



**"THE USE OF PUPPETRY TO ENCHANCE SPEAKING":**

**A Study conducted on a group of Primary Five Pupils In  
Saint Michael Entingan Primary School, Samarahan**

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## **Abstract**

The book was prepared after the researcher had determined the problem faced by the pupils of Saint Michael Entingan. The difficulty of these pupils to converse in English had opened the door for the researcher to do the research on the problem and to look for a solution to solve it. An Experimental Research has been carried out and it was proven fruitful as it had produced some changes after the study and it is the researcher's aim to share the finding with the others though there are limitations in the study.

The study had proven the use of materials to be an effective means to encourage pupils who are reluctant to speak to be involved in the learning process as they find fun in learning with the use of materials. Thus, the researcher would like to advise teachers to be more creative to cater for the needs of the pupils as it has been proven in the study.

## CHAPTER ONE

### INTRODUCTION

Learning a second language has been an important part of the educational process. School children have had to struggle to learn a second language. To be educated meant to know a language other than the language of one's family and community and that is a foreign language. Foreign language is learnt as a subject in school and is quite embarrassing to see our learners having a hard time picking up the ability to speak using a foreign language and that is what prompted me to do the study on the problem.

Before proceeding further, the researcher would like reflect back to the title of the research and would like to clarify the actual meaning of 'speaking ability' so that the reader could have a clear idea of what actually the researcher is referring to. What does enhance by itself means? According to Collins English Language Dictionary, 'enhance' means to improve its value or quality.

What does '**speaking ability**' means? Speaking ability is the ability to process information and arrange it in a coherent and insightful manner. It involves the organization and selection of detail.

Example: A good candidate understands the point behind a question and addresses himself to the point with clarity and brevity." (quoted from on-line dictionary)

It is obvious that pupils especially in the rural schools have a very low English speaking ability. One of the reasons why individuals or learners perform poorly in a