Abstract

This study investigated students’ interest in using YouTube movie videos in practicing their listening ability either inside or outside of class. This study used a mix of open and closed questionnaires adopted from Kelsen (2009) on the motivation of using YouTube for listening. 45 students enrolled in a Listening III class were taken as the sample. The findings showed that the highest motive for students to use it was because ‘using YouTube has been beneficial to their English, followed by ‘using YouTube is interesting’, then, ‘using YouTube motivated them to study English’ and ‘the YouTube material was relevant to what was studied in class’”. The lowest motive included ‘using YouTube in class motivated them to use it to themselves to study English outside of classes. Furthermore, some students’ open responses to YouTube were: they can practice their English by watching native speakers; it has pictures so it is easy for students to understand the topic, and the materials were relevant since they were practicing listening. Yet, negative responses were also found such as they did not have internet connection at home, were not motivated to do it alone and were not assigned homework to use it. Thus, YouTube can be considered to be used as a material in listening class because it is found to provide many benefits for students.

Keywords: Students’ perception, listening, YouTube, movie videos.

1. INTRODUCTION

Various studies have examined the use of multimedia in English language education (Schmid, 2008; Wagner, 2007; Rammal, 2005). Multimedia is the use of many kinds of media including text, sounds, and pictures (Beatty, 2003; Schmid, 2008). One popular media in use today is the internet which makes it feasible for communication as well as being an educational resource (Peterson, 1997, a place for many people to interact, publish something, play and collaborate (Galien, 2010). Even
though Chhabra (2012) doubts that the internet can provide authentic materials in the English language for teaching, Schmid (2008, p. 1553) says that the internet can be “a vehicle for promising applications in foreign language learning especially for the memorization of vocabulary”.

For the last six years, students at the University of Syiah Kuala (Unsyiah) have become familiar with the internet. Many students now have smart phones which enable them to access the internet everywhere and anytime. In other words, they have the internet on their hand.

At the English Language Department, students learn Listening skill in three semesters for eight credit hours. Listening at this level is aimed at developing the students’ competence in the theories and practical skills for listening especially listening to British and American pronunciation, sounds and talks.

In the classroom, I learnt that some of my students were good at basic listening. Basic listening is usually listening about daily conversations at normal speed. However, they sometimes had difficulties when they were listening to conversations with rapid speech. Listening class only takes place once in a week. I found that this was not enough for them to practice listening efficiently. Therefore, during the learning process, they were often motivated to improve their listening skill by listening to English news, songs, movies, and videos through various media such as television, radio, tape, and YouTube. They were able to do this practice at home, alone or with peers. Besides, they were often asked to watch and listen to conversations in movies. For example, they were assigned to write a summary based on a speech by John Foppy on YouTube. In another occasion, they were asked to write down phrases that they heard in some popular movies such as Titanic, Cellular, and many others.

I found that they were quite motivated to have listening practice from authentic materials such as YouTube. They did the tasks I assigned enthusiastically. However, there was no evidence of their opinions towards the use of YouTube. Also there was no evidence as to whether they are motivated to enhance their listening ability by listening to YouTube videos should they be assigned to do so. Therefore, to answer these questions, a research question was developed: “What are the students’ opinions about learning listening by using YouTube?”

This study, therefore, is aimed at investigating students’ interest and perceptions towards the use of YouTube to improve their listening skills. The findings can also be compared with their interest on the conventional activities in listening class which was by using a tape. Despite there being a number of studies on the use of YouTube in the language classroom, however, no study has been conducted in the Acehnese classroom context at Unsyiah. This study, therefore, is intended to fill in this gap.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 Listening Skills

According to Vandergrift (1999, p. 168), listening is ”a complex, active process in which the listener must discriminate between sounds, understand vocabulary and grammatical structure, interpret stress and intonation, retain what was gathered in all of the above, and interpret it within the immediate as well as the larger socio cultural context of the utterance”. While to Green (2004), listening involves students’ awareness
of the topic being spoken and they will be able to recall listening materials when they are not under pressure of the listening demand. Listening is also an important language skill which learners are required to master because other skills can be associated to listening as well (Sejdiu, 2013).

