

Undergraduate Students’ Perception on Using Ome tv as a Tool in Improving English Speaking Skill

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A B S T R A C T

One of the obstacles in learning English as a foreign language, especially speaking skills, is the lack of practice outside the classroom. In this globalization era, there are a lot media available that can be used as learning tools, using Ome Tv, a social media platform that can be used as a useful alternative for practicing English speaking skills outside the classroom. This research aims to find students' perceptions on the use of Ome Tv to improve their English speaking skills. This research uses a Qualitative Descriptive Method. This research uses interviews to collect data. The participants in this research were six Students of English education department. The results of this research reveal that Ome Tv provides English learners the opportunity to practice speaking English with foreigners from various countries via video chat. Using Ome Tv is very effective for improving English speaking skills which include fluency, pronunciation, expanding vocabulary, and improving English communication skills. Ome Tv is effective for English speaking skills but Ome Tv is not effective for aspects of English accuracy because Ome Tv is a random video chat.

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Introduction

After the 4.0 industrial revolution, where people can get great information anywhere in the world, people’s need toward international communication tool much more than they did before. (Hamdani, 2020). English is widely recognized as a global language that is used in many countries in the world, including Indonesia. (Hamdani, B., et.,al 2022). Mastering the English language in the modern age is significantly imperative, (Kholili, 2023).

Speaking is vital to be learnt by the students in language learning process. (Ferdianto & Kholili, 2022). The ability of speaking can be measured the success of learning the language. (Islam, 2022). Currently English is part of the curriculum in many countries, in some countries English is used as a second language. This shows that English is important in current era, It is nowadays considered a language of the world (Ali et al., 2022). (Ilyosovna, 2024) also stated in global world the significance of English cannot be denied and ignored since English is the most widely used language in the world. English is one of the most commonly used languages in the world. The ability to speak English is able to communicate effectively with people from other countries.

There are several aspects that are usually studied in English lesson those are speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Those skills need to be learned by English learners to master English easily. This research focus on speaking ability, speaking is known as a productive skill where people can express their thought or information to others. Based on (Pérez et al., 2017) speaking is an interactive process of constructing meaning that implicates producing and receiving and processing information. Furthermore Ting-Toomey, S., & Dorjee, T. (2018) stated that speaking is a process of

building and sharing meaning through the uses of verbal and non-verbal symbol in various contexts. (Rao, 2019) argued that Speaking skill is the most significant skill to obtain foreign or second language learning. Speaking ability plays an important role in various aspects of life. Good speaking skills enable a person to communicate effectively, build strong social relationships, and improve professional skills. Additionally, good speaking skills are also key in situations such as job interviews, presentations, or group discussions.

Speaking in general can be interpreted as conveying one's intentions (ideas, thoughts, contents of the heart) to other people using spoken language so that the meaning can be understood by other people. Jeremy, H. (1983) also stated Speaking is the ability to speak fluently and presupposes not only knowledge of language features, but also ability process information and language. The definition is specifically put forward by many experts. Speaking is the ability to pronounce articulate sounds or words to express, state and convey thoughts, ideas and feelings.

Speaking skill in English is a person's skill to convey their desires and thoughts to anyone verbally, (Handini et al., 2021) also stated that speaking enables people to send and receive information or messages to others. Unfortunately, in Indonesia mastering speaking skill is not easy, it was found that most of the students still have difficulties to speak English. (Asworo, 2019) As a foreign language, English is not easy to master especially in speaking skill, they need to practice a lot to make their speaking fluency and need habitual to always speak English.

There are several aspects of speaking skill in English, they are Vocabulary, Grammar, Pronunciation, Fluency, and Comprehension. Vocabulary refers to a group of words or terms used in the language. This vocabulary includes various types of words, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and others. Expanding vocabulary helps in communication more effectively in English. Therefore, a person's speaking skill is very dependent on the quality and quantity of his vocabulary. (Suryanto, B. T., Imron, A. A., & Prasetyo, D. A. R. 2021). The other aspect of speaking is grammar, grammar is important for speaking English and as English learners need to understand it so that the message or information conveyed is clear and can be understood correctly by the listener. Good grammar helps build proper sentence structures, avoid confusion, and improve communication skills effectively. According to (Mermoune & Seghier, 2021) Proper grammar guarantees lucidity and precision in communication.

