Innovation of Teaching and Learning English Applied to Animal Sciences’ Student with the Combination of Computer Media and Audio Visual

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Abstract

Currently, knowledge era is not only concern on books but also technology use as the product to enhance the intellectual capability. This technology development can support the process of teaching and learning English in the classroom activities and language laboratory. Computer and audio visual is the essential media to assist a lecturer, besides books or hand out distributed to the students which also supported the method of teaching according to their needs. In this research, we have observed and analyzed 94 students from the Faculty of Animal Science in two different classes, 46 students in class A and 48 students in class B, year 2014/2015 by using Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL) system for about one semester. Basically, collaborative materials were given on the scope of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking related to animals and their habits by using videos displayed that combined with ONIC DL-300 plus program provided at the English laboratory, Faculty of Animal Science, Udayana University as the supporting element in teaching and learning English. The progress of learning English can be observed and analyzed from their result of evaluation in the classroom and language laboratory. In this case, the result of achievement evaluated from their final scores of soft skill including assignments and participation, practicum, mid test and also final test. It showed that 100% students passed the final range scoring in class A and 96% students passed in class B.

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I. Introduction

Sitepu (2014) conveyed that the resources of learning is essential in giving information and knowledge to students since they can learn how to learn individually in the future without depend on others in the future; learning for their entire life (life-long learn); to build up a learning society; and educated society. In his statement, highlighted that importance of teaching aids in giving a relatively more concrete experiences, motivate, and enhance the memories of students in studying. Innovation of teaching and learning are essential to improve students’ ability to learn English as a second language, particularly for Asian. Major problems in reading, writing, listening and speaking continually found in class activities even though these students have been studying the language since kindergarten. The class atmosphere will be influencing their way in studying the English and building up motivation is required for them, if they have it in short term as in the university. Pardiyono (2010) mentioned that comfortable condition of classes and students can optimize their result of learning by creating an enjoyable, relax and unstressed situation. So, they can understand that they should cooperate in the process of learning and realize what should be prepared in learning the second language. Animal science’s students have special problems regarding their background of knowledge and culture. These influence to the process in which lecturers have the position to consider the suitable solution of problems for those science students.

Recently, media such as: computers, film, radio, television, etc. are supporting elements or teaching aids for the lecturers or teachers in order to give a concrete experiences, motivate and increase their memorizing and understanding the knowledge through technologies. Swan (2003) explained that online environments support learning outcomes are generally equivalent to those resulting from traditional, face-to-face instruction. On the other hand, unique characteristics of the medium may afford and constrain particular kinds of learning suggest certain strategies and approaches that might enhance the learning effectiveness of online. These are connecting what is known, or think to be known, learning in asynchronous online environments. So, in this globalization era technologies accommodate the requirement of information. The varieties of resources study assist students and lecturers besides books or literatures, field study in the society and surroundings. Moreover, ONIC DL-300 plus program is a program installed in the computer which could be effective in teaching and learning especially for English since it can control the students ability and
concentration to study by screen transfer from the main computer and students’ computer being used. This media is used to transfer the messages and stimulate the process of learning to the students. Software and hardware as the combination media for learning are used as resources of studying besides environment, teacher or lecturer who also involved and support the education.

Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL) is an active process of studying a language by developing students’ skill of English, competence and their interest. The teacher transfers his or her knowledge to the students by using creative strategies to enhance their capability in learning the language as of: applying content of subject within experiences of students in order to give meaning to the lessons. According to Johnson (2014), the system of CTL is the process of education to assist students in combining academic subject within their daily context of activities i.e. context of individual condition, social and culture. In this case, components of meaning are created based on their experiences. They could learn expressing their ideas through thinking on what they have found in their surroundings which related to their subject of study. Animal science’s students at Udayana University have been using this CTL for the system of learning and teaching English. It is useful for them to use this kind of system since they are short period students who study English, not similar to those who continually study the language as in English Department. They have difficulties in reading, writing, speaking using the language and listening to the language especially English since their concern is mainly related to animal sciences which mostly implementing Indonesia language in the method of teaching and learning for most subjects in this faculty. These problems can be solved out by the use of language laboratory after the session of meeting in class.