2.2 Materials Used in Listening Skills

The term material has been shifted from ‘what the teachers use’ to many other definitions, depending on the goals and the skills. Such definitions have been described by Graves (2000, p. 150) who says that “material development means creating, choosing or adapting, and organizing materials and activities so that students can achieve the objective that will help them reach the goal in the course”. While Tomlinson (2012) says that:

Materials for language learning’ will be taken to be anything that can be used to facilitate the learning of a language, including course books, videos, graded readers, flash cards, games, website and mobile phone interactions, though, inevitably, much of the literature focuses on printed materials. Materials can be informative (informing the learners about the target language), instructional (guiding the learners in practicing the language), experiential (providing the learners with experience of the language in use, eliciting (encouraging the learners to use the language) and exploratory (helping the learners to make discoveries about the language. (Tomlinson, 2012, p. 143)

For listening class, CD, VCD, or videos can be used (Arono, 2014) or are commonly used in the form of off line mode.

Along with the development of the information and communication technology, listening is no longer taking place in monotonous activities. Listening becomes more integrated and teaching listening becomes more challenging. It is not a passive activity but it requires students’ attention and ability to comprehend the materials. And those ‘old fashioned’ media (CDs, VCDs) are not used anymore, at least in developing countries or cities. This means that CD and VCD players are no longer found as L2 media. Teachers have looked into new outstanding media or materials in which they can be used or opened in portable tools. The internet (as briefly discussed in the introduction) has taken place in L2, and YouTube is one of the interactive videos mounted on the web.

2.3 Using Movie Video Movies on YouTube for Language Skill

Movie video is one of the media which can be used in language learning. YouTube with its official address www.youtube.com, is a popular site which allows people to upload a video, watch it, and comment on it. Based on the statistical report on its official website (http://www.youtube.com/yt/press/id/statistics.html), it has more than one billion visitors every month. Furthermore, it is available in 61 countries in 61 languages, and also available on smart phones. Therefore, thousands of videos with thousands of topics in many languages are available on YouTube. For movies, people can just easily type some key words and related movie videos will appear. There are also a lot of these videos made for educational purposes. With these videos, creative
teachers can choose and can lead students to meaningful activities involving one or the
four English skills. Examples of activities may range from conversation activities,
‘movie trailer’, ‘voiceover’, to ‘famous movie screen re-enactments’ which can be used
for listening and speaking activities (Watkins and Wilkins, 2011, p.115). In addition,
Kreisen (2009) states that:

YouTube, as mentioned, is a readily available source of authentic pop culture
material. Encouraging students to interact in an educational capacity with popular
culture through English language. YouTube clips may act as a motivating factor
for students wishing to further develop their language skills as they endeavour to
gain a deeper understanding of content they willingly access online. Moreover, it
is also available for students to engage in outside of class in some form of
student-centered learning. (Kreisen, 2009, p. 3)

Kreisen (2009) points out that the universality of YouTube has enabled students
to know other cultures since the videos are uploaded by many people around the world.
Besides, it gives motivation in L2. It also allows students to do video-sharing which can
give positive outputs for learning (Snelson & Perkins, 2009), and language learning can
take place in a meaningful environment (Alhamami, 2013). Videos that are uploaded
can interest students to pay attention not only to the picture but also to the nonverbal
gestures and intonation which makes the video full of richness (Stempleski, 2002).
Teaching listening by using video is now a common thing since video has audio plus
visual which enable students to participate in both (Wagner, 2007). These audio and
visual characteristics make it easy for students to recall the material (Kozma, 1991).
Furthermore, “the use of video allows listeners to utilize the non-verbal
components of communication that can assist them in processing and comprehending
aural input” (Wagner, 2007, p.67) as well as providing “authentic language input”
(Cakir, 2006, p. 67) because students are exposed to the real contexts, real people as
well as real situations (Moobin, 2008). Thus, YouTube is the leading movie video
website that exists today.