One of aspect of speaking skill that English learner need to master it is pronunciation, pronunciation plays an important role in speaking skill there are many material need to understand by English learners. According to Pennington, M. C., & Rogerson-Revell, P. (2019) The process incorporates the acquisition of proficiency in discrete phonemes and mastering the rhythmic patterns and intonational aspect inherent in spoken English. Good pronunciation in speaking English is important because it can clarify communication, prevent misunderstandings, and make it easier for others to understand. Apart from that, correct pronunciation also increases self-confidence when speaking in formal or informal situations. Fluency in speaking English refers to a person's ability to pronounce words and sentences with a smooth flow, without significant interruptions or obstacles. (Lopez et al., 2021) also stated that fluency is the ability to use a language naturally and effectively without many fillers and pauses. Fluency in speaking makes interaction easier in various situations, both in learning, work and everyday life. Fluency also increases self-confidence and opens up opportunities to actively participate in the global environment. Comprehension in English speaking skills involves the ability to convey ideas clearly, use appropriate vocabulary, and understand the context of a situation.

Consistent practice, listening to native speakers, and participating in conversations can help to improve speaking skills.

Learning English as a foreign language can be a challenge. As English language learners, they may face difficulties in speaking English due to lack of practice, lack of self-confidence, or lack of a supportive environment to practice speaking English. More support and opportunities to practice can help them overcome these obstacles. According to (Thao & Nguyet, 2019) most popular reasons that hinder EFL learners from speaking English well are the difficulties experienced by learners during their English speaking process. It is important to consistently practice and engage in various English speaking situations to get improvement in English speaking skills.

In this digital era the learners can get wide access toward information through internet, and allows learners to study individually. Especially for English learners, the digital era gives English language learners wider access to learning resources, such as learning applications, online platforms, and interactive content that can improve English language skills through interesting media. Additionally, online connections allow students to interact with native speakers through various forums and virtual classes, improving their speaking skills and listening comprehension. One of the advantages of utilizing technology in learning English is engaging learners in new ways.(Kieu et al., 2021).Technology also facilitates applications and social media such as youtube, whatsapp, instagram tiktok, ome tv, duolingo etc. Those applications and social media can use as a tool to help learners to get improvement in their English skill. Previously, Social media was considered a learning medium that met the skills needs of the 21st century, and now Social media is considered a fun learning medium (Yurnita & Jailani, 2023).

Researchers chose ome tv because the ome tv application is widely known by learners, especially English learners, according to (Suryanto & Fitrawan, 2023). Ome-TV is a worldwide accessible platform that facilitates random interactions between people from various geographical places. The ome tv application is widely utilized by YouTubers as their contents, Fiki Naki is one of the Indonesian youtuber who uses the ome tv application as his youtube content, so the Ome Tv application is quite viral presently. Some English learners utilize the Ome Tv application to practice speaking English with foreigners or native speakers.

Most learners cannot fully practice speaking in class while learning English. Learners get difficulty to enhance their speaking abilities due to a lack of practice. Most learners utilize video chat application to enhance their language abilities by seeking for friends from other countries as a partner to talk. Based on the problem formulation above, the researchers formulate the question: What are undergraduate students' perception of ome tv in improving English speaking skill?. The objective of this research is to find students' perception on using Ome Tv to improve speaking skill.

There are several significances of this research, this research expects to give useful information for language learners especially English learners in learning process, and the result of this research is expected to be good information for English learners to get way to practice their English speaking skill, this research is also expected to give new knowledge for other researchers. And the researchers will conduct at fourth semester of English Education Department of Zainul Hasan Islamic University Kraksaan Probolinggo.

Some previous studies have conducted several studies about this issue namely (Muhayyang & Sakkir, 2022); (Yurnita & Jailani, 2023); (Maulida et al., 2023); (Namaziandost, 2019); (Polat, 2023); (Hongsa et al., 2023).; (Mitu, 2020); (Prayudha,

2022);(Anwas et al., 2020); (Lailiyah, M., & Setyaningsih, L. A. (2020). Some previous studies explain social media generally, and some of them explain social media specifically such as TikTok and Instagram. The similarity of this research with previous studies are the studies explain social media as a media to learn English, but the difference of this research is the researchers choose Ome Tv as a media to learn English and this research more focus on speaking.

Research Method

In this research, the researchers choose descriptive qualitative research, Descriptive qualitative is a research method that focuses on collecting and interpreting non-numerical data to understand a phenomenon. According to Creswell. (2009) The descriptive method is to collect information about existing conditions. This approach describes the characteristics, nature and context of an event without measuring it quantitatively. The use of interviews, observation, and text analysis are examples of techniques in qualitative descriptive research. The researchers choose qualitative method because the purpose of this study is to find undergraduate students' perception on using Ome TV in improving English speaking skill. According to Latief, M. A. (2012) qualitative research is a process of inquiry aimed at understanding human behavior by building complex, holistic pictures of the social and cultural setting in which such behavior occurs.

