

## **Students' Perceptions: The Use of Joox to Enhance Vocabulary and Listening Skill**

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### **Abstract**

Nowadays, listening music becomes the activity which is liked by the young people. There are so many music streaming application that can help them listening music everywhere. Joox becomes the music streaming application which commonly used by young people to listen to the music. Some of them use Joox to listen to the inter-local music. Not only provides the audio, Joox also provides the lyrics of the song. Those services can become an interesting way to enhance vocabulary and listening skill. Some of the learners find the hard way to catch the vocabulary when they listen to the audio. Based on the researchers' observation, this problem caused by the method of the listening class that less attractive, so they need the interesting way in listening. Therefore, Joox music streaming application is one of the choice that can make listening class more interesting. By reading the lyrics, it makes them are easier to get more vocabularies. This study involves 25 students of English Department study program of Tidar University from second semester until sixth semester. This study uses qualitative approach by giving 9 statements to them. The statements that given are about the impact of using Joox to their vocabulary and listening skill using likert scale. The result of questionnaire revealed that students have positive perception toward the use of Joox in enhancing their vocabulary and listening skill.

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### **Introduction**

Remembering new words when listening become the case that faced by learners. According to Andriani, et al (2018), the complex problem in listening found when hearing a song in the radio, audio or someone or native speaker in speaking cause by process in listening in running well or we cannot hear clearly what the speakers are saying. However, while we are listening to something we need to know the words that utter by the speakers. That means that we also need to know the vocabulary to understand the meaning. The miscommunication may happen when we get the absence

of vocabulary (Toyoda & Harrison, 2002). The learners also get bored when they have to gain vocabulary and learn Listening at class. The media and system of learning is boring and not interesting for them. Those factors lessen the learners to improve their vocabulary and listening skill at class. Some of the students believe that listening music can help them to enhance their vocabulary and listening skill.

Music becomes rapidly spread and listened by people nowadays. They listen to the music everywhere and anytime. Whether it is to kill the time, refresh their mind, or some of them use it to learn something. They unconsciously will repeat and remember the song when they are singing and listening some songs. The sounds that hear in ears when we hear something can entered, but the people that hear might do not understand what the content of the sounds but in listening, we should comprehend what the contain and what the main of the text or something that we listen (Sanggam, 2008). Most of the listener is from the young people or the learners. They are used to listening to all genre of music, especially pop music. Most of them are very keen on the inter-local songs. The most commonly listened is English song. To provide the interest of most of them, some platforms are invented to make them are easier to listen to the music everywhere and everytime through their gadget. Through gadget they can explore and download some feature. By that, they are easier to access the music streaming application. One of the most commonly used Joox music streaming to listening music.

Joox is one of the music streaming application that released on January 2015 owned by Tencent. Bien Perez (2016) says that, Joox itself is the biggest music streaming application in some country Asian markets such as Hongkong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand. Joox application offers the user features such as digital music, podcast and video. The users who like to listen to the music can use the digital music feature. This platform is completed with many local and inter-local songs included the lyric. Therefore, the users are allowed to read the lyric while they are listening to the music. Relating to the use of the Joox application, it can be implemented to the learners who find the difficulty to remember some vocabulary. Based on the use of

Joox, the researchers decided to use Joox as the media to enhance the learners' vocabulary and listening skill.

According to Heinich (1993), using good teaching media can stimulate and trigger the students' interest and encourage students' participation in learning practice. Music is one of the media that can interest students' participation. Some of them believe that by listening music they can improve the motivation in learning English. The commonly music streaming application that used by students is Joox music streaming application. Therefore, in this study, the authors discuss the students' perception about the use of Joox application. The students' perception about how the Joox music streaming can affect them on their vocabulary and listening skill.

## **Review of Literature**

### *Vocabulary*

Vocabulary as one of the knowledge areas in language that have important role for acquiring an understanding in communication (Cameron, 2001). Vocabulary and communication are two things that can not be separated. Because when people talk or communicate to other, absolutely they need vocabularies to make a good communication. Besides concerning the grammar and pronunciation while they are speaking, they also need to master vocabulary. Therefore, as the learner enhancing vocabularies to communication is important. Meanwhile, sometimes the learners face the difficulty when they tried to learn vocabularies. Hence, they must improve their literacy to get more vocabularies.

### *Listening Skill*

Underwood (1989) reveals the listening definition as "the activity of paying attention to and trying to get meaning from something we hear" (p. 1). Field (2002) states that in dealing with texts that they are partially understood of what they hear, learners need practice and strategies. That case is the encounter thing facing by the learners, especially for non- native speakers. However, listening is essential tool in communication. Field

(2009) argues that if the students have more capability to listening well, they may have the good communication also. According to Margareth (1998), in learning English, listening becomes the essential thing that student concerns about. Thus, we need to be able to comprehend the talk of the speaker to make a goal of learning English caught.