2.4 The Implications of Using Video in Language Learning

Cakir (2006, pp. 69-70) lists several ways of using video for language learning
which can increase students’ motivation especially for learning the four skills: (1) active
viewing, as it will increase students’ participation to understand the ideas in the movie,
(2) freeze framing and prediction (where the teacher can pause the video and draw
students’ attention by asking some questions or discuss a particular scene), (3) silent
viewing (sound off), (4) sound on and vision off, (4) repetition and role play, (5)
reproduction activity (an activity in which students are required to be able to recall what
was spoken), (6) dubbing activity, and (7) follow up activities.

A study was conducted by Arono (2014) with 89 students in an experimental
group who were taught by using interactive media and 126 students in a control group
who were taught using audio learning media. The results showed that the students
taught with interactive multimedia improved their critical listening skills more than
those in the control group. A study on proficiency and motivation by Lamb (2004) with
219 first year students in Indonesia revealed that even though the students had had
contacts with English in their environment e.g. magazines, books, TV, music, etc., the
students’ proficiency was still low. This study also noted that only a few students were motivated to practice their L2 at home with their own initiative whilst others would do that just because they were assigned homework.

In relation to YouTube, a study conducted by Kelsen (2009) towards EFL students in Taiwan resulted in the students’ opinions of its use, using ratings for YouTube as (1) interesting, (2) relevant, (3) beneficial, (4) less motivating in the classroom, and (5) less motivating outside the classroom. This study showed that even though students felt positive about using YouTube in enhancing their English, they were less motivated to use YouTube outside of their class.

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 Research Subject

This study aims to find out students’ interest in using YouTube for their listening course. The study took place at the English Language Department of the University of Syiah Kuala, Banda Aceh Indonesia. There were two listening classes (Class C and D). There were 23 students in Class C and 22 students in class D, making a total of 45 respondents. All of the respondents had already finished two levels of listening classes; Listening I and Listening II. Listening III, in which they were enrolled, was the last level of Listening class in their course of study.

4.2 The Instrument

This study uses a questionnaire (see Appendix 1) to investigate the students’ interest in listening to English movie videos on YouTube. The students were given the questionnaire about their attitude to using YouTube. There were 10 questions. Questions 1 to 3 were closed-ended which asked about each student’s personal data where they had to put ticks in boxes. The first question asked about the respondents’ personal details on: (1) gender, and (2) age, followed by (3) a yes/no question about their getting access to YouTube and to the internet. The next question (4) asked about the students’ frequency of looking at videos on YouTube. Question five asked about their purpose of using YouTube. This was an open question.

Items 6-10 were in the form of Likert-Scale questions; with 5 options: (1) strongly disagree, (2) disagree, (3) neutral, (4) agree, and (5) strongly agree. This used mix closed and open form which required students to write their reasons. The reasons were important to know the better picture of what they felt about YouTube. This study adopted the questionnaire from Kelsen (2009) with some modifications to adjust to the condition of the students in the study. For instance, all of the preference (strongly disagree, disagree, etc.) were written out to avoid students’ misunderstanding on the degree of preference. Details of the questions are shown in Table 1.

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<td>When do you use YouTube on your own, what do you usually use it for?</td>
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5. FINDINGS

5.1 Results from the Questionnaire

Of the 45 respondents, 11 were male students and 34 were female students with ages ranging from 19 to 21 years old. This shows that the sample was dominated by female students. 73% of students said that they can access the Internet with high-speed connection, while only 27% of them could not get hold of Internet with high-speed connection. This means that a majority of the respondents could open YouTube. Along with the developments in information and communication technology in Aceh, many providers are now providing internet service with quite cheap prices. Many students bought internet packages for their mobile phones or android tablets and ‘surfing’ was no longer regarded as an expensive thing to do.

