

## IMPROVING ENGLISH SKILLS

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### Abstrak

Pentingnya Bahasa Inggris dalam kehidupan sehari-hari adalah dikarenakan tuntutan jaman. Program Pengabdian Kepada Masyarakat yang diberikan adalah peningkatan ketrampilan berbahasa Inggris. Fokus dari kegiatan pengabdian kali ini adalah bagaimana menggunakan Bahasa Inggris yang sederhana dalam kehidupan sehari-hari agar dapat berkomunikasi minimal dengan anak-anak milenial yang lebih dikenal dengan sebutan 'anak jaman now'. Sasaran dari PKM adalah ibu-ibu PKK di Kelurahan Ciater yang masih terbatas dalam menggunakan Bahasa Inggris. Bahasa merupakan alat komunikasi baik secara langsung maupun tidak langsung, baik lisan maupun tulisan. Ibu-ibu PKK khususnya di Kelurahan Ciater ini memiliki potensi karena tinggal di daerah yang mendekati perkotaan Bumi Serpong Damai. Bahasa Inggris tentunya dapat digunakan untuk bersosialisasi dan juga bisa untuk mengajarkan anak-anak mereka (anak jaman now). Karena itulah kami ingin berbagi ilmu dan pengalaman dalam menggunakan Bahasa Inggris untuk berkomunikasi baik dengan teman maupun dengan si 'anak jaman now'. Minat dan semangat dari para peserta sangat memudahkan kami dalam memberikan materi hal ini terlihat dari antusiasme peserta PKM. Metode yang digunakan diawali dengan mengukur sejauh mana kemampuan berbahasa Inggris para peserta yang sebagian besar berprofesi sebagai ibu rumah tangga tersebut. Kemudian dilakukan sejumlah permainan yang dapat memicu semangat peserta. Terakhir tanya jawab langsung menggunakan Bahasa Inggris yang sangat sederhana sehingga mudah dipahami dan mudah diterapkan. Hasil dari pengabdian kali ini langsung terlihat ketika para peserta sudah bisa menggunakan kalimat sederhana dan beberapa kata yang biasa digunakan.

Kata kunci: Bahasa Inggris, Ketrampilan berbahasa,

### Abstract

The importance of English in everyday life is due to the demands of the times. The Community Service Program provided is to improve English language skills. The focus of this service activity is how to use simple English in everyday life in order to communicate at least with millennial children, who are better known as 'anak jaman now'. The target of PKM is PKK women in Ciater Village who are still limited in using English. Language is a means of communication, either directly or indirectly, both orally and in writing. The PKK women, especially in the Ciater Village, have potential because they live in an area that is close to the urban area of Bumi Serpong Damai. English of course can be used to socialize and can also be used to teach their children (anak jaman now). That's why we want to share our knowledge and experience in using English to communicate both with our friends and with the 'anak jaman now'. The interest and enthusiasm of the participants greatly facilitated us in providing material, this was seen from the enthusiasm of the PKM participants. The method used begins by measuring the extent to which the participants' English skills, most of whom are housewives, are housewives. Then do a number of games that can trigger the enthusiasm of the participants. Finally, the direct question and answer uses very simple English so that it is easy to understand and easy to apply. The results of this service were immediately visible when the participants were able to use simple sentences and some commonly used words.

Keywords: English, Language Skill

## INTRODUCTION

### Situational Analysis

The PKK is an organization that extends down to the central level. PKK is a movement for Empowerment and Family Welfare is a national movement in community development that grows from below whose management is from, by and for the community in creating a family that believes and is devoted to God Almighty, healthy, prosperous and independent. Family. Is the smallest unit in society consisting of husband and wife or husband and wife and their children or fathers and children or mothers and children.

Community Service this time took place in Ciater Village, Serpong District, where the participants were PKK women who had a livelihood as entrepreneurs and most of them were housewives who took care of and managed all the needs in their homes. In their daily life, they rarely and are limited in using English in communicating, of course.

Socially, English language skills can increase the opportunity to interact with more people, both with fellow residents around the place of residence and in interacting on social media which has penetrated into all aspects of social and state life.

Housewives can develop English language skills to increase self-confidence among their friends. The following are the benefits of learning English for housewives, including: 1. Being able to teach children English 2. Being able to do business online or have a career outside the home 3. Being able to read articles and video tutorials in English 4. Home is more colorful 5. Free travel anywhere, and 6. Can teach others.