II. Methodology
The method of research descriptively and qualitatively conducted, consists of:

a. Data was collected and sorted from the two classes (class A and B) in the Faculty of Animal Science, Udayana University.

b. Data was analyzed from major cases found in the classroom that can be explained in detail with example of the scope of discussion and give further information related to the findings. Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL) theory was used in the observation and analysis of data. The result mentioned with the total number
in percentage was the final scoring found in the study but not given in detail numbers.

III. Findings and Discussion

3.1 Computer Media as Controlling System

Three hours studying within two hours lesson in classes and additional of an hour practicum had forced the students to improve their skills of English. It is supported with the facilities of multimedia laboratory with the system installed in the computer. Actually, this lab provided with 19 (nineteen) computers and 1 (one) main computer for the lecturer. The function of the main computer is design to be able to control student activities through the screen and insert additional materials required during the practicum.

At the above display multi-function can be executed by the lecturer on screen to make sure that unfocused students can still be captured by pressing the interactive board, even though observation around the practicum is possible to do. Transferring teacher’s screen can also instructed by the lecturer to the whole students’ screen in order to share together what videos or materials being prepared by clicking on the screen broadcast. In this case, interaction between lecturer and students can still be organized since call answer program
provided on the main computer for the lecturer and also students. In addition, quiz, test and discussion for reading, listening and speaking within the recording voices can also be used by the teacher and assigned to the students during the practicum. Since there were big number of students in year 2014/2015 and limited numbers of computers provided, so each class (A and B) grouped into 18 students to enter the lab in 2 days session. Mostly, lecturers taught in the lab for practicum approximately 3 hours on Tuesday and Thursday. It was found that those two classes were serious in each meeting to participate in the individual, pair works and discussion observed from their activities and attendance. In most of the time, students worked individually through self-learning and in some cases they worked in pairs or groups for the activities of recording and discussions. Regular meeting for the students can increase their knowledge and ability of English after 6 (six) months studying.

3.2 Combination Materials in Teaching and Learning

Warschauer (2010) conveyed that new technologies diffusion have contributed to the teaching and learning. These have the important role as aid of teaching of second language writing. AWE software programs also include tools for teachers to comment on student drafts, some teachers use the tools to increase amount of instructor feedback to students besides Blogs, wikis, automated essay scoring, and open-source netbooks that can assist writing instruction. Thoughtful use of these tools can enhance effective instructional approaches emphasize writing for meaningful social purposes, mastery of relevant genres, and development of students’ academic language proficiency. His papers mentioned that technologies have taken the right position for learning and teaching experiences, especially for writing. Even though his research was using different software, but it has similar benefits with ONIC DL-300 system used in the multimedia lab of Animal science Faculty as of:

a. to clarify the messages transfer to the students
b. time efficiency and man power
c. interactive process of learning
d. to improve the quality of skills
e. to motivate students self confidence
f. to equalize experiences and heterogeneity perception of students
ONIC DL-300 system cooperates with the curriculum use in the university for the English subject of study. The system cooperates with the curriculum use in the university for the English subject of study but General English (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) materials are collaborative materials in which texts and topics used in classes and practicum related within animals concern i.e. if lecturers are presenting the topic of Animals’ Product, so material or text are related to the subject. Preliminary task was conducted by giving the students an assignment to find out the meanings of words as of: calf, dairy, beef, ruminant, poultry, feather, eggs, etc. Then, texts for discussion were related to ruminants, non-ruminants, including poultry’s product so students have to listen and concentrate on the discussion, mention related to their knowledge and list them with ONIC system.

On the above photo we could explain that there is a combination of computer white with wider screen to be viewed for the material and students screen for them to write the assignment as being instructed and even sent through e-mail with the internet connection. It can be found that 2 (two) classes able to transfer their knowledge by mentioning and listing the items as further discussed: Students were interested to use the system because this system fulfill their requirement of learning and studying English. The utilization of technology attracted their attention and realized them of the important to be confident, active to be a student as the key to succeed good marks.
Domesticated animals | Animals’ Product and Benefit
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Cattle | Meat, dairy milk, Hides, Horns, furnishing materials
Chicken, duck, goose | Meat, Goose feathers, Eggs, chicken feathers
Sheep | Meat, Wool
Goat | Meat, Milk
Pig | Meat