The third questions asked about whether or not they had ever used YouTube before. All students (100%) said ‘Yes’. This was also based on their learning experiences in previous listening classes. They had been assigned to listen to movie videos in English language and were asked to recall the story. Hence, they had already experienced surfing on YouTube.

Next, the fourth question was about the frequency of YouTube use outside of class. 47% of the students (21 of them) said that they sometimes used YouTube outside of class, while 29%, say 13, and 13%, say 6, of the students said that they often and very often used YouTube outside of class. 4 of them (9%) rarely used YouTube and only 1 student, 2%, said that he/she had never used YouTube outside of class. Since YouTube is considered very entertaining, this could be one of the reasons why this site was very popular amongst the students.

The fifth question inquired the reason for using YouTube. This is shown in Figure 1.
For many students, entertainment (watching video clips of artists, films, funny videos) became the highest popular reason for them to access YouTube, followed by studying English and educational purposes. Some students specified that the other reasons were for watching sport, such as soccer matches and boxing.

The next question asked the students’ opinion if using YouTube materials made class more interesting. This is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 shows that no one disagreed that using YouTube was interesting. 16% of the students felt neutral about it whilst a majority of students, 34 in all or 76% agreed that using YouTube made class more interesting. Of the two topics that were assigned to the students, they felt most enthusiastic about John Foppy. They were surprised to see that he did not have arms but he was able to do everything from driving to giving a speech. The language used was quite hard for most students to understand but since they could see the moving pictures, they got the point of what was being told. This is in line with the explanation by Kozma (1991) that the characteristics of audio and visual of a video can make it easy for students to understand and recall the material.

Next, students were asked if the YouTube material assigned to them was relevant to what was studied in class. This is shown in Figure 3.
A number of 73% of students (33 of them) agreed with this. However there were 9 students (20%) who were unsure about this, while only 3 or 7% of students disagreed that the material was relevant to what was being studied. From the experience, when they were assigned to watch the speech of Mariana Pascal entitled “Malaysian English: standard or local English”, the students were happy that the topic interested them and they were laughing during the video. This topic was relevant to them because Indonesian English also has its own interesting characteristics just like Malaysian English; it is a topic that they could relate to. The other reason was that they were enrolled in a Listening class, so appropriate topics presented in English can be sources to practice their listening.

The eighth question asked about whether or not using YouTube had been beneficial to their English (see Figure 4).

Amazingly, 87% of students agreed with this item while the remaining 13% chose ‘strongly agree’ with this item. The richness of movie videos that are available on YouTube made students realize that they could learn from many native speakers’ speech, talk, songs and stories, and further study their intonations and accents. This would enhance their English as well as motivate them to use YouTube in the classroom.

The ninth question asked about whether or not using YouTube in class motivated them to study English. This is shown in Figure 5.
From Figure 5, 34 students chose ‘agree’ with this item. They were motivated to learn English in class when the teacher assigned them to YouTube materials. 4 students chose ‘strongly agree’, while 6 students had doubts. Only 1 student disagreed that she/he was motivated to learn English from YouTube material.

The last question, question 10, asked their opinion about whether or not using YouTube in class motivated them to study English outside. This is shown in Figure 4.

Only 18 (40%) and 2 (4%) of the respondents were motivated or strongly motivated to enhance their English language by using YouTube at home. 9 (20%) of students were not sure if they were motivated. Surprisingly, 1 (2%) chose ‘strongly disagree’ and 15 (33%) disagreed that they were motivated. This, therefore, raised the question of why they were not motivated to practice their English by using YouTube at home. From the students’ responses (see sub-heading 5.2), it was clear that some said they were not assigned homework by the teacher. This made them reluctant to do so, even for their own sake. Besides, limited internet connection was also among the reasons found for not using YouTube.
5.2 Students’ Responses to Using YouTube

This section presents the students’ responses. It is divided into two parts. The first part deals with the mean score from questions numbers 6 to 10 in the questionnaire, which shows the students’ motives from the highest to the lowest ones. The second part deals with the students written responses obtained from the open questions in the questionnaire.

