

THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LESSON PLANS IN AN EFL CLASSROOM

(A Case Study in a Senior High School in Aceh)

ABSTRACT

This study is aimed at investigating how an English teacher develops and implements lesson plans in the classroom, and identifying the problems encountered by the English teacher in designing it. This study utilized a qualitative case study which was conducted in a senior high school in Aceh and involved one English teacher with more than ten years of teaching experience. The data required were obtained from document analysis in which five lesson plans were analyzed based on basic principles and its elements, four meetings of classroom observation, and semi-structured interview. There are three findings gained from this study. Firstly, the documentary data revealed that the teacher missed to fulfill some indicators of basic principles of lesson plan's development such as he did not relate English subject with another subject and explain the function of ICT used in a particular activity. On the other hands, the teacher fulfilled all elements of the lesson plan as suggested by Regulation of Ministry of Education No. 65/2013. Secondly, observational data showed that even though the teacher did not use any lesson plan as the teaching guidance, he was successful enough in carrying out instructional activities by doing 'mental-plan'. Furthermore, the teacher mentioned that he followed the textbook in teaching and revealed that the lesson plans were prepared for fulfilling administrative requirement. Lastly, interview data indicated that the teacher encountered problems in designing lesson plans including the difficulties to distinguish between learning indicators and learning objectives, to determine material and method, to construct main activity, and to provide assessment and evaluation. Based on the findings aforementioned, the teacher needs more enhancement and supervision in developing lesson plans.

Key words: lesson plan development, lesson plan implementation, difficulties in designing lesson plan