### *Joox Music Streaming*

Listening English song can enhance the listening skill because song is one of the media that interesting to improve listening skill. Thus, Joox application give some facilitates to students to learn listening easily because this is music streaming application that provide recording and also the lyrics so the student can enhance their listening through this application. The lyrics of this application can make the learner easier when they listen to the music because they can listen while they read the lyrics. It can also make them easier find the new vocabularies. Listening music through this application also some interesting way to the learner because in this application the learner can choose genre music that they want or they like. Learning by something that are like is the most effective way.

### **Previous Study**

The study from Andriani, et al.(2018) the improvement of listening ability through English song was significant improved. Through listening English song, the learners can enjoy the activity and it makes them easily to increase their ability in listening. Listening to English song can enrich the vocabularies to the listener. Vocabularies will increase because the learner usual to listen English words. The improvement of pronunciation can increase also because the singer of the song is native speaker, so the learners will hear pronunciation in right way and it can improve their English pronunciation. Then the enhanceme t of listening skill also increase because of two factors above.

Additionally Yusuf Yuliyanto (2017) on his reseacrh said that, the use of English song could be use in the class to make interest for the learner during the learning process.

Listening to English song in the class make the learner do not feel bored when the and will make them more interest in listening during the learning process. Especially Joox application provide so many songs that can be choose and suit based on the learners' favorite genre, complete with the lyrics of the song. The use of the English song easily increase the learners' vocabularies in fun way.

## **Methodology**

### *Purpose*

The study reported here aims to investigate the use of Joox music streaming application in enhancing the learners' vocabulary and listening skill based on the students' perceptions.

### *Research Design*

The study was mainly qualitative design by questioning 25 respondents with 9 statements. The questionnaire that chosen in this study is adopting the research from Tryanti R. Abdulrahman, Nonny Basalama & Moh. Rizky Widodo which conducted research entitled *the impact of podcasts on efl students' listening comprehension* in order to find out students' perceptions on the use of Joox to their vocabulary and listening skill. Each statement consists of 5 options. In this survey, questionnaire is analyzed by likert scale. Therefore, the options have five degrees, there are strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree. The result shows the learners perception and assumption about the use of Joox streaming music application regarding to their vocabulary and listening skill. The respondents already know about the lyric feature on Joox music streaming application. Then the data is analyzed by the result of the questionnaires given. The result was intended to measure the use of Joox music streaming application to the learners on enhancing their vocabulary and listening.

### *Instruments*

To collect the data the authors use two instruments. The first was the 25 students' listening assignments and the second one was questionnaire. The listening assignments was about filling the blank space lyric and writing 5 vocabularies that unfamiliar to

them. Then they are required to fill the questionnaire which related to the students' perception about the benefit of Joox in enhance their vocabulary and listening skill.

### *Participants*

The study is involved 25 students of second until sixth semester of Tidar University. The students often find the difficulty to catch the words while listening. The students usually use the Joox music streaming application to listen music but don't know yet about the beneficial to their vocabulary and listening skill. They must fill the 9 questionnaires that given after hearing some music and writing some difficult words trough Joox.

### *Procedures*

This study conducted in five times meeting to show how they can listen to the song and improve their vocabulary. In each meeting, 25 students were obliged to listen to the song while filling the blank space of the lyrics from five different songs. They were not allowed to see the lyric provided in the Joox application. After that, they were obliged to note five new vocabularies they found from the song and check it through the lyric provided. The authors use this method as the daily value for students. At the fifth meeting, the students were required to submit a new vocabularies report based on the five times listening song activities using Joox. After that they are required to fill the questionnaire that consists of 9 statements. They must choose one of five options given in each statement. The options are, strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, and strongly agree. The students also required to give their opinion about what they feel after using Joox related to the statements in the questionnaire.

### **Finding and Discussion**

Here are the result of the questionnaire that found were submitted and the analyzed from the learners's choosing of the option, as follows :

Table 1 of questionnaire result

| No | Questions   | strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|----|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|
| 1  | I think vocabulary and listening skill are necessary for communication. | 0%                | 0        | 4%      | 48%   | 40%            |
| 2  | I find a difficulty understanding what the speaker says                 | 0                 | 12%      | 44%     | 36%   | 8%             |
| 3  | I find difficulty catching the words when listening                     | 0                 | 20%      | 24%     | 48%   | 8%             |
| 4  | Using Joox enhance my motivation in learning English                    | 0                 | 0        | 20%     | 64%   | 16%            |
| 5  | Joox offers feature of English music                                    | 0                 | 0        | 4%      | 64%   | 32%            |
| 6  | Joox is very portable and easy to use                                   | 0                 | 0        | 8%      | 56%   | 36%            |
| 7  | My vocabulary enrich after listening to Joox                            | 0                 | 4%       | 20%     | 68%   | 8%             |
| 8  | I feel my listening skill improve after listening to Joox               | 0                 | 0        | 32%     | 60%   | 8%             |
| 9  | I recommend teacher to use Joox to use in teaching listening            | 0                 | 8%       | 28%     | 48%   | 16%            |

From those result, there are some conclusion as follows :