5.2.1 The Mean Score for Students’ Answers for Item Numbers 6 to 10

In this section, the mean score of questionnaire results is presented in Table 2. This aims to give a better picture of the highest and lowest motives for students to use YouTube.

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<td>The YouTube material used was relevant to what was studied in class.</td>
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<td>Using YouTube in class has been beneficial to your English.</td>
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<td>Using YouTube motivated you to study English.</td>
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<td>Using YouTube in class motivated you to use it yourself to study English</td>
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From Table 2, it is clear that the highest motive for students to use YouTube was that using YouTube in class has been beneficial to their English (item no. 8). Since they were enrolled in a Listening class, they felt that many movies presented in English could be used to enhance their listening skills. The next motive was that using YouTube materials made class more interesting (item no. 6), followed by using YouTube motivated them to study English (item no. 9), and using YouTube was relevant to what was studied in class (item no. 7). As noted in the literature, several implications of using videos have been discussed (See Sub heading 2.2. When students wanted to understand the topic better, they could repeat the video easily and the visual pictures help their comprehension; they would be unable to do this if they just listened to taped materials. When I assigned them to watch the speech by Mariana Pascal, one tried her best to understand the topic as she saw other students were laughing watching the video. The clear pronunciation of Mariana Pascal made them easy to recall the story in the follow up activities.

Next, it was found that the lowest motive for them was related to item no. 10. It had the lowest mean (M=3.11). Therefore, this shows that they were not really motivated to use YouTube outside of the class for their own sake. Comparing these results with Kelsen’s, the difference lies on the finding that Kelsen’s respondents found “YouTube is interesting” to be the main factor, while this study found that “using YouTube is beneficial to their English” to be the main factor reported by the students. However, both studies found that students rated item no. 5 for motivation in using YouTube outside class to be the lowest motive. This is in line with Lamb (2004), who found that only a few students were motivated to practice their L2 at home on their own initiative whilst others only did that just because they were assigned homework.
5.2.2 Students’ Written Responses to Using YouTube for Items Numbers 6 to 10

Students’ responses were obtained from the answers that they wrote directly on the questionnaire. The students were required to write clear and honest reasons for items nos. 6 to 10. The findings below are not written in rank but chronologically from items nos. 6 to 10.

For item no. 6, most students believed that using YouTube in the listening class was very interesting (M=3.93). This is the second higher motive for them. Some excerpts are presented with the grammatical errors left in to show their actual written answers. Their reasons (referred to as “R” in the excerpts) are as follows:

(R1) Yes, it is interesting. You know, we can watch the movement of their mouth when they are speaking. So we learn the better pronunciation. (S17)
(R2) Because it is different from usual class. (S30)
(R3) Because there is a picture when we listen. Interesting. (S10)
(R4) Interesting. We can see the native speaker talking. (S41)

From the excerpts, we can learn that students found it easy and interesting when they practiced listening with YouTube movie videos because at the same time, they could watch the picture. When they did not understand the topic being spoken, they could connect it to the picture and this did help them a lot. As explained by S17 (R1), he tried to learn the pronunciation by looking at the mouth of the speaker. As explained by Tomlinson (2012), this kind of material can be one of eliciting materials which can encourage students to use the target language as well as instructional materials which can guide students to practice the language.