The participant of this research is Undergraduate Students of English Education Department of Zainul Hasan Islamic University Kraksaan Probolinggo. The participants who were selected are six Undergraduate Students of fourth semester to find their perception on using Ome TV as a tool in improving English speaking skill. The researchers choose fourth semester because the students used Ome Tv to practice their English speaking skills.

Data collection is the process of obtaining information for research or analysis. Data collection methods may involve interviews, surveys, or observations. The researchers collected the data by interviewing, according to Esterberg, K. G. (2002) interviews are a good research technique when you want to find out what people think or feel about something. The researchers interview Undergraduate Students of fourth semester of English education department by asking some questions about how Ome Tv can contribute learning English especially in improving speaking skill.

Data analysis in this research used theory from miles & huberman (1994), there are three steps in data analysis they are data reduction, data display, and conclusion. The first is data reduction, data reduction is the process of selecting, focusing, summarizing, simplifying, and transforming the data. The researchers did data reduction during research activities from the interview, the insignificant data from the result of interview was not written by the researchers. The second step is data display, Data display is the process of arranging a collection of data clear and methodical clearly so that conclusions may be drawn from it. In this step, the researchers display the data about students' perception on using Ome Tv to improve English speaking skill, the researcher can obtain the conclusion from the display of the data to answer the research question. Conclusion is the last step in data analysis, Drawing conclusions involves stepping back to consider the meaning of the data analyzed and assessing its implications for the question. In this step, the researchers made a conclusion from the research to answer the research question in this research.

Result and Discussion**Result****Theme 1: The correlation among other social media and Ome Tv**

Ome Tv is widely known by people because Ome Tv is quite viral nowadays in some contents of social media which shows the contents creator doing interaction with foreigner using foreign language, some people are curious and some people get inspiration to try the Ome Tv application to practice speaking with foreigner.

(Alivia) said “I was motivated by one of the YouTube contents which used Ome TV and talked to foreigners so I felt that Ome TV could help me improve my speaking skills, so I tried to use it”

(Nadia) also said “I was inspired by videos from YouTube content that used Ome TV to interact with people from various countries, therefore I tried it because I thought it could improve my speaking skills, how to improve the quality of speaking”

“My motivation for using Ome TV to learn English was when I watched one of the YouTubers who used Ome TV, so I was interested to try Ome TV to practice my English speaking skill” (Ummi).

“I was inspired by one of Indonesian Youtubers’ content that was communicating with foreigners using the Ome Tv application, so I was interested to try it” (Madinatul).

(Rizkiana) stated “The motivation started from one of the content creators on TikTok which showed him interacting with many different people in one application which made me also curious to try it”

(Hikmatus) also stated “The first time I thought about using Ome Tv, I saw lots of people using the application on YouTube. From there I tried to use it”

Theme 2: The effectiveness of Ome Tv in improving English speaking skill

Ome Tv can help to improve English speaking skill by providing the opportunity to talk with people who use English as a second language or directly with native speakers. Interaction with native speakers can help to improve intonation, vocabulary, and understanding of everyday conversational contexts.

As (Hikmatus) said in interview that “Ome Tv can provide the opportunity to speak English with various people to improve my speaking skills, it is very helpful for me personally because I am an english learner”

”It is quite effective because we can practice our speaking with various people who have different accents and ways of speaking, sometimes we can speak directly with native speakers” (Rizkiana).

“Of course it is very effective because we can interact directly with various native speakers” (Nadia).

“It is quite effective because on Ome TV we can talk to people from various countries so we can improve our speaking skills and add new vocabulary to communicate” (Alivia).

“I think it is quite effective to use ometv because you are able to communicate with foreigners who speak English, often practicing speaking English can improve your speaking skills, moreover when you can practice with native speakers” (Ummi).

Theme 3: The Advantages of using Ome Tv.

The advantages of using Ome Tv involve the ease of meeting new people randomly via video chat. Ome Tv offers a unique and instant experience, allowing the users to interact with people from all over the world without having to plan a meeting. As English learners, they get ease to improve their English speaking skill by practicing with people who use English or directly with native speakers.

“Increase extensive knowledge for beginners especially in speaking, and have experience in socializing online” (Nadia).

“easy to use, can communicate with people from various countries which can increase knowledge and improve my speaking skill like pronunciation, vocabulary, language structure, etc” (Alivia).

