The implementation of student team achievement division and picture series on improving the speaking skill of the 3rd grade students of cipta dharma elementary school in academic year 2016/2017

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Abstract. The aim of this research was to find out whether or not the Speaking Skill of the 3rd grade students of Cipta Dharma Elementary School could be improved through Student Team Achievement Division (STAD) and Picture Series in Academic Year 2016/2017. This Research used a Classroom Action Research with the total 36 students taken as subject. The result was, in Pre Cycle 52.78% (19 students); in Cycle 1 69.44% (25 students); and in Cycle 2 88.89% (32 students) reached the minimum completeness learning mastery. Based on the result, it could be concluded that the subject’s Speaking Skill could be improved the implementation of STAD and Picture Series.

Key words: Speaking skill, STAD, Picture series

1 Introduction

One of the four main skills in English is Speaking Skill. [14] states that speaking is one of the most difficult aspects for students to master. Speaking skills is one aspect that is quite difficult to master because it is associated with several elements of language that must be mastered namely grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and fluency.

English is currently defined as one of the local content subjects taught in schools. [6] states good speaking activities should be extremely engaging for the students. It implies that students should be fully engaged in teaching and learning activities that are associated with the improvement of speaking skills. It will also directly challenge teachers to create an interesting and interactive learning process.

One of the techniques that can be used in speaking skill learning is the Student Team Achievement Division (STAD). STAD is one type of cooperative learning (cooperative learning). This STAD is applied by dividing the pupils into groups. What is characteristic of the STAD is that group divisions are based on student achievement in the class itself.

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Besides designing interesting and interactive learning, teachers are also required to be creative and innovative in developing learning media. One of the media that can be used in teaching speech skills is the series image (Picture Series). A series image is a series of related images and forms a story or a cascading explanation.

Based on the initial observations that have been done at Cipta Dharma Denpar Primary School, it was found that the students, especially the 3rd grade, experienced the same thing in expressing something in English. Teachers have been trying to apply some learning techniques and approaches, but speaking skills of grade 3 students of Cipta Dharma Elementary School were still under minimal mastery criteria.

Based on the problems that occur above, Researchers are highly interested in conducting a study on speaking skill. Therefore, this research will focus on Implementation of Student Team Achievement Division and Picture Series as an effort to improve English Speaking Skills of the 3rd Grade Students of Cipta Dharma Elementary School. The purpose of this research are: 1) to know whether or not English Speaking Skills of Grade 3 students of SD Cipta Charma is enhanced by the application of STAD and Picture Series. 2) to know the response of 3rd Grade Students of SD Cipta Dharma Denpasar towards the application of STAD and Picture Series in an effort to improve English Speaking Skills.

2 Method

2.1 Research Design

This research made use of Classroom Action Research. The procedures of this study included Initial Reflection (IR), Planning (P), Actions (A), Observation (O), Reflection (R) and Revised Planning (RP) performed in cycle form.

2.2 Participants

The subject of the study was the 3rd grade Students of Cipta Dharma Elementary School in academic year 2016/2017. There were 36 students taken as the subject of this study. Based on the initial observations that have been done, it was found that the students experienced difficulties in expressing something in English. Teachers have been trying to apply some learning techniques and approaches, but most of the students’ speaking skills were still under minimal passing grade.

2.3 Measures

The data gathered from the pre test and post tests were analyzed using formula of:

$$M = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

(1)

In which the total score of the students was divided by the total number of the students, meanwhile, the result of questionnaire was analyzed using rating scale 1 to 4 to figure out the students’ responses towards the implementation of STAD and Picture Series.

2.4 Procedure and data analysis

IR was conducted in the form of a preliminary test that aimed to determine the initial ability of research subjects. P was a plan that was contained in the form of lesson plan
based on the needs of research. A was the action of this study which consisted of the steps
of learning. After doing the action, proceed with observing (O) and reflecting (R) by doing
post test. The post tests were carried out by the end of each cycle. The test were analysed
by using a speaking scoring rubric.

3 Results and Discussion

The Initial Reflection which was in the form of pre test was conducted in order to know
the students’ pre-existing speaking skill. The result of the questionnaire was 67.03. The test
was conducted by asking students to tell about themselves in front of the class. Most of the
subject under study were still shy and doubt of what the were saying.

After figuring out the result of the pre test, it was continued by planning the lesson plan.
The lesson plan was designed by using STAD and Picture Series. After having a well
prepared lesson plan and materials, the research was continued by conducting a teaching
learning activites of the cycle 1 which consisted of two sessions. By the end of the last
session of this cycle, the post test 1 was administered. The result of the post test was 77.67.
There was an improvement of the subject’s speaking skill based on the result of the post
test. The students were active in doing their learning activities, but there were some of them
were still confused and shy of sharing their ideas with the group during the class. The low
achievement students were not really active in the group discussion using Pictures Series.

Based on the result of the post test 1, then it continued by planning the lesson followed
by applying the plan for cycle 2. This cycle also consisted of two session ended by
gathering the post test 2. The result of post test 2 was 82.36. The was a significant
improvement from post test 1 to post test 2. The students were very active and really
enjoyed the learning activites. Students who were at excellent and good achievement could
assist students who were sufficient. Besides, the questionnaire was also conducted at the
end of this cycle.

The data of questionnaire were measured by using scale 1 to 4. The result of the
questionnaire showed that 85.62% strongly agreed, 10.99% agreed, 03.16% neither, and
00.23% disagreed with the implementation of STAD and Picture Series in improving
speaking.

Based on the result above, it could be concluded that: 1) The Speaking Skill of the 3rd
grade students of Cipta Dharma Elementary School could be improved through the
implementation of STAD and Picture Series in academic year 2016/2017. 2) The subject
under study gave a positive response on the implementation of STAD and Picture Series in
improving Speaking Skill

4 Conclusion

The Result of this research showed the mean score of pre test, post test 1 and post test 2
were 67.03, 77.67, 82.36. And the result of the questionnaire showed 85.62% strongly
agreed, 10.99% agreed, 03.16% neither, and 00.23% disagreed with the implementation of
STAD and Picture Series in learning Speaking.

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