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Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

Honorable adjudicators; Distinguished teachers;

Dear participants and all my friends...

First of all, let us praise to the Almighty Allah SWT for His blessings that enable us to gather here. Secondly, may peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad SAW who has guided us into the right ways of life.

Ladies and Gentlemen; Sisters and Brothers...

In this good opportunity, I would like to give an English speech entitled: "Learning English is Interesting".

As an international language, English is widely spoken by people around the world. It is also the most commonly used language in sciences, books, magazines, newspapers and other media of news and entertainments. Because of its important role, English is considered as one of the most popular language subjects in many countries, including in our country: Indonesia.

For many years, English has been a compulsory lesson in Indonesia's secondary schools. Its main purpose is to make students able to compete in the globalization era. The mastery of English will enable students to continue their study to university or hunt for jobs. In wider scope, it is for the sake of developing our country and interacting in international relationship.

## Ladies and Gentlemen...

Eventhough English is considered as a very important subject in school, the fact shows that it is still viewed as one of the most difficult lessons to learn. Students do not enjoy English class. They feel bored and afraid of participating actively in teaching-learning process. They sometimes hate English and are not interested to learn it seriously. That is why, many students graduating from senior high schools still cannot speak English well. In fact, they have been learning English for more than six years, since they were at elementary schools.

## Sisters and Brothers;

My beloved friends...
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In my point of views, the main problem that makes students feel difficult in learning English is the teaching-learning process does not attract students' interests. In other words, the situation of English class is not interesting. The class runs monotonously; teacher explains the materials and students just listen to the teacher. The teaching

learning process often lacks of practicing. Students do not have enough practices to use English in conversation or in dialogues. Naturally, as a mean of communication, English should be placed as a practical or applied lesson. It is not just a theoretical subject. The teaching of English should emphasize on the students' ability in using English in communication.

So, the question is: how to make students feel interested in learning English?

I think there are several ways to be applied in the teaching learning process. The first one, by using interesting media which can attract students' attention. For examples: English songs, movies and games. Commonly, teenage students like listening to music, watching movie and playing game. The preferred themes are related with teenagers' life, such as love and friendships. By linking the lesson with students' daily life, students will not get bored. They will find that English is very useful for their daily life. Students can enjoy English songs and movies because they understand English. They will have fun with English and finally they feel that learning English is interesting. The second way is by encouraging students to practice English, both spoken and written. For spoken English, students are given chance to get involved actively in conversation and dialogues. For written English, teacher suggests students to start writing in English, for example: making composition, writing letter, or posting and updating their status in English if they have facebook accounts. The last one is, keep practicing English; any time and any where. The more we practice our English; the better we master it.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Sisters and Brothers...

In my humble opinion, the conclusion is: learning English will be more interesting if students have fun with English.

I think that's all my speech. I am so sorry if there are mistakes and inconveniences in my utterances. And... thank you very much for your kindest attention.

Wassalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

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