Next, item no. 7 asked the students’ opinion about whether the material in YouTube was relevant or not to what was studied in class (M=3.67). Some reasons are:

(R5) Because I have ever watched in YouTube about motivational John Foppy video in class, that was very interesting and could motivate me because of his story. Not only that I also can improve my listening skill through that one. (S05)
(R6) Because the material make us learn and practice more how to get the information by listening. (S02)
(R7) Because many materials we studied in class are available in YouTube. (S15)
(R8) It is relevant, of course. Because we studied listening and we listen on YouTube, so it is relevant as long as we listen English language. (S32)

The excerpts above provided the students’ reasons on why using YouTube was relevant. Since our class was a listening class and as long as they listened to English, it was relevant even though the video was not specifically constructed for educational purposes. John Foppy, for example, was a video with rapid speech. I observed that some of them had difficulties to follow and understand John Foppy’s speech. However, there was a narrator in the video and he spoke at normal speed. This made the students understand the topic. However, there were also a few negative reasons, such as:

(R9) Some students’ attention will be on video/ pictures, so they can’t focus on their listening. (S11)
(R10) Not all video relevant. The recorder just want to be exist. (S13)
Yet, even though there were negative comments, the class worked well and they participated in class well.

Item no. 8 asked their opinions on whether using YouTube had been beneficial to their English or not. 87% of students agreed to this. This was the highest motive for them. Some reasons are:

(R11) Yes it is beneficial. Because it is one of the ways to learn English especially in listening ability and pronunciation. (S41)
(R12) Because we can see on YouTube how cool the way they speak, isn’t it? That make me feel want to speak like them all. (S1)
(R13) Because when we use YouTube, we can hear the native speaker speaks more clearly with the picture, so we can improve our listening skill. (S6).

And a negative response was:

(R14) There are some videos which improve my English, but the other videos cannot do that. Because the speaker this video talked too fast, so I can’t understand to what the speaker said. (S39)

Referring to item no. 9, quite a lot of them agreed that using YouTube motivated them to study English (M=3.91)). This is the fourth motive for them. Some excerpts are as follow:

(R15) We can share (discuss) the meaning with others. We can get motivation from this. (S43)
(R16) Because it is very good and fun to learn in class. (S4)
(R17) Because by YouTube we can see many interesting things than just focusing in textbook or cassette. (S9)

A negative response was:

(R18) It depends on the video and students can be motivated or not. (S20)

The last item, item no. 10, was found to have the lowest motive for them to use YouTube (M=3.11). It was about whether or not using YouTube in class motivated them to use it by themselves to study English outside of class. Interestingly, only 44% of students were motivated to use YouTube to improve their listening skill at home. There were many students (33%) that were not interested to do so. Some reasons are:

(R19) Because if outside class, I don’t have facility to connect internet. (S3)
(R20) I don’t have much time to using YouTube, and sometimes it’s difficult to connect it. (S7)
(R21) Because often disconnect and teacher rarely give us assignment to see YouTube at home. (S11)
(R22) Only using YouTube when we need or if there is homework. (S23)
(R23) No, I have connection internet at home, but the connection so bad. It’s make me lazy to wait buffering the video. (S45).
(R24) I am not motivated to do it alone. (S30)
Positive responses were:

(R25) *Because even we watch YouTube not for studying English, I accidentally learn English. But it depends on what I watch. When you listen to songs, I can get some vocabulary. I usually learn this way. (S36)*

From the excerpts, it is clear why item no. 10 was the lowest motive for the students. Technical problems were mostly found such as no internet connection or limited access to the internet. Even though students could buy internet packages in quite cheap or reasonable prices, they still had to make additional payments if they wanted to open YouTube or streaming line. This is usually uncovered in the internet packages. Therefore, they did not want to spend money for this. There were also reasons that they would use YouTube whenever they were assigned homework. They would do this because they had to submit the assignment.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The use of video has enabled the students to learn from various interesting videos that are uploaded by many people around the world. In this section, the discussion is presented together with the conclusions.

6.1 Discussion

The use of YouTube appeared to be interesting and beneficial for students in a listening class. The use of YouTube and students’ interest had major impacts on their English language learning. They seemed to be very enthusiastic and eager to watch a movie video, then practiced to pronounce words and to speak like the native speakers. Even though the internet connection was sometimes down, but it did not reduce their interest in watching and gaining knowledge from the videos.

