CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Nowadays, English language becomes the international language. Every country in the world including Indonesia uses it to communicate. But for Indonesian people that do not understand English language, they cannot communicate well. Based on that reason, Indonesian government includes the English lesson in the curriculum of formal school to help Indonesian people learn English language, starting from elementary school. But recently there is news that English for elementary school will be abolished. In fact learning English since Elementary School will be easier, because young learners have good memory, so they are easy to understand a language.

In Indonesia, English is the first foreign language that is taught to the students in elementary school. The purpose of teaching English is to master four skills of English language, such as speaking, listening, reading and writing that consist of vocabulary. Vocabulary is very important for learners especially for young learners. In teaching English for young learners like second grade students, vocabulary is good material to be taught first. Vocabulary is one of main keys to master English language because vocabulary is important to introduce English as foreign language. If our vocabulary bad, we will find difficulties to understand the four skills. So, firstly young learners need to learn what words mean and how they are used. By teaching English vocabularies since elementary school teachers will
help students in understanding English even though it is as a foreign language. Based on the fact, this final project report focuses on vocabulary teaching for second grade students of elementary school. It is from the consideration that vocabulary comes as one of the basic matters for them.

Based on the background above, I am interested in teaching vocabulary for elementary students. Therefore I have decided to do the job training as an English teacher at SD Al Firdaus Surakarta. In SD Al Firdaus Surakarta I taught English Club class and second grade class, but I have focused on the second grade class as the source of data used in this final project report entitled *Teaching English vocabulary to the second grade students of SD Al Firdaus*.

B. Objectives

The objectives of this final project report are:

1. To describe the process of teaching English vocabularies to the second grade students of SD Al Firdaus.
2. To discuss problems and solutions to teach English vocabularies to the second grade students of SD Al Firdaus.
C. Benefits

The final project report is hoped to be useful for:

1. English Teachers
   This final project report can be useful for English teachers to know the problems and the solutions faced in teaching English vocabularies in SD Al Firdaus.

2. Students of English Diploma Program
   This final project report can be used as a reference for the next generation of English diploma program students, especially for students who choose teaching major.