

# **The Need Analysis of English for Specific Purpose in Faculty of Law**

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The flow of globalization is inevitable. This has brought changes in the development of English for Specific Purpose. Responding to this condition, this study was conducted to determine the need analysis of ESP in faculty of Law, however this study focus on the undergraduates point of view. This research focused to students of Law Faculty in on state university in West Java, Indonesia by using qualitative research design. The data were obtained from several techniques, namely interview, and documentations. Based on the interview data, it was found that the expected materials for the ESP in Law Faculty are communication skills especially on speaking and writing to prepare themselves to serve their clients. In addition, grammar focus and pronunciation drilling are less interesting, they think that active learning activities are more engaging.

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## **Introduction**

Based on initial research data (informal interviews with several Human Resource Development personnel), it is found that employees with good English skills tend to have bigger chances to get a better position in their career. The new recruits with good English skills also seem now to be prioritized. World bank (2014), mentioned that English skill is one of the main qualifications to find a new worker. It is in line with Kassim and Ali (2010) stating that English becomes dominant in various areas including industry. Consequently, English skills become an effective communication tool as well as a vehicle to get professional development. In order to offer this competitive benefit, the practitioners must take into account ESP to explore how language is used as is expected (Paltridge & Starfield, 2013). Educationalist, correspondingly, have a strong

mandate to include English materials in responding to the need analysis due to the rapid development. Therefore, this study is aimed to find the point of view of undergraduates students about their needs in learning English in the hope that the learning materials could make them engaged in the process of learning.

## **Methods**

This research is a qualitative research taken place in a university in Karawang West Java, Indonesia. The research subject were representative of the students in Law Faculty with the data collection technique was interview by using the interview guidelines.

## **Results**

### Research Subject 1: Samuel (Pseudonym)

In the world of college, especially the law faculty, the use of English is quite important. How important is English language in the law faculty itself made us assigned to interview one of the students in the law faculty at University of Singaperbangsa. In this research we met a fifth grade student of law faculty named Samuel.

He believes that English language is important because it has been needed in daily life. Especially in situation to study something. And he mentioned some of the English skills he wanted to master is Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation and Vocabulary. According to Samuel, Speaking, Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary / phrase and Legal English are very important things that are really needed for law faculty students especially for Samuel. And other things like Reading, Writing and Pronunciation are less needed for now.

Learning English is not always fun as imagined. When we asked the interviewees how to make it easier for him to learn English then he answered "I find then following things quite easy: for now learning english is quite easy because in law the faculty just learns about basic material." He found no difficulty in learning English because the material provided was still basic and he also stated that he enjoyed English language lessons when the lecturer only provided basic materials such as tense presents, past tense etc.

### Research Subject Number 2: Zuhdi (Pseudonym)

We have interviewed Zuhdi as the university student who takes civil law program. Now, he is in the fifth semester. We asked him some questions that related to the function and the importance of English language for him.

First, when we asked him to explain the most important reason why he needs English for now and in the future, he said that English language is very important because English language becomes the part of learning process. He needs English for reading literature such as international journal and most legal file uses English language. Moreover, He wants to be a notary and he realizes that the notary's client is not just Indonesian but it can be a foreigner. Therefore, English language is very important in Law faculty.

Second, we need to know the five things he would like to be able to do better in English and he answered that those things are related to the job field. He wants to good at four basic skills that is reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Specifically, he needs to improve his ability in

reading International article and journal which related to law. Then, he tries to do better in understanding how people communicate by using English language and how to speak politely with others. Also, he put his interest in creating a formal letter. Even though the format has been available for notary to create a Power of Attorney (Surat Kuasa), he still wants to develop his writing skills.

Third, we have to know which of reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and law English that he need to study more. He answered that he needs to study more of reading, speaking, listening and writing. He often reads international law journals so reading skills are needed. He said that he needs to develop his writing skill even if the format has been available to write a Power of Attorney. He also needs to study more of speaking and listening because these skills are useful for intercommunication in society. He thinks that these 4 skills are important for him. Moreover, he needs law English because it is crucial for understanding the things related to him as a student in the law faculty. However, he doesn't want to study more of grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation because these are very confused for him.