However, the weak point appeared when students had to watch and listen to speakers who spoke English very fast. This made their untrained ears to sometimes almost give up in trying to follow the ideas. To overcome this problem, they had to work in pairs to help each other understand the material better because this allowed them to share ideas with each other. This finding is also a reminder for us teachers to do a more thorough pre-observation of the videos that will be used in the classroom. This should include the selection of level of language difficulty used in the video, the accents used, and the topic. They should gradually range from easy to medium and then to difficult ones. So the students will be accustomed to listening to real native speakers in a step by step process.

Another weak point was that the internet connection was sometimes slow or interrupted. Videos stopped whilst being played. This sometimes wasted our time because we had to wait and then play them again. To overcome this problem, our university should have a higher speed internet with larger band width to make it easier for the students to use the latest technology in English language learning. As teachers, we can usually use our own modems as an alternative in the classroom. When the wireless internet in campus became too difficult to use, we connected to the internet by using our own modems. The other alternative is to download the videos from YouTube.
before using them in class. Therefore, during class, there is no need to open videos directly from YouTube. Even though this can reduce the students’ opportunity to find related videos and read comments, but at least the goal of the listening class from authentic YouTube materials is achieved through the downloaded videos.

6.2 Conclusion

The main purpose of the study was to investigate students’ interest to practice listening skills by using YouTube movie videos. The findings revealed that students agree that using YouTube in class is beneficial to their English, interesting, relevant to what was being studied in class, and motivated them in class, but less motivated to use it outside of class. Students were found to be more enthusiastic when they learnt listening skills by using the audio visual materials. Some reasons regarding this were obtained from their written answers such as using YouTube made the class interesting because they could see the native speakers talking, they were motivated to use the materials assigned in the classroom and they could practice the way the native speakers spoke. However, there were also negative reasons for using YouTube outside of class, such reasons were due to not having fast internet at home and they were not assigned homework to use it at home.

Nonetheless, there are some limitations to this study. It only reported the students’ interest toward listening practice by using movie videos on YouTube. The research did not cover the activities that happened in the classroom such as the process of negotiation and collaborative work. Furthermore, the students’ achievement on whether their listening improved after using YouTube movie videos were also not investigated. Therefore, it is suggested that other researchers who are also interested in educational technology to conduct further in depth research on these matters.

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APPENDIX 1

**YouTube Questionnaire**

This questionnaire is for research purposes only. All data will be aggregated and will not be used to evaluate you, your grade, or your teacher.

1. □ Male  □ Female  Age: __________

2. Do you have access to a computer with a high-speed connection outside of class?
   □ Yes  □ No

3. Have you used YouTube before?
   □ Yes  □ No

4. How often do you use YouTube outside of class?
   □ Sometimes  □ Often  □ Very often  □ Never

5. When you use YouTube on your own, what do you usually use it for? (You may choose more than one answer)
   □ Entertainment  □ Education  □ Studying English  □ Others, (please specify)

6. Using YouTube material made class more interesting.
   □ Strongly disagree  □ Disagree  □ Neutral  □ Agree  □ Strongly agree

7. The YouTube material used was relevant to what was studied in class.
   □ Strongly disagree  □ Disagree  □ Neutral  □ Agree  □ Strongly agree
   Please state why or why not?

8. Using YouTube in class has been beneficial to your English?
   □ Strongly disagree  □ Disagree  □ Neutral  □ Agree  □ Strongly agree
   Please state why or why not?

9. Using YouTube in class motivated to study English.
   □ Strongly disagree  □ Disagree  □ Neutral  □ Agree  □ Strongly agree
   Please state why or why not?

10. Using YouTube in class motivated you to use it to yourself to study English outside of class?
    □ Strongly disagree  □ Disagree  □ Neutral  □ Agree  □ Strongly agree
    Please state why or why not?

Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this survey.

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