activities		
OTHER CONTENT		
The situation in the audio is authentic		
The intonation of the audio is appropriate		
The content is combined with a series of pictures of tourism that facilitate		
learners' listening activities		
The language and content of the audio are used in authentic situations		
Text, images, and sounds are appropriately coordinated to the situation		
(e.g., reservation language is presented with suitable conversation and		
relevant pictures)		

	Written aids are	provided for	r audio (e.g.,	scripts of	listening	activities)
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Audio are provided with different accents (e.g., British, American, Australian, Canadian)

Clear instruction are provided in the audio

#### **LEARNER CONCERNS**

The textbook fits target needs in tourism field

Learner are provided with opportunities to interact with different types of learning content

Different levels (difficulty of activities) of listening materials are provided

The listening activities can increase learners' interaction

Learners perceive the textbook as interesting, useful and relevant to the tourism major

There are references, websites, and additional resources for students to try on their own

Activities can allow the learners to transfer some of the information they hear (e.g., draw a picture, write key words)

#### PRACTICAL CONCERNS

The textbook is affordable

The textbook is easy for students to carry

The textbook is attractive

The textbook is durable

The textbook is easy on the eyes

The textbook provides an Audio CD

The research was continued by doing needs analysis of the learners by administering the questionnaires.

The students were asked about the generality of the existing materials, the Table 3 below shows the result.

Table 3 Students' Judgment on Existing Listening Materials

Question	Scale	Percentage
Listening materials provided in our learning	Not Related to my major	61.90 %
materials are	Related to my major	38.10 %

Then the intention to develop the materials is supported by this finding. it is also important to see how this decision meets the students' need. This following table shows the result of needs analysis whether students need developed materials or not.

Table 4 Students' Needs of Major-related Listening Materials

Question	Scale	Percentage
In developing English listening materials which	Agree	93.75 %
are related to my major, I would	Disagree	6.25 %

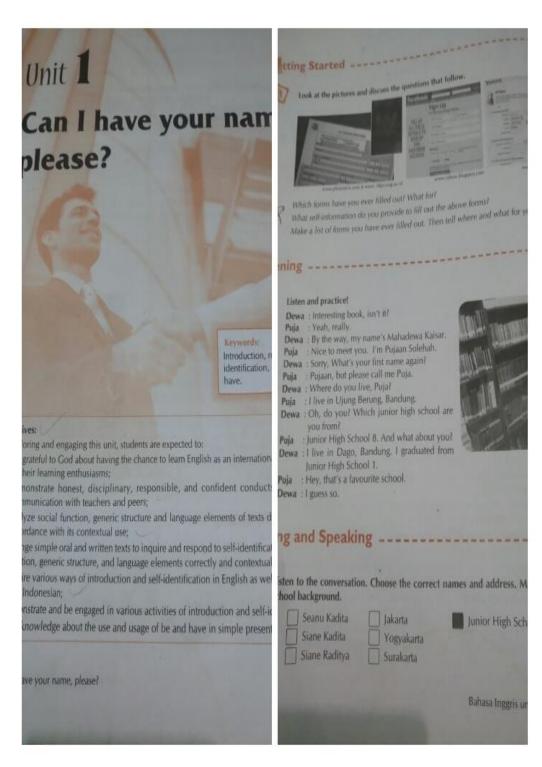
The Tables 3 and 4 above show the respond which positively support this research was that students are mostly want their listening materials should be related to their major

#### **Planning**

After the results of a needs analysis had been got then it had been compared with vocational school syllabus for the English subject. The development of listening material had been begun to be planned. In this case, planning and designing the draft of suitable listening materials for use in listening activities has done. In the planning process, existing materials were also used for consideration in developing the listening material.

#### Development of Preliminary Form of Product

By having a base on the result of needs analysis the researcher has developed the existing listening materials as the final draft. Below is the existing materials compared with the develop materials' final draft of Chapter 1.



(Chapter 1 in the existing materials)

### Chapter 1 in the developed materials:

## Unit 1

## Can I Have Your Name, Please?



### Keyword

- Introduction
- Name
- Identity

### Objectives

After learning this unit, students are expected to:

- Analyze self-identification
- Have knowledge about the use of self-identification



# Listening......1



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Listen and complete the dialog!

Ucok	: Hello, good morning!
Butet	: Good morning sir, may I help you?
Ucok	: I'd like to a flight to Medan please.
Butet	: Can I have your name, sir?
Ucok	: Sure, I'm Ucok
Butet	: Ok Mr. Ucok, which would you like to use?
Ucok	: Which is the cheapest?
Butet	: When do you want to go?
Ucok	: Next week, the 15 <sup>th</sup>
Butet	: Would you like a ?
Ucok	: Yes, I'm coming back on the 30 <sup>th</sup>
Butet	: Let me see Lion Air costs Rp.3.000.000,
	but you have to at Batam. Garuda Air is
	the cheapest at Rp.4.000.000, both tourist class of course.
Ucok	: How long does the Lion flight take?
Butet	: Total time is 15 hours, Garuda takes 11 hours
Ucok	: I'm going to take Garuda flight then.
Butet	: How many would you like?
Ucok	: Just one, and could I have a vegetarian meal?
Butet	: Certainly, There's no extra charge.



Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct names and address. Make corrections to the school background.

corrections to the school background.				
1.	Devi Maria	Siantar	Junior High School 2	

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	Davie M	aritya	San	mosir		
2.	Andre M	ario	Kis	saran	Juni	or High School 33
	Andrey N	⁄Iaria	Ba	lige		
	Audrey M	Iarion	Ac	eh		
3.	Yosua Pu	ırbay	Pa	rapat	Seni	ior High School 2
	Josua Pur	ba	Sia	ıntar		
	Josua Pur	na	Pal	kam		
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	Ambon	Bandu	ing	Kuni	ngan	Jakarta
	Medan	Sianta	r	Yog	yakarta	Surabaya
	Sleman	Padan	g	Cire	bon	Bali
Listen aga	in. Answer the qu	estions.				
1.	What is Ucok	's nick name	e?			
2.	Where is Ucol	k from?				
3.	Where does M	Iaria come f	from? _			
4.	What's Andri	yani's last n	ame? _			
5.	Where is And	riyani fromʻ	?			
6.	Where does A	ndriyani go	to scho	ol?		

### Compact Dictionary

book: memesan cheapest: paling murah

return ticket: tiket pulang pergi just moved: baru pindah

one way ticket: tiket sekali jalan both: keduanya

seat: tempat duduk certainly: pasti

picking up: menjemput drop off: menurunkan

reassigned: dipindahtugaskan crowd: ramai

**direct flight:** penerbangan langsung **build:** membangun

landmark: hal yang menonjol (tempat)

#### Preliminary Field Testing

The preliminary field testing was done after checking the final draft. Then, one of the materials was tested that have been developed to the Grade X students of SMK Negeri 7 Medan. The tested listening material is on Unit 5 Activity 2 of the developed listening materials. The result then also compared equally to the existing listening material on the same part, Unit 5 Activity 3 on page 59.

The result is as can be seen in Table 7 below:

Table 7 Preliminary Field Test Result for Existing Listening Materials

No.	Respondent's Initials	Correct Answer	Score (CA × 10 points)
1.	ES	8	80
2.	SM	8	80
3.	MIS	3	30
4.	AS	9	90
5.	AMS	7	70
		Average:	70

Some mistakes were found in the students' answer sheets for the developed listening materials: (1) choose wrong answer; and (2) did not answer.

The result of the preliminary field test of the developed listening materials is as described in Table 8.

Table 8 Preliminary Field Test Result for Developed Listening Materials

No.	Respondent's Initials	Correct Answer	Score (CA × 10 points)
1.	ES	9	90
2.	SM	8	80
3.	MIS	5	50
4.	AS	8	80
5.	AMS	9	90
		Average:	78

Some mistakes were found in the students' answer sheets for the developed listening materials: (1) choose wrong answer; and (2) did not answer.

#### Main Product Revision

The main product, which is developed listening materials, has been validated by experts to check the components of the developed materials based on some specified criteria. The validating instrument consists of 4 criteria of validity, which are linguistics, process, product and content, and layout.

The researcher group the percentage of the validation score into 5 groups as follow:

Very good/relevant/appropriate = 81 - 100%

Good/relevant/appropriate = 61 - 80%

Fair = 41 - 60%

Less relevant/appropriate = 21 - 40%

Very less relevant/appropriate = 0-20%

The experts were one lecturer of English Department at State University of Mean and the English teacher at SMK Negeri 7 Medan.

The first validator is Rafika Dewi Nasution, S.Pd., M.Hum., who is a lecturer of English Education program at State University of Medan mastering in Listening. The validation result is provided in Table 9:

Table 9 The Validation Result of Validator I

No.	Criteria	Maximum Score	Total Given Score
1.	Linguistics	40	34
2.	Process	30	25
3.	Product and Content	45	37
4.	Layout	35	31
	Total	150	127
Percentage		$(127/150) \times 10^{-1}$	00% = <b>84.66%</b>

From the formulation of the validation sheet, Validator I gave the total score of 84.66% which means that the developed listening materials are very relevant. She also gave some comments as following:

- Linguistics: standardize the use and accuracy of grammar is good
- Process: listening materials in the learning process is already good
- Product and content: content still need to be supplemented from other sources, so as to create an update learning materials.
- Layout: in general, dimensional appearance of the layout is good.

The second validator is Drs. Robert Pardede, the English teacher at SMK Negeri 7 Medan. The validation result is provided in the following Table 10:

Table 10 The Validation Result of Validator II

No.	Criteria	Maximum Score	Total Given Score
1.	Linguistics	40	37
2.	Process	30	27
3.	Product and Content	45	41
4.	Layout	35	32
	Total	150	137
Percentage		(137/150) ×	100% <b>= 91.33%</b>

From the formulation of the validation sheet, Validator II gave the total score of 91.33% which means that the developed listening materials are very relevant. He also gave some comments as following:

- Linguistics: the use and suitability of grammar is already good.
- Process: the materials presented already meet the standard.
- Product and content: to be more adapted to the major's terminology.

- Layout: Layout is good.

Finally, final steps of this research, based on these validation results done by the validators, these listening materials are appropriate and recommended by the researcher to be used by the Grade X students of Tourism Major of SMK Negeri 7 Medan

#### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

#### **Conclusions**

As for conclusion of this study, Students know about the importance of English for their life moreover they are from tourism major which is need to meet people (tourist) to communicate with them. Besides, the demands of the market also need the students to know much more about the terminology of tourism. So, students expect they can get listening material related to their major and their needs, which is also equipped with interactive media. Hence, the learning process can motivate them to improve their listening ability to meet market demand. By considering those statements, developing English listening materials which is relevant to the students' needs is needed.

#### Suggestions

Researcher suggests the stakeholder which they are teacher and students should be able to use and develop learning materials based on the students' needs and major and be aware of the demand for the scope of work, so they can work together with teacher to improve their skills.

For other researcher, it is highly suggested to other researchers to conduct studies on developing listening materials to students of vocational school to find out the most appropriate listening materials which are related to their major and needs.

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