At the above table showed that students can realize, express their ideas in oral and written that they gave listed. They explained and mentioned that the whole domesticated animals’ meat used for human as food to eat, have benefits for human life and cattle seemed to have multi use for its product of meat, milk, hides, horns, and furnish materials. However, hides or feathers or wools or furs produced clothes and carpet, except pigs. Generally, students understood the meaning of animals’ product by imagining and observing the items sold out in the market or supermarket in their daily life activities. The combination of materials as of: listening, speaking and paragraph writings can be assigned to the students for this topic of materials, but grammar mistakes and lexical choices were still found in part of the sentences but their eagerness of learning English had encourage them to continually remember mistakes and submit the correction as in Rinaldy’s et al. (2014) assignment:

The skin of cattle usually used for the manufacture of drums, drum, bag leather, shoe leather, and can also be used as materials for clothes. Bones and horns are usually used as decoration on the wall or as a regular display that is placed in the living room, which had previously been made in the form of engraving. Meanwhile, goats produce products similar to cows, namely milk with so many benefits to cure diseases, made scrubs, and masks.
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The hides of cattle provide leather for drums, bags, shoes and also materials for clothes. In addition, bones and horns are used as decoration on the wall or placed in the living room. However, goat product is similar to dairy cattle provide milk with benefits such as: to prevent diseases, body scrubs, and mask.

It seemed students find difficulties in finding the suitable lexical choice for their sentences, especially for specific items such as skin should be replaced into hides, to cure into to prevent, made into body. Conjunction words for the second sentence in addition and repeated words and unfamiliar words should be repeated such as: usually, which had previously been made in the form of engraving. However, students have the ideas to create English sentences and made correction afterwards besides Indonesia language as their first language (mother tongue) influence could not be avoided in the process of transferring in writing and also speaking. In this case, lecturer had to give explanation that terminology of animal science should be noticed by the whole students by giving them specific dictionary for guidance. Drilling was the important part to be decided to remind their mistakes so understanding of contextual meaning necessary for the whole students.

3.1 Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL) and Audio Visual

CTL approach intends to assist teachers or lecturers by relating their concept of materials within the reality situation of students and motivate them to make a relationship between the knowledge they have in the daily life implementation of students as part of the society (Aqib, 2013). This concept has been conducted with the animal’s science students and mainly important to direct their understanding of the scope of studying English since combination and collaboration of teaching is required. Related materials with the animal topic created to improve and encourage students’ capability through discussion in classes and laboratory.

Audio visual media short duration video and listened to native speakers talking intensively for about 14 (fourteen) times of meeting had made the students interested to study by introducing topics of material in an interactive and relax ways in understanding the language. However, the use of this kind of media is not for the whole session of meeting in classes but considered for particular subject as of: Terminology of Domesticated Animals in which they were taught concerning on the name for baby
animals. Previously, brainstorming was given by lecturer in order to ask in general several of animals they can find in their surroundings and name of baby animals. Then, students gave the answers but most of them did not realize the difference words used for those used in animal science. Video of baby animals was presented twice because at the first sight students shock to hear the speed of language spoken by the native speaker. In contrast, after the second trial it seemed they got familiar with the voice and understood the meaning by listening and reading small text captured, listed them one by one on the computer or papers, i.e. baby pig is called piglet, baby cattle or cow is called calf, baby goats are kids, etc. They learnt how to pronounce the words and notice the meaning which was repeated by the speaker who can also act as an instructor for them.

Learning resources and system approach of CTL has the potential to be changed into cognitive, affective and psychometric experiences for the students and instructor to guide them in studying English. Students were given an assignment in group to report all of their activities in classes and practicum in order to know their team work as a proof and additional point. Effectiveness of teaching and learning in case majority of students passed in the final scores and range. 94 (ninety four) students of Animal Science were classified into 2 (two) classes, Class A and B. The evaluation scores, consists of: 10% of assignment and disciplines, 30% of Mid Test, 20% Practicum and 40% Final Test since this is 3 (three) points credit scores. The overall evaluation for around 16 times of meeting including test and practicum showed that 100% students passed in class A and 96% students passed in class B. It meant that good result had been achieved from the majority number of students passed in this semester with the innovation made in teaching and learning English.
IV. Conclusion

Facilities provided in an institution of education and innovation designed to stimulate the students’ skills in improving themselves are the responsibility of teacher or instructor and also students obtain and understood with the knowledge for their future plan. CTL and media have been used to explore their experiences and connect them with the combination of four subject of study in reading, writing, listening and speaking. These could increase the process of learning and teaching in classroom and laboratory.

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