CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Conclusions

The inception of this study happened in the *English-124 course* offered at the Entrepreneurship Faculty of Universitas Katolik Widya Mandala Surabaya in the Odd Semester (August-December) of the 2018-2019 academic year. It was found that these students experienced significant difficulty writing in English. From the different approaches to writing instruction, I considered the R2L Pedagogy as a potential solution to this challenge. The theoretical framework of this research is the R2L Pedagogy which is the latest development of the Sydney School approach to genre-based writing instruction. The Sydney School in its turn is based on Halliday's Systemic Functional Linguistics. A Classroom Action Research in the form of an R2L class (treatment) was designed to test this pedagogy out. Upon finishing the English-124 course, I offered the R2L class to the students. Three of them volunteered to participate. The CAR included three cycles of three weeks each, and was conducted from March 12 to May 17, 2019. The genre selected for this R2L class was the exposition genre.

Based on the analysis of the pre-tests and post-tests written by the participants, the following conclusions can be drawn from the present study. First, the three participants improved in terms of Context. They wrote a post-test with the correct Purpose of an exposition, which is to claim for one's point of view. Their post-test also included the correct Stages of an exposition, which are Thesis, Arguments, and Restatement. Likewise, they wrote the correct exposition Phases in their post-tests: Position Statement, Preview of Arguments, Topic, Elaboration, Review of Arguments, and Position Restatement. Secondly, they also showed improvement in terms of Attitude, specifically in terms of Attitude. First, they wrote more variety of attitudinal resources in their post-test. Secondly, they also wrote more field specific attitudinal resources. Third, they better supported their arguments with attitudinal resources.

Suggestions

The present study provides evidence with respect to the effectiveness of the R2L Pedagogy as a genre-based approach to EFL writing instruction at the Entrepreneurship Faculty of Universitas Katolik Widya Mandala Surabaya. However, with only three participants, caution must be applied, as the findings might not be transferable to other Entrepreneurship Faculties in Indonesia. It is recommended that future research involves more participants. It would be very interesting for future research to have participants from different English proficiency levels in order to provide further evidence of the potential of R2L to close the gap between

faster and slower achieving students. Another limitation of the present study is the nine week length of the treatment. Future research could investigate the effects of longer R2L treatment.

This study, unlike previous quantitative studies, reports a detailed description of the texts' Purpose, Stages, Phases, and Attitude. It is suggested that future studies also present this sort of description because it offers a richer insight into the effects of R2L on the students' texts. A thorough presentation of the participants' texts offers more information regarding the participants' writing skills improvement than scores do.

The present study focuses on Purpose, Staging, Phases, and Attitude. I decided to analyze Attitude because of its importance for writing exposition texts. In addition, previous studies like Kartika-Ningsih (2015) do not report an analysis of Attitude. I decided to analyze Purpose, Staging, and Phases because they are essential to the concept of genre. As a genre-based writing instruction approach, an R2L treatment should give much importance to those four concepts: Purpose, Staging, and Phases. It is recommended that future research analyzes Register (Field, Tenor, and Mode), Discourse (Ideation, Conjunction, and Identification), Grammar, and Graphic Features.

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