The result of the questionnaire indicates that 4% neutral, 48% agree, and 40% strongly agree that vocabulary and listening skill are necessary for communication. It indicates that most of the learner agree that vocabulary and listening are important in communication. Few students found difficulties to understand the speech or conversation. This is shown by the review of the learner from this question results 12% disagree, 44%, neutral 36% agree, and 8% strongly agree. Moreover, some of them also still find difficulty to catch the word while listening. It proved by the result of the questionnaire that 20% agree, 24% neutral, 48% agree, and 8% strongly agree. Some of the students get the motivation on learning by using Joox application. The review of the learner from this question shows that 20% neutral, 64% agree, and 16% strongly agree that using Joox enhance their motivation to learn. Joox offers feature of English music. The review of the learner from this statement indicates that 4% neutral, 64% agree, and 32% strongly agree. Most students agreed that Joox are portable and easy to use. Regarding to that statement the result of the learner from that statement shows that 8% neutral, 56% agree, and 36% totally agree. The review of the learner from the statement that their vocabulary enhance after using Joox is that 68% agree, and 8% strongly agree. Even though most of them agree that using Joox enhance their vocabulary, some students disagree with the statement (4% disagree). Most of the students feel that their listening skill improve after listening to Joox (32% neutral, 60% agree, 8% strongly agree). 48% of students recommend the teacher to use Joox in teaching listening. Whether, 28% neutral, 48% agree, and 16% strongly agree to apply Joox in teaching listening. However, there still 8% of students disagree to use Joox in teaching listening.

The result above showed that Joox has significant effect on students' vocabulary and listening skill. The students can fill the blank space of the lyric as the test. It proves that Joox is a media to improve students' listening skill. They can read the lyric after they fill all the blank lyric to check their correction to their test. Moreover, they can find new vocabulary while they were listening to the music through Joox. It indicates that they also can improve their vocabulary. Moreover, this study found that most of the respondents have high motivation to study English by using Joox. They are motivated



by the features provided by Joox such as digital music. The digital music provides them music and lyric also.

***Students think that Listening Skill and Vocabulary is necessary***

Most of the students argue that listening skill and vocabulary is necessary for communication. It is proven by the result of the questionnaire indicates that 48% of respondents agree and 40% strongly agree that vocabulary and listening skill are necessary for communication. Respondent 1 also argued that without understanding the vocabulary that the speaker says, the listener won't be able to understand well about what he/she is talking about. Respondent 2 argued that, by mastering many vocabulary, the listener can easily comprehend what the speaker says and give feedback to their talking, so the communication can run well. Those statements show that both listening skill and vocabulary are two important aspects in communication. However, there is still some of them find difficulty in understanding and catching the words that the speakers say. The result of the questionnaire shows that, 8% participants strongly agree 36 % agree and 44 % neutral regarding to the difficulty they found to understand what the speakers say. Then, 8% participants strongly agree, 48 % agree and 24 % neutral that they can't catch the word when they are listening.

***Students think that using Joox enhances their vocabulary and listening skill***

Most of the students argue that they can improve vocabulary and listening skill after using Joox. It is proven by the result of the questionnaire that indicates that 20% of respondents agree and 68% strongly agree, and 4% neutral that their vocabulary enrich after listening to Joox. The respondent 3 argued that, "after listening to the music through Joox, I can find more new vocabulary that I don't know before and also correct the vocabulary I found easily". It shows that by listening music through Joox can enrich their vocabulary with the funny way. The another result of the questionnaire also shows that 60% participants strongly agree, 32 % agree that their listening skill improve after listening to Joox. Respondent 4 argued that, "by using Joox, I can understand what the lyric of the song that I heard. It will help me also to understand when I listen to any audio". Using Joox also motivate them to learn English. It can be proven by the result of

the questionnaire that 64% of the students strongly agree and 20% of the students agree that using Joox can motivate them to learn English. Moreover, Joox also offers some good features. One of them is digital music that provides of English music. It really helps the students in learning vocabulary also. Besides, it offers good feature of English music, it also very portable and easy to use. 56% students strongly agree and 8% agree with the statement about the Joox that is very portable and easy to use. Respondent 5 stated that, "I can use Joox whenever and wherever I am". That statement shows that by the easy way in using Joox, the user also can get benefit things, that is learning. They can learn everywhere and whenever they want through Joox. Based on the functions and benefits of Joox, most of the students recommend Joox to be used in learning listening. The result of the questionnaire shows that 16% participants strongly agree, 48 % agree, 28 % neutral, and 8% disagree to use Joox in teaching listening.

## **Conclusion**

This study aims to know learners' perception of the usage of Joox music streaming application in enhancing vocabulary and listening skill. Regarding to the result of students' responses analysis from questionnaire given, the students' responses toward the use of Joox in listening practice are positive. They agree that listening through Joox can enhance their vocabulary also. It was proved by the result that 68% of the students agree that Joox can enhance their vocabulary. 60% of the students agree that they feel their listening skill improve by using Joox. Based on the findings obtained most of the learners get a motivation of using Joox in the learning process evidenced by the questionnaire. From the result of the study, also Joox application is recommended to be used in teaching listening in a proper way.

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