“The advantage is being able to talk with people from various countries, and practicing my English skills with foreigners on Ome TV, they appreciate me if I make mistakes in pronunciation and it can make me find new friends” (Ummi).

“Being able to interact and get to know each other also adds friends and knowledge from people from other countries, especially we can communicate with foreigners moreover native speakers to practice speaking foreign language” (Rizkiana).

“Communication without needing to divulge personal identity and provide random chat with people from different countries. So as language learners, they can practice their language skill” (Hikmatu).

“The advantages of Ome TV are to make us easier to practice speaking English and improve our vocabulary by meeting foreigners face to face, even it is only virtual, and also increase our friendship connections with foreigners” (Madinatul).

Theme 4: The Inconveniences on using Ome Tv

Ome Tv has several potential inconveniences, including the risk of encountering unwanted people or inappropriate content. It is always important to be careful when interacting online and consider the personal privacy and security.

“sometimes when using the OmeTV application is misused by foreigners, although not all, only some, in the case of the online sex phenomenon that often occurs, they act impolitely” (Nadia).

“There are some inconveniences when using Ome TV, they sometimes use language that shouldn't be spoken, and sometimes they act impolitely” (Ummi).

“because of random video calls, I don't always get a conversation partner who helps me study, sometimes I get partners who are not serious and some are even Impolite” (Alivia).

“Sometimes I find people discussing something impolite, and sometimes some people behave impolitely, and also the network quota runs out quickly” (Rizkiana).

“Some inconveniences in interacting with unpredictable strangers is the potential for unwanted distractions” (Hikmatu).

“You need to be careful when using this application. Because there are many foreigners you don't know at all who often show bad things to other users” (Madinatul).

Theme 5: The Positive Response and Support from the People in Ome Tv.

Getting positive response and support when speaking English with foreigner can give confidence and enthusiasm to keep practicing. Some examples of positive response and support from them is giving praise, giving tips to improve speaking skill, getting help to speak well, and they will correct the wrong English. Feel free to make new friends and be open to positive interaction in speaking English on the platform.

“When I forgot vocabulary, they immediately told me, and when there was a wrong pronunciation they corrected my wrong pronunciation” (Madinatul).

“They appreciate and even correct me if I am wrong in speaking English” (Hikmatu).

“Luckily, they responded very well when I spoke and sometimes also told me what I should improve in terms of speaking” (Rizkiana).

“They will be appreciative if I make mistakes in pronunciation, and they encourage me to continue learning English” (Ummi).

“they continue to interact and keep the conversation going, they also praise my English skills so that I don't feel down when communicating with minimal vocabulary” (Alivia).

“The interesting thing is to be more active in learning to practice speaking, when I get positive responses, moreover get more support such as providing tips or solutions on how to speak English well, improve the quality of speaking, etc.” (Nadia).

Discussion

The results of this study explain that students have a positive view of using Ome Tv to improve their English speaking skills, they are inspired by Ome TV content on social media and they agree that Ome Tv is effective as a medium for improving their English speaking skills. Ome Tv provides an opportunity to practice speaking English, although they have the potential to experience discomfort regarding other users who behave impolitely, the use of Ome Tv is considered a useful alternative to practice their English speaking skills. By using Ome Tv they can meet people from various countries who speak English, moreover they can meet native speakers.

This is related to what (Suryanto & Fitrawan, 2023) said, which stated that Ome-TV is a worldwide accessible platform that facilitates random interactions between people from various geographical places. Students use Ome TV as a medium for interacting with foreigners who speak English, moreover interacting with native speakers. It gives them more opportunities to practice speaking and improve their communication skills. By interacting with foreigners from various countries through Ome Tv, students can develop their speaking skills, moreover if they get good response and support, students will gain confidence and enthusiasm to keep practicing.

Conclusion

Based on the results of the study about the perception of undergraduate students on using OME TV application in learning speaking skill it can be concluded that undergraduate student's perception of the use of the OME TV application to improve English speaking skills is effective, most participants feel that the platform provides effective experience in practicing speaking English directly with foreigners or native speakers. Although some students face inconvenience related to privacy and unfit content, most of them feel that OME TV application helps them increase confidence and communication skills in English. Therefore, although with a potential risk, the use of Ome TV is considered a useful alternative in training English speaking skills. By using OME TV they can meet with foreigners who speak English moreover they can meet with native speakers, because with practicing speaking English with foreigners or native speakers frequently can improve speaking skills such as fluency, pronunciation, vocabulary, etc. So OME TV tends to be effective to improve English speaking skill but not for the whole aspect of English because Ome TV is a video chat application that allows users to interact virtually with people around the world.

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