Chapter I

Introduction

1.1 Background of the study

Language is very important thing to communicate with other people, by using language we can easily express our idea and understand what other people say. Language can be applied in many aspects, such as the education community, political, economic, and cultural. English is very popular in this era because English is international language to communicate with other people around the world who have different languages. As an international language, English has a positive effect for speakers not only for native but also non-native, who use it in international communication.

English as an international communication not only include oral communication such as speaking but also written communication. As the first international language, English becomes one of the subjects that is now taught in the educational world from elementary schools until universities rather than another language, especially in Indonesia. So everybody knows that English becomes the most popular language and the first foreign language in our country.

In learning English, based on 2013 Curriculum there are four language skills to be mastered, they are listening, speaking, reading and writing. Foreign language skills become a necessity for today’s society. This phenomenon is associated with era of globalization is happening in every country in the world. Foreign language skills, specially English, be a prerequisite for person’s success in the future.