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This research aimed at finding out the correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability. This research used a descriptive method. The population of this research was the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar. The number of sample was 35 students and it used random sampling technique. There were two kinds of instruments, grammar test and interview test. The grammar test was used to find out the students grammar mastery in comprehending any provided item of test, while the interview test was used to find out how the students' vocabulary and fluency in speaking English.

The research finding was found that the grammar mastery of the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar was categorized into poor. It was indicated by the mean score (68.57) and the students speaking ability was categorized into fair. It was indicated by the mean score (70.28). The rate of the correlation between students' grammar mastery and speaking ability was in 'substantial' level correlation with (rxy was 0.615) where rxy (0.615) > r table (0.344). It indicated that there was a positive and significant correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar.

Keywords: Grammar mastery, speaking ability.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Grammar is one part in learning English which should get priority especially in teaching and learning process. Grammar has an important role in English because grammar permeates all language skills like speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Grammar informs the students to develop the skills because Grammar is structure of language which guides students to understand about language. Azar (1993:13) said that grammar promotes the development of all language skills in a variety of ways.

Knowing grammar means understanding what the text means correctly. It's because when they study about grammar, they are taught about subjects, predicates, part of speech, etc. Besides that, grammar gives language users the control of expression and communication in everyday life. The students who speak English are able to communicate because they intuitively know the grammar system of the language and the rules of making meaning. However, no matter how good the students in English, they still need to learn how to transfer their knowledge of grammatical concept to spoken language.

One of the skills which have a strong effect of grammar is speaking. Speaking is oral communication that usually used in daily activity. Speaking can be used to give information, idea, opinion, and feeling to the other people. It means that by speaking, the students can communicate each others to achieve

certain goals or to express their opinions, intentions, hopes, and viewpoints. Furthermore, in almost any setting, speaking is the most frequently used language skill.

Speaking is productive skill in oral mode. It is like the other skill, more complicated that it seems at the first and involves more than just pronouncing words. Speaking ability is included in two main categories: accuracy and fluency. Accuracy consists of using vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation through some activities, fluency take into account the ability to keep going when speaking spontaneously. Some aspects that can make success students' ability on speaking are using grammar accurately, assessing characteristic of the target audience, selecting vocabulary that is appropriate, applying strategy to enhance comprehensibility, and paying attention to the success interaction.

Based on the observation at the fifth semester students of English Department Unismuh Makassar, there were three types of students at the classroom. Those three types were the students who have good grammar can speak well, the students who have good grammar cannot speak fluency, and the students who did not have more skill on grammar can speak fluency.

From the statement above, we can conclude that grammar and speaking have a relation. Grammar guides the students in constructing English sentence to communicate with other people. Grammar also helps students to maintain the use of formal language. If the students have better knowledge about grammar, they feel confidence to speak and write. The students can speak well if they have

sufficient knowledge of grammatical structure because they know the patterns of English sentences.

At the other case when students perform speaking, grammar is usually neglected. Some students think that grammar can impede their speaking. Speak by considering grammar rule will make their speaking limited. It causes they have to think the grammar's rule because they are afraid produce a wrong sentences.

Based on the case and explanation above, the researcher interested to find the correlation between the students' grammar and speaking skill ability to know the significance correlation of the two variables, it was have a positive or negative impact. So the researcher conducted a research titled "The correlation between Students' Grammar Mastery and Speaking Ability at the fifth Semester Students of English Department Unismuh Makassar."

B. Research Problem

Based on the previous background above, the researcher formulated the following research questions as follows:

"Is there any correlation between students' grammar mastery in term of tenses and speaking ability in term of vocabulary and fluency at the fifth semester students of English Department Unismuh Makassar?"

C. Research Objectives

Related to the research problem above, the objectives of this study was to find out the correlation between students' grammar mastery and speaking ability at the at the fifth semester students of English Department Unismuh Makassar

D. Significance of the Research

The benefits of this research are:

- 1. For writer, this research could find whether there was a significant correlation between grammar mastery and speaking ability.
- 2. For English teachers and learners, the finding of the research could inform them about the relation between grammar and speaking. The researcher also hoped that the result of this study became input to English teachers and also English learners for their teaching and learning. The students knew whether the grammar would help them much or not in making good speaking.

E. The Scope of the Research

This research used descriptive research method. At this research, the researcher focused on the correlation between grammar mastery and speaking ability. In order to avoid misunderstanding about this research later, the researcher limited English grammar that only focused on tenses (simple present tense, simple past tense and present future tense) and speaking ability focused on vocabulary, and fluency.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

A. Previous Research Findings

There are some previous related of the research as the following.

Priyanto and Amin from Surabaya State University in 2012 about "The Correlation between English Grammar Competence and Speaking Fluency of Eleventh Grade Students in SMAN 1 Siduarjo" found that there was a correlation between English grammar competence and speaking fluency of eleventh grade students in SMAN 1 Sidoarjo. While it did not signify a causal relationship, it could still be inferred that good competence tended to go with good speaking fluency and so the otherwise.

A descriptive study by Afidatun from State Islamic Studies Institute (STAIN) Salatiga in 2009 about "Grammar Mastery and Speaking Skill of the Fifth Year English Department Students of STAIN Salatiga" found that there is a correlation between grammar mastery and speaking abiity so they could do exercises given by the lecturer.

A journal of Japan Association for Language Teaching written by Lockley and Farell in 2011 about " Is Grammar Anxiety Hindering English Speaking in Japanese Students?" They conclude that there would be at least some correlation between confidences in easier grammar and speaking proficiency, even this was not significant.

Kianiparza and Vali (2010) in their article "The Effect of Grammar Learning on Speaking Ability of EFL Learners" stated that learning grammar is effective in speaking English as foreign language. In order to speak a foreign language fluently it is necessary to learn grammatical rules. It has been suggested that grammatical knowledge is complementary for speaking a language.

Based on the explanation above, the researchers concludes that there is correlation between grammar mastery and speaking ability because students who want to speak English well must speak with a good language, sentence, and structure.

B. Theory of Grammar

1. Definition of Grammar

Grammar is one of knowledge that informs the students to construct a sentence becomes a paragraph. Language cannot be separated from grammar because grammar is one of the basic in the study language. Besides that, grammar is the structural foundation of our ability to express ourselves. Chowdhury (2014) defines that grammar as the rules in a language for changing the form of words and joining them into sentences.

In classical Greek and Latin, the word grammatical referred to "the general study of literature and language" (Jackson, 1985). In learning a language, people have to concern with its grammar because it will help them a lot to perform better in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

On the other hand, Jonson wrote "Grammar is the art of true and well speaking al language". It means that grammar can be defined as a science and technique of speaking well.

In addition, Kolln and Funk (2010: 4) point out three definitions of grammar. First, grammar is the system of rules in our heads. Second, grammar is the formal description of the rules. And the third, grammar is the social implication of usage.

Grammar guides the students to create communication. With grammar, students create some messages with the others and express their thoughts and ideas. Students need some sentences to express their opinion about anything, and some aspects of grammar guide and inform them to make it correct to communicate in foreign language. Hornby (1990: 107) defines that sentence is the largest unit of grammar. All of sentences will be perfect if they are arranged based on the grammatical rules.

Fareed (2015) said that English tenses in grammar are tools to help speakers to express time in the language. They are of great use and importance in both ways of communication, verbal and Written. Tenses help the speaker to construct the correct sentence based on the sentence pattern.

Borjars and Barridoe (2010:12) said that knowledge of grammatical structure is helpful when you are learning the grammatical structure they are skills which students use in daily activity. Students need knowledge of grammar to completing the four skills in order to make communication with other in the classroom and out door of class of another language. Thus, grammar has vital

position in learning English in four skills of language; listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Swam (2005: 19) states that grammar is the rules which show how to combine, arrange, and change the words in order to show particular kinds of meaning.

From definition above, the researcher concludes that grammar is a system of rules that show words, arrange, or combine in order that the students can speak and understand their language fluently.

2. The Importance of Studying Grammar

According to Penny Ur (1991: 76) "Grammar does not only affect how units of language are combined in order to 'look right', it also affect their meaning". Supporting his opinion, Knap and Watkins state that "Grammar is one of the important things in English because it not just to make the sentence good but also it will refers to its meaning". Therefore, to write or speak in a clearer and more effective manner, students have to study grammar.

From the explanation above, we can underline many advantages, for instance:

a. Great grammar will make someone becomes a better listener, speaker, reader, writer, and communicator. Words are just words until we learn how to organize them. With excellent grammar, we will learn to say what we mean. There will be less misunderstanding and better communication.

b. Great grammar build up our own style

Someone becomes more advanced in English when she/he can develop her/his own unique style of communicating, which can lead to rewarding career as a writer or public speaker.

c. Logic and reasoning

Understanding and using grammar properly will help people think logically. Without logic and organization, speaking and all other communication skills will be much disorganized. The more we understand grammar, the more clearly, meaningfully, and freely we will be able to organize and communicate our own ideas as well as comprehend the ideas of others.

3. The types of Grammar

Grammar has many patterns that depend on situation and condition, generally called by "tenses". Tenses are an important material in learning English, because it helps us to compose sentence well, especially in using verb. There are three forms of English grammatical rules and each form is appropriate in usage. Tenses are any of the forms of a verb used to indicate the time of the action of state expressed by the verb.

Khrisna (2012) divide tenses into four parts based on its time happened. They are:

a) Present tense : The time is going on

b) Past tense : The time is already happening

c) Future Tense : The time will happen

d) Past Future Tense : The time will happen in the past

Based on the event, tenses is divided into four parts, they are:

a) Simple tense : Refers to the events that are not being in

the process.

b) Continuous tense : Refers to the events that are being on the

process.

c) Perfect tense : Refers to the events that had been

happened.

d) Perfect continuous tense : Refers to the events that is happened in a

while, and still happen in a certain time.

From the both elements above, there will be formed sixteen tenses as follows:

- a) Present Tense
 - 1) Simple present
 - 2) Present continuous tense
 - 3) Present perfect tense
 - 4) Present perfect tense
- b) Past Tense
 - 1) Simple past tense
 - 2) Past continuous tense
 - 3) Past perfect
 - 4) Past perfect continuous tense

c) Future Tense

- 1) Simple future tense
- 2) Future continuous tense
- 3) Future perfect tense
- 4) Future perfect continuous tense

d) Past future tense

- 1) Past future tense
- 2) Past future continuous tense
- 3) Past future perfect tense
- 4) Past future perfect continuous tense

Those are the division of tenses, but at this part the researcher only explains about three tenses that will be used on this research; they are Simple Present Tense, Simple Past Tense, and Simple Future Tense. The researcher chooses these tenses because they are often used in daily conversation beside that these tenses are easier to understand than the other tenses. It based on Seely (2007) who said in everyday use – especially for those who are studying foreign language there are three basic tenses that have to be learnt; simple present tense, simple past tense, and future tense because these tenses has covered all time and event (present,past,future).

1) Present Tense

Present Tense is used to talk about something in general. And it is also used to talk about something which is happened repeatedly or habitually activities.

$$(?)$$
 Do/Does + S + Verb1 + O?

Example:

- (+)I get up at 8 o'clock every morning
- (-)Idon't 8 o'clock morning get up at every
- (?) Do you get up at 8 o'clock very morning?

2) Simple Past Tense

This tense are used to talk about actions or situations in the past

Form:

$$(+)$$
 S + Verb2 + O

$$(+)$$
 S + Verb2 + O $(-)$ S + did + not + Verb1

$$(?) \text{ Did} + S + \text{verb1} + O ?$$

Example:

- (+)She studied math last night
- (-)She did not studied math last night
- (?)Are they riding the bicycle?

3) Simple Future Tense

To declare an act or event that will be done at the time will come.

Form:

$$(+) S + shall/will + V1$$

$$(-)$$
 S + shall/will + not + V1

$$(?)$$
 Shall/will + s + V1?

Example:

- (+)I will go to Surabaya tomorrow.
- (-)My mother shall not follow me.
- (?)Will you follow me?

C. Theory of Speaking

1. Definition of Speaking

Speaking is one of the skills that have to be mastered by student in learning English. Speaking is the way to express the ideas or feelings. Many experts define speaking in different ways.

According to Widdowson (1978: 58), speaking is the active production skill and use of oral production. It is the capability of someone to communicate orally with others. In addition Byrne (1976: 8), states that speaking is a means of oral communication, giving ideas or information to others. It is the most essential way in which the speaker can express himself through language.

Nematovna (2016), defines speaking is an active skill. Speakers think of everything themselves, the ideas, the words, and the grammar. Finally, all of the words and grammar must be pronounced clearly. This is much more difficult than listening.

Brown (2001: 271) says that speaking skill is always related to communication. Speaking skill itself can be stated as the skill to use the language accurately to express meanings in order to transfer or to get knowledge and information from other people in the whole life situation.

Febriyanti (2008) states that Speaking is one of the most important and essential skills that must be practiced to communicate orally. By speaking, people are able to know what kinds of situations the world. People who have ability in speaking will be better in sending and receiving information or message to another. Speaking is the process of building and sharing meaning through the uses of verbal and nonverbal symbol in various contexts.

Heaton (1988) defines that speaking ability as the ability to communicate ideas appropriate. In order words, speaking ability is the ability to speak appropriate and effectively in a real communicative situation in order to communicate ideas to others. Derakhshan (2016) state that speaking is a part of daily life that everyone should develop in subtle and detailed language.

Based on the definition above about speaking, the researcher can conclude that speaking is always related to communication. Speaking is one of the four language skills that should be mastered by the students or the people to communicate orally with the other people.

2. The Elements of Speaking

a. Accuracy

Accuracy is a manner of people in using appropriate word and the pattern of sentence. In this case, accuracy is divided into three elements. They are pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar.

1) Pronunciation

Pronunciation is an act or result of production the sound of speech including articulation, vowel formation accent, and inflection. Certainly

we all realize that pronunciation is one of speaking elements that have strong relation with vowel and consonant, stress and intonation. Therefore, English teacher should have good standard of pronunciation in order that the students can imitate the teacher in teaching and learning process.

2) Vocabulary

Vocabulary means the appropriate diction which is used in communication. Richards and Renandya (2002: 255) stated that vocabulary is a core component of language proficiency and provides much of the basis for how well learners speak, listen, read, and write. In Addition, according to Penny Ur, vocabulary can be defined, roughly, as the words we teach in foreign language. Based on the definition above, the researcher define sand limit vocabulary as a collection of words, terms, and phrases which is arranged and explained to make up the meaningful language in expressing ideas, delivering speech, and describing things or people.

Vocabulary is central to English language teaching because without sufficient vocabulary students cannot understand others or express their own ideas. It is impossible to speak without mastering vocabulary. Therefore, this element is the essential thing to learn before practicing speaking. The students sometimes get trouble in memorizing all vocabulary which they have known because they lack of practicing and use them. Thus they need to practice more to keep them in mind.

Mastering a large number of vocabularies is very important for foreign language learners. Without mastering it, foreign language learners will get some difficulties in developing the four language skills. Vocabulary mastery deals with words and meaning.

Furthermore, Cameron (2002:72) believes that building a useful vocabulary is central to the learning of a foreign language of the primary level. Vocabulary is fundamental to using the foreign language as discourse, since it is both learnt from participating in discourse and is essential to participating in it.

Allen and Valet (1977:149) stated that mastering vocabulary is the most important thing when the people study about second and foreign language where the vocabulary used is an element which carries a structure and language function besides speaking skill. Besides that Tarigan (2001), says that the quality skill of speaking depends on the quality and quantity of the vocabulary that someone has. In other words, the more vocabulary one has, the better the quality of his speaking.

3) Grammar

Grammar is the main part of this research because at this research the researcher wants to know the correlation between Students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability. As we know that there are three types of students at the classroom, where there are some students who have master grammar cannot speak well, in addition there are some

students did not master grammar but can speak well, or even there are some students who master the grammar and also can speak well.

Grammar is one of the important things in English because it not just to make the sentence good but also it will refers to its meaning. Therefore, to write or speak in a clearer and more effective manner, students have to study grammar.

Simon and Schuster (1976: 792) define grammars as follows:

- a) The study of language which deals with the forms and the structure of words (phonology) and with the customary arrangement in phrase and sentence (syntax).
- b) The system of words structure and words arrangement of a given language at a given time.
- c) The system of rules for speaking and writing a given language.
- d) A book containing such rules.
- e) One manner of speaking and writing. It has to be learnt because the valuable transmission in speech through the understanding of structural pattern.

b. Fluency

Richard, Platt and Weber in McCarthy (2005: 3) state that fluency is the features which give speech the qualities of being natural and normal including native like use of pausing, rhythm, intonation, stressing, rate of speaking, and use of interjection and interruptions. In refers to how well you communicate in a natural manner, in this case fluency refers to self-

confidence, smoothness and content. Nuan (2002) also said that speaking in a foreign language is difficult for foreign learners because effective oral communication requires the good fluency besides vocabulary to use the language appropriately in social interaction.

1) Smoothness

Smoothness is the ability of speaking English through a good clustering and reduces forms (Brown 1980:267). A good clustering is to speak English with phrasal fluently. It means that speak English not word by word and reduce forms are to use English with contraction, elisions and reduce yowels.

2) Self Confidence

According to Brown (2001:62), self-confidence is the students' belief in their ability that is fully capable of accomplishing a task. Self-efficacy and self-esteem are two main things that contribute to self-confidence. The students will gain a sense of self-efficacy when they see themselves mastering skills and achieve goals in the teaching learning activity.

In some context, Adalikwu (2012) proposed another definition, "Self - confidence can be summed up as the belief that a person has it in their ability to succeed at a task, based on whether or not they have been able to perform that task in the past ". So, when students are self-confident about their abilities regardless to their past experiences, they will succeed in their learning.

As Cole et al. (2007: 20) argued, "Confidence was as important as competence in speaking and listening". Dr. Abdallah and Dr. Ahmed (2015) also pointed out that based on the previous studies which conducted concerning the impact of self-confidence on EFL learning showed that there is an important relationship between self-confidence and success in EFL learning, especially success in oral communication and academic performance.

In addition, Kakepoto (2012: 71) said "Confidence is an essential aspect of any good presentation. It provides impetus to speakers to communicate his or her ideas effectively". So, confidence is basic part which can help students to speak and communicate their ideas effectively.

3) Content

Oral communication is two ways process between speaker and listener. It involves the productive skill understanding. Both speaker and listener have positive function to perform in simple terms. The speaker has encoded the message he/she wish to convey in appropriate language, while the listener has encoded interpret the message. So content in speaking skill is ability to interpret the message in appropriate language.

In the second foreign language teaching, some experts explain that fluency describes a level of proficiency in communication, which includes:

- 1) The capability to produce written of spoken language with easy.
- 2) The capability to speak well.
- 3) The capability to communicate ideas effectively, and

4) The capability to produce continuous speech without causing comprehension difficulties or a breakdown of communication.

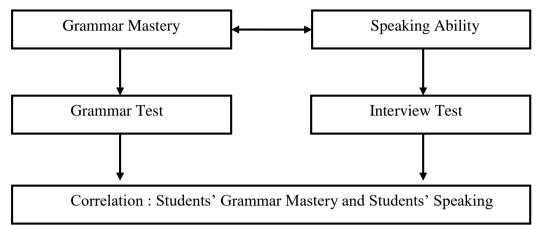
Fluency is also used as a criterion to measure one's speaking competence. Speaking fluently means being able to communicate one's ideas without having to stop and think too much about what one is saying. Richards (1992:141) defines fluency as "the features which gives speech the qualities of being natural and normal." More specifically, Thornbury (2005) points out the criteria for assessing fluency. They are as follows:

- 1) Lack of hesitation : Students speak smoothly, at a natural speech. They do not hesitate long and it is easy to follow what they are saying.
- 2) Length: Students can put ideas together to form a message or an argument. They can make not only the simplest of sentence pattern but also complex ones to complete the task.
- 3) Independence: Students are able to express their ideas in a number of ways, keep talking and ask questions, and many more to keep the conversation going.

At the other hand Hedge (2000) defines it as the ability to respond coherently within the turn of conversation, to link the words and phrases of the questions, to pronounce the sounds clearly with appropriate stress and intonation and to all these quickly in 'real time' and it is called 'fluency'.

He also includes fluency as a component of communicative competence. In the classroom, particularly grammatical errors are tolerated during fluency-based activities. However, it does not mean that CLT does not aim for a high standard of formal correctness. According to Larsen-Freeman (2000), the teacher will note the errors during fluency activities and return to the learners later with an accuracy based activity.

D. Conceptual Framework



The variable of this study are students' grammar mastery and their speaking ability. Grammar mastery of the students will be analyzed by grammar test and students' speaking ability will be analyzed by interviewing test. Next, the researcher will correlate the result of grammar test and interview test to get the result of this research.

E. Research Hypothesis

Ha: There is a significant correlation between students' grammar mastery and their speaking ability at the fifth semester students of English Department Unismuh Makassar.

Ho: There is no significant correlation between students' grammar mastery and their speaking ability at the fifth semester students of English Department Unismuh Makassar.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

A. Research Method

This research applied a correlational research. According to Gay (2006), correlational research is one of the ex-post facto researches because at this research the researcher doesn't manipulate the variable and find directly a correlation and level of correlation from the variable that is stated in the correlation coefficient.

This research aimed to give description quantitatively about the correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability. This research employed grammar test and interview test. Grammar test was aimed to find out the students grammar mastery and interview test was aimed to find out the students' speaking ability.

B. Research Variables

There were two variables in this research, namely "X" variable and "Y" variable. Those variables were as follows:

- 1. "X" variable in this study was students' grammar mastery.
- 2. "Y" variable referred to students' speaking ability.

C. Population and Sample

1. Population

This research was conducted at the Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. The study population was taken from the fifth semester students of

English Department Unismuh Makassar, in the academic year of 2017/2018. The number of population at the fifth semester of English Department students was 382 students from ten classes.

2. Sample

In this research, the researcher used random sampling technique to make the each member of the population had the same opportunity to be the sample of this research. The samples were 35 students of 382 students at the fifth semester of English Education Department Muhammadiyah University of Makassar

D. Research Instrument

Instrument was tools that were required to get information. At this research, the researcher used two kind of test as follows:

1. Grammar test

The researcher used grammar test to determine the level of students' grammar mastery. This test consisted of 20 questions that was divided into 10 numbers of multiple choice questions, 5 numbers of true false questions, and 5 of rearrange words into a good sentences.

2. Interview test

The researcher used interview test to determine the students' ability to speak English. The students were given one topic that have been available then the researcher recorded the students' voice for speaking test as data to know in detail about the level of students' ability in speaking.

Table 3.1 Indicator of Speaking Assessment

Aspect	Score	Criteria
Vocabulary	5	Speech on all levels is fully accepted by educate native speakers in all its features including breadth of vocabulary and idioms, colloquialisms, and pertinent cultural references.
	4	Can understand and participate in any conversation within the range of his experience with a high degree of precision of vocabulary.
	3	Able to speak the language with sufficient vocabulary to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical, social and professional topics.
	2	Has speaking vocabulary sufficient to express him simply with some circumlocutions.
	1	Speaking vocabulary inadequate to express anything but the most elementary needs.
Fluency	5	Has complete fluency in the language such that his speech is fully accepted by educated native speakers.
	4	Able to use the language fluently on all levels normally pertinent to professional needs. Can participate in any conversation within the range of this experience with a high degree of fluency.
	3	Can discuss particular interest of competence with reasonable ease. Rarely has to grope for words.
	2	Can handle with confidence but not with facility most social situations, including introductions and casual conversations about current events, as well as work, family and autobiographical information.
	1	(No specific fluency description refer to other four language areas for implied level of fluency)

(**Source:** Brown : 2004)

E. Procedure of Collecting Data

1. Grammar Test Procedure

Based on the instrument of data collection, the researcher did some procedures:

a) The researcher gave more information about each item of grammar test

and the way to do it.

b) The researcher gave some explanation about English grammar.

c) The researcher gave grammar test to students.

d) The students were given 30 minutes to answer the test.

e) The researcher collected the students' worksheet.

2. Interview Test

The procedure of collecting data in this test as follows:

a) The researcher examined each student face to face about 3 until 5 minutes.

The student was on the researcher left side.

b) The researcher asked students to tell about their best experience in their

life.

F. Technique of Data Analysis

The result of data used analyzed by using the data percentage technique

from following steps:

1. Calculating the mean score

To calculate the mean score of each test, the researcher used the following

formula:

 $\overline{X} = \frac{\sum X}{N}$

Where:

 \overline{X} : The mean score

 $\sum X$: The number of all scores

N: The number of sample

(Gay, 2006: 320)

2. After collecting the data, the researcher classified the score of the students. In classifying the students' grammar and speaking score, there were five classifications which used as the following.

Table 3.2 Grammar and Speaking Scoring

Score	Category
90 – 100	Excellent
80 – 89	Good
70 – 79	Average
50 – 69	Poor
0 – 49	Very Poor

3. Calculating The Correlation

To know the degree of correlation between grammar mastery and speaking ability of students, the formula of Person Product moment was used as follows:

$$r = \frac{N\sum XY - (\sum X)(\sum Y)}{\sqrt{[N\sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2][N\sum Y^2 - (\sum Y)^2]}}$$

where:

N : Number of participants

X : Students' grammar scores

Y : Students' speaking scores

 $\sum X$: The sum scores of grammar

 $\sum Y$: The sum scores of speaking

 $\sum X^2$ The sum of the squared scores of grammar

 $\sum Y^2$: The sum of the squared scores of speaking

 $\sum XY$: The sum of multiplied score between X and Y

(Sugiyono, 2010: 206)

This formula was used in finding index correlation "r" product moment between X variable and Y variable (r_{xy}) .

4. To interpret result of the correlation analysis, the researcher used the "r table value" as follows:

Table. 3.3 The interpretation between "r" product moments

No.	Standard	Interpretation
1	0,00-0,20	Very low
2	0,20-0,40	Low
3	0,40 - 0,60	Moderate
4	0,60-0,80	Substantial
5	0,80 - 1,00	High

(Arikunto, 2002: 279)

To find out the correlation between two variables of this study are significance or not, the r analysis is compared with the r table above.

- a. If $r_{xy} > r$ table analysis, the correlation is positive
- b. If $r_{xy} < r$ table analysis, the correlation is negative
- c. If $r_{xy} = r$ table analysis, the correlation is zero

CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

This chapter presents the finding and discussion of the research. The finding consists of students' grammar mastery and speaking ability and the correlation of both. In the discussion part, the researcher described the findings detail as follows.

A. The Findings

In this section, the researcher described the result of data analysis based on the problem statement. The result of data analysis indicated that there is the correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar. The outline of two variables could be seen clearly in the following explanation:

1. The Students' Grammar Mastery

Grammar is a system of rules that show, arrange, or combine words in order to make the students can speak and understand their language clearly. The students' grammar mastery of the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar, based on the data obtained from the grammar test, the score of students' grammar mastery had been determined. The mean score of the students' grammar mastery was presented in the following table:

Table 4.1: The Mean Score of the Students' Grammar Mastery

Sample	Mean Score	Classification
35	68.57	Poor

The table 4.1 shows that the mean score of the students' grammar mastery was 68.57 and based on the standard classification of grammar mastery, it was classified as "poor" category where 68.57 is in between 60 - 79 score and it can be stated that the students of the fifth semester Unismuh Makassar had "poor" in grammar mastery.

Based on the data obtained from the grammar test, the score was determined 0 - 100. The frequency and the percentage rate of the students' grammar mastery could be seen in the following table.

Table 4.2: The Frequency and the Percentage Rate of Students' Grammar Mastery

No	Classification	Score	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Excellent	90 – 100	5	14.2%
2.	Good	80 - 89	8	22.9%
3.	Fair	70 – 79	7	20.0%
4.	Poor	50 – 69	11	31.4%
5.	Very Poor	0 - 49	4	11.4%
			35	100%

The table 4.2 shows that there were 5 students (14.2%) were classified excellent, 8 students (22.9%) were classified good, 7 students (20%) were classified fair, 11 students (31.4%) were classified poor, and 4 students (11.4%)

are classified very poor. It means that most of the students were poor in grammar mastery.

2. The Students' Speaking Ability

Speaking is oral communication that can be used to give information, idea, opinion, and feeling to the other people. Based on the data collected from the interview test, the score of student's speaking ability had been determined. The mean score of the students' speaking ability was presented in the following table.

Table 4.3: The Mean Score of Students Speaking Ability

Sample	Mean Score	Classification
35	70.28	Fair

The table 4.3 shows that the mean score of the students' speaking ability was 70.28 and based on the standard classification the mean score was classified "fair" where 70.28 is in between 70 - 79 scores. So, it was stated that he students' speaking ability that focus on their vocabulary and fluency at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar was "fair".

The students' score which have been tabulated and classified according to the rate percentage could be seen at the table below:

Table 4.4: The Frequency and the Percentage Rate of Students' Speaking Ability

No	Classification	Score	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Excellent	90 – 100	3	8.5%
2.	Good	80 – 89	8	22.9%
3.	Fair	70 – 79	14	40%
4.	Poor	50 – 69	10	28.6%

5.	Very Poor	0 - 49	-	0%
			35	100%

The table 4.4 shows that there were 3 students (8.5%) were classified excellent, 8 students (22.9%) were classified good, 14 students (40%) were classified fair, 10 students (28.6%) were classified poor, and no one students (0%) were classified very poor. It means that most of the students were fair in speaking ability

Furthermore, the presentation of two mean score could be seen as follows:

Table 4.5: The Mean Score of Students Speaking Ability

Variable	Mean Score
Grammar Mastery (X)	68.57
Speaking Ability (Y)	70.28

The table 4.5, it was shown that the mean score of grammar mastery (68.57) was lower than the mean score of speaking ability (70.28).

3. The Correlation between Students' Grammar Mastery and Students' Speaking Ability

The main goal of this research was to find out whether or not there was a correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar.

To find out the correlation between two variables above, the researcher used person product moment formula to compute the data. There were two variables, grammar mastery as variable X and speaking ability as variable Y. Based on the data from the grammar mastery and speaking ability, the degree of

index correlation between variable X and variable Y was presented in the following table:

Table 4.6: The Mean Score and the Sum of rxy Squared of the Students' Grammar Mastery and Speaking Ability

Sample	X	y	Rxy
35	68.57	70.28	0.615

Table 4.6 shows that the rxy = 0.615 that was classified "substantial" correlation where the standard correlation between 0.60 - 0.80 which the data have been calculated by using r person product moment formula. Based on the data above, it showed that there was a substantial correlation between variable X and variable Y. It was interpreted that there was positive and substantial correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar.

B. Discussion

1. Students' Grammar Mastery

Chowdhury (2014) defines that grammar as the rules in a language for changing the form of words and joining them into sentences. The grammar test that had been given to the students to find out their grammar mastery focused on simple present tense, simple past tense, and present future tense. The test was consisted of three parts where the first part was multiple choice that consisted of 10 numbers, the second part was true-false questions that consisted of 5 numbers and the last part was rearrange the word into a good sentence that consisted of 5 numbers.

The data analysis of students' grammar mastery shows that the students' grammar mastery at the fifth semester students' of Unismuh Makassar was categorized poor. It based on the mean score was 68.57 where from 35 students there were 11 students (31.4%) was categorized poor, 8 students (22.9%) was categorized good, 7 students (20%) students was categorized fair, 5 students (14.2%) was categorized excellent and 4 students (11.4%) was categorized very poor.

Based on the result of students' grammar test, most students were difficult in part of rearrange the words into a good sentence. It because there were some words that had to be arranged into a good sentence while they were still difficult to analyze the tenses of each questions and the meaning of each words. There were only two students who answered all questions at this part with a correct answer.

At multiple choices part, there were some students who difficult to choose the correct answer of the answer available. It was caused the meaning of each words were same, so they had to analyze the tenses that was used at each questions. Nonetheless, the students' error at this part was a little more than a rearrange part. The last part at students' grammar test was true false questions. At this part most students answered the questions with a correct answer because at this part they only chose or analyzed the structure of the sentences was true or false.

2. Students' Speaking Ability

Derakhshan (2016) state that speaking is a part of daily life that everyone should develop in subtle and detailed language. The speaking test that was given to the students to find out their speaking ability focused on students' vocabulary and fluency. At this test he students were asked to tell about their best experience in their life. The data analysis of students speaking ability showed that the students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar was categorized fair. It based on the mean score was 70.8. It was seen from the student who categorized excellent was 3 students, good was 8 students, fair was 14 students, poor was 10 students and there was no students categorized very poor.

Based on the finding of the research in speaking ability, the researcher found that the students' ability in speaking was different. It was caused by their habitual in speaking at daily life. Beside that some students had different skill in used or chose vocabulary. Based on the speaking test, there were some types of students in speaking. There were some students could speak fluency ant their vocabulary was good. At the same time there were some students could speak fluency but used a general or inappropriate vocabularies and there were some students had a good diction and used appropriate vocabularies but couldn't speak fluency.

3. The Correlation between Students' Grammar Mastery and Students' Speaking Ability

After analyzing data, the result of data analysis showed that the correlation coefficient between variable X and variable Y was 0.61. It means that there was a

positive correlation between two variables. To see whether the correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability was significant or not, the researcher concluded the result by applying the following comparison between the r_{xy} analysis and r_{table} .

If $r_{xy} > r$ table. The correlation is positive

If $r_{xy} < r$ table. The correlation is negative

If $r_{xy} = r \ table$ is Zero correlation.

The value of correlation coefficient obtained was 0.61, while the criteria of the correlation between 0.60-0.80 were considered substantial. It means that the level of relationship of the correlation coefficient of the two variables was substantial. In this research the variable Y was influenced high by the variable X.

By noting to the table of degree of freedom (df) = N - nr = 35-2 = 33, by consulting to "r" table product moment, it was found in the table of significant of 5% = 0.344 and 1% = 0.442. By comparing the values of $r_{xy} = 0.615$ and "r" table = 0.344 and 0.442, so that r_{xy} was bigger than "r" table or in short 0.344 < 0.615 > 0.442. It means that there was a significant correlation between students' grammar mastery (X) and students' speaking ability (Y) at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar. So, the alternative hypothesis (Ha) was accepted and the null hypothesis (Ho) is rejected.

This research result finding was similar with the previews research finding of Priyanto and Amin (2012) from Surabaya State University about "The Correlation between English Grammar Competence and Speaking Fluency of Eleventh Grade Students in SMAN 1 Siduarjo" stated that there was a correlation

between English grammar competence and speaking fluency of eleventh grade students in SMAN 1 Sidoarjo while it was not significance.

Another research with similar of this research was from Afidatun from State Islamic Studies Institute (STAIN) Salatiga in 2009 about "Grammar Mastery and Speaking Skill of the Fifth Year English Department Students of STAIN Salatiga" faound that there is a correlation between grammar mastery and speaking abiity so they could do exercises given by the lecturer.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter consists of two sections. The first section deals with the conclusion of the finding and the second one deals with suggestions.

A. Conclusion

The conclusion of this study deals with "The Correlation between Students' Grammar Mastery and Students' Speaking Ability at the Fifth Semester Students of Unismuh Makassar. The students' mean score of grammar mastery is 68.57 in which the highest score is 100 and and the lowest is 40. It means that students' grammar mastery is categorized poor. Meanwhile the students' mean score in speaking ability is 70.28 in which the highest score is 90 and the lowest score is 50. It means that the students' speaking ability is categorized fair.

The result of coefficient correlation (rxy) was 0.61 with the degree of freedom was 33. The result of r_t on the table of the degree of significance 5% = 0.344 and in 1% = 0.442. So $r_{xy} > r_t$ (0.344<0.61>0.442). The result means that students' grammar mastery was positively correlated with students' speaking ability.

Based on the research analysis, the researcher concludes that the alternative hypothesis (Ha) was accepted and the null hypothesis (Ho) was rejected. The researcher then inferred that this thesis answered the research question was "Is there any correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar?".

The answer was there is a substantial correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar.

B. Suggestion

Based on the conclusion above, the researcher would like to offer some suggestions to be considered in learning process to improve grammar mastery and speaking ability:

1. For English Lecturer/Teacher

The lecturer should explain both grammar and speaking material and give some exercises to try the students to improve their proficiency in English grammar and speaking.

2. For Students

The students should do more exercises about grammar to make them more understand and could construct a good and clear sentence. Besides that the students should practice speaking every time to make their speaking is better.

3. The Next Researcher

For the next researchers who are interested in doing a research related to this case, they can use this thesis as literature of their research.

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APPENDIX A

INSTRUMENT OF GRAMMAR TEST

Instruction

Answer the questions about the *simple present tense*, *simple past tense*, *and present future tense* below by choosing the correct answer!

A. MULTIPLE CHOICES

1.	Gillian did not like to read, for she n	oot very good at it.
	a. is	c. was
	b. did	d. does
2.	She a cat run in front of her, so she	fell down while roller-skating.
	a. sees	c. is seing
	b. see	d. saw
3.	There was a meteor shower in space, but	the crew did not how to avoid
	the meteors.	
	a. know	c. knows
	b. knowing	d. knew
4.	I to buy a new house, so I started to	save my money.
	a. wants	c. wanted
	b. want	d. am want
5.	I didn't do my homework, so my parents	me.
	a. punished	c. punishes
	b. punish	d. punishs

6.	The black dog won many prizes, but he do	esn'	t know many tricks.
	a. has	c.	had
	b. have	d.	is
7.	Let's go to the swimming pool, for hot inst	ide t	he house.
	a. It was	c.	It will
	b. It is	d.	It has
8.	I to own my own company, and I want to p	pay a	all my workers a lot of money
	a. am want	c.	wants
	b. want	d.	wanted
9.	Rabbits make good pets, for they make too	muc	ch noise and they are clean.
	a. Doesn't	c.	Don't
	b. Did't	d.	Aren't
10.	You can a big poster, or you can make a lit	ttle c	clay statue.
	a. maked	c.	make
	b. makes	d.	making

B. TRUE FALSE QUESTIONS

Instruction

Based on the text about *simple present tense*, *simple past tense*, *and present future tense* above, please choose the best answer by giving the cross mark in the letter "T" if the sentence is true and the letter "F" is the sentence is false.

- 11. The teacher will doing a meeting to decide when the exam will be started (T/F)
- 12. The people will be donate some amount of money for the natural disaster victims (T/F)
- 13. He will look for another job in the metropolitan city because he has lost his job (T/F)

- 14. I will not asked any more questions, I already understand the material (T/F)
- 15. Prince Harry will visit Malaysia for business purpose next month (T/F)

C. Rearrange these words into correct and meaningful sentences!

- 16. Soup eat My mother So don't cooks at I a restaurant.
- 17. Made home after a dinner my father came we.
- 18. Students proud to be make try my parents will to I the best.
- 19. Attend miss my brother's never concert to I piano.
- 20. Money other will ? help to spend your you each

APPENDIX B SPEAKING TEST

Please tell about your best experience that have you passed in your life.

APPENDIX C KEY ANSWER

A. MULTIPLE CHOICES

- 1. c) was
- 2. d) saw
- 3. a) know
- 4. c) wanted
- 5. a) punished
- 6. a) has
- 7. b) It is
- 8. b) want
- 9. c) don't
- 10.c) make

B. TRUE FALSE QUESTIONS

- 11. F
- 12. F
- 13. T
- 14. F
- 15. T

C. Rearrange these words into correct and meaningful sentences

- 16. My mother cooks soup, so I don't eat at a restaurant.
- 17. We made a dinner after my father came home.
- 18. I will try to be the best student to make my parents proud.
- 19. I never miss to attend my brother's piano concert.
- 20. Will you spend your money to help each other?

APPENDIX D

The row data of the students' grammar mastery (X) and their speaking ability (Y) at the fifth semester students of Unismuh Makassar.

Sample	Grammar	Categories	Speaking	Categories	
S – 1	90	Excellent 80		Good	
S – 2	55	Poor 60		Poor	
S – 3	20	Very Poor	50	Poor	
S – 4	50	Poor	50	Poor	
S-5	85	Good	80	Good	
S – 6	65	Poor	70	Fair	
S-7	55	Poor	70	Fair	
S – 8	45	Very Poor	60	Poor	
S – 9	60	Poor	60	Poor	
S – 10	75	Average	80	Good	
S – 11	55	Poor	70	Fair	
S – 12	75	Average	70	Fair	
S – 13	90	Excellent	70	Fair	
S – 