Integrated English involves learning skills in writing, grammar, speaking, listening, reading, and critical thinking. The teaching of integrated English skills requires an interactive form of trainer and participant learning to ensure mastery of both spoken and written skills. However, this of course cannot be implemented in Ciater Village, considering that yesterday's Community Service was the first time it was held in the area. We hope that this activity can be carried out regularly so that the targeted achievements can be achieved optimally.

### Problem

In this very modern era, learning English is important because films, food, equipment, information can all be presented in various languages, especially English. Usually, in addition to the local language, usually in various products are also listed in English. In addition, when traveling, there are many symbols and guides that use English which indirectly 'forces' people who live in this era to adapt again.

Likewise, in supervising children in receiving various information or using social media, this needs to be done so that children do not fall into negative things due to free information received, especially through the Internet with language that may be vulgar.

This service activity aims to motivate housewives to learn English in order to support children's education at home because then mothers can not only supervise but will get a lot of information that can make mothers more creative, in addition to understanding English. Housewives have a great opportunity to start a new business.

English needs to be trained like any other language. Learning by doing and practices make perfect, that's the phrase commonly heard when learning a new language. English also needs to be spoken, not just heard. Therefore, intensive training is the main way to make this English skills training program a success.

### Target

The lack of understanding of PKK women in Ciater Village in using English has attracted our interest in sharing knowledge and experiences in using English both to communicate orally and in writing; at least to be able to communicate with their children at the millennial age or better known as 'anak jaman now'. That's why the target in community service this time is PKK women in the Ciater sub-district, South Tangerang.

## METHODOLOGY

In the implementation of this Community Service activity, it begins with carrying out a survey first in order to find out the problems faced by PKM participants (PKK women in Ciater Village), lectures and counseling containing English material are carried out directly, simulations of speaking practice are carried out, question and answer in English, although the vocabulary is limited, but the enthusiasm of the mothers is visible, they also play games that hone the dexterity and mastery of the women's Vocabulary as well as indicators to measure the success of implementing Community Service activities in Ciater Village, Serpong District, South Tangerang.

## Discussion

Prior to the implementation of Community Service, socialization and interviews were carried out with some PKK members regarding the problems they faced. This the PKM team (several lecturers) did before the PKM implementation day, which was followed by determining the date for the PKM implementation yesterday. With this PKM, it is hoped that the problems that arise will get the best solution so that PKK mothers can be more productive and

more efficient in improving English skills in the daily lives of the participants. Because it was carried out during a pandemic, the number of participants was limited and always prioritized the application of health protocols (participants use masks, sit apart and use hand sanitizers before entering the PKM implementation area. The resource person has asked for permission to remove the mask because the voice is not heard clearly when delivering the material.



**Figure 1. Presentation of materials for improving English skills**



**G Figure 2. Games to improve English skills**

Kegiatan Community Service is carried out by lecturers of Bachelor of Accounting, Faculty of Economics and Business, Pamulang University according to the needs of the community and provides tangible benefits, either directly or indirectly. The activities carried out on this occasion were lecturers providing English language skills in the daily life of PKK women in Ciater Village.

In general, this activity aims to prepare PKM participants, namely PKK mothers in Ciater Serpong Village in communicating using English both orally and in writing and being able to communicate with their children who are millennial children or better known as 'anak jaman npw'.

The main problem found was the limited English skills and abilities of the participants which sometimes made it difficult to communicate, especially with their children. In general, the language component consists of three, namely grammar (grammar), vocabulary (vocabulary), and pronunciation (pronunciation). 1. Grammar or language rules are patterns and rules that must be followed if we want to learn a language properly. 2. Vocabulary is a collection of words owned by a language and gives meaning when we use that language. 3. Pronunciation is a way of pronouncing the words of a language. To be understood and accepted as an English learner. These three components must be studied intensively. The teaching of these three language components needs to be packaged in a coherent and careful manner. Learning needs to be well planned by choosing materials that are suitable for the needs of PKK women. During yesterday's implementation, the language practiced was themed English for Daily Activities 'Friends'. Friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself by Jim Morrison. Why is the title 'Friends' taken, this is because in dealing with 'anak jaman now', 'orang tua jaman now' must act as friends so that communication with children is more flexible. Children today tend to be more active than children in the past who are now parents.

One of the media used in the process of learning English is the internet. Using the internet (Sunardi: 2011) as a medium for learning English because it is considered that the internet is able to make students practice real communication.

## CONCLUSION

PKK women in Ciater Serpong Village are still limited in communicating using English in their daily life. However, in practice, the participants were very enthusiastic about the material presented. Because in dealing with today's children, today's parents must act as friends with the aim of communicating with children more fluidly.

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