

ABSTRACT

MUSDALIFAH. 2018. *The Influence of Reinforcement on Students Attitude to Study English at SMP Muhammadiyah Limbung (A Descriptive Qualitative Research)*. A thesis. English Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. Consultant **Ummi Khaerati Syam** and consultant **Farisha Andi Baso**.

The objectives of this research was to improve the students' motivation in learning English and the effects of reinforcement on the students' attitude to study English at SMP Muhammadiyah Limbung.

This research applied descriptive method that spent one month period of time for the data collection by using open-ended questionnaire consisted of 20 numbers. The data was taken from 32 students in one class by using purposive sampling technique to the first grade of SMP Muhammadiyah Limbung. The result of the students answer was analyzed using likert scale to see whether or not there was any influence of reinforcement on students' attitude to study English.

The findings of the research indicated that the influence of reinforcement on students' attitude was positive. The result of data analysis showed that the mean score of the teacher motivation was 87,7% and students attitude was 81,2%. From the research of data analysis, the researcher concluded that the influence of reinforcement on students attitude to study English at SMP Muhammadiyah Limbung, it means that the students were very enthusiastic toward the teacher in study English.

Keywords : Reinforcement, punishment, students attitude, enthusiast, motivation, student behaviour.