The last questions is what does he find enjoyable, boring, easy and difficult when studying English. He said that he enjoys in studying English when watching Western movies with subtitle, playing online games like DOTA and reading international journals. He gets bored when the lecturer explains the material only so there is no interesting activity that involves student's participation in the learning process. He finds the following things quite easy like reading international journals. Reading international journals is more effective in using words so he is more interested in reading the international journal than reading national journals. He finds the following quite difficult like grammar. He thinks that grammar and its rules only make students difficult to speak.

### Research Subject number 3

Rony is his pseudonym. The interviewee said that the most important reason he need English for now or in the future is he want to work in another country, going to overseas, so he should mastering in English because English is an international language. And also he is in searching for an international journal for his references for final thesis.

He also said that he would like to be able to do better in English so he can write an international journal about Law. He hope he can speak English fluently. So, he can interact with foreigners-- people from another country. And of course he can have a job in another country. And he can pronounce English words correctly because if he makes some mistakes in pronunciation will change the meaning.

He feel the need of study more is in speaking, vocabulary, pronunciation because he is more like a talkative person so that's why he likes to speak more and to interact with people who live in his surroundings who don't speak bahasa Indonesia, and also he wants to know and have many vocabulary in business.

He enjoy study language when the material is interactive, because he can be more active in the classroom and the material have many advantages. He get bored when he just listening to the lecturer for a long time. He find the following things quite easy when he know the vocabulary and

the material is interesting. He find the following things quite difficult when he should learn grammar, because grammar have many rules and many kinds.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, we interviewed one of the students from the Law Department regarding the importance of English and the need analysis. His name is Putra, and he is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. In the interview session we asked a series of questions which were very needed or not in learned English. We have presented this question based on the importance of English, what the most important that he need in English, what the things to do better in English, what the things that he need to study more, and the things that he found easy and difficult when studying English.

English is very important. The most important reason that he need in English for now and in the future, the first humanities, where he communicated directly in social community to approach and learned about the problems in the community. Second, interact with the international community, because in the (Pidana) Criminal Department must be able to use English to give servants to tourists or non-Indonesians.

Then, He explained the things that he wanted to do better in English, "Public speaking, mingle with the society, understanding the theory and the last is fashion" he said. Then we asked for more details about those questions. "What your reasons about those things? Why do you choose those things to be able to do better in English?" he said. "Because, these things are very basic from legal science which Public speaking, mingle with the society, understanding the theory and the last is fashion must master it."

Next is about what he needed more in English. "I need more about speaking, grammar, and listening. Because, speaking is important to interact and solve the cases with verbal explanation. Second, grammar here has related with speaking. In speaking, grammar should be systematically and clearly. And the last is listening, I like to listen to the news for references to the cases happen immediately." Putra's said.

The last, in teaching and learning English is definitely find enjoyable, boring, easy and difficult. Putra said, "I enjoy it when listening to music and news, then I got bored when teacher of English give me any form of grammar and tenses that makes me bored to study English." Then, we asked the things that make it easier or difficult for you to learn English. Then, he explained that the things that made it easy to learn English when he began to practice directly, doing text analysis and giving active feedback in the class. And the difficulty obtained in learning English is that there are too many theories and formulas taught.

In conclusion, basically English is very important in the Law Department. The importance of English can increase our insight and ability to communicate and solve problems. English can also make easy, but not all of them, there are things that make it difficult for someone to learn English starting from the teaching materials and the design used. Therefore, the teacher should think more wisely about what will be taught so that the needs of the target can be achieved.

## **Conclusion**

Each of the interviewee we asked have some different ideas about what they need. Through this point, the researcher hopes that it can have more insight about the law students point of view about their needs in learning English.

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