

ABSTRACT

A language is a system of sign (e.g., speech sounds, hand gestures, letters) used to communicate messages. As a means of communication, language, then, stands as very important to convey ideas, or to express a feeling to whom we are talking.

As a matter of fact, English language is the most widely used. That is why our government prepares Indonesian people to comprehend English in order to face the so-called global era that all nations will compete. The educational institutes become a target of that preparation. A problem may arise that students learn not only language but also other courses.

The ability of language, in accordance with psycholinguistics, resides at the left of cerebral hemisphere, altogether with analytic reasoning and arithmetic. While the another side of human brain controls such music, art, etc. This mechanism is called **lateralization**.

Statistical test signifies that the achievement of English scores is almost the same with those of scores of natural sciences and mathematics courses. In other words, it indicates that the ability of language follows proportionally with those of analytic reasoning and arithmetic. Thus, the abilities, which are controlled by the same cerebral hemisphere are almost the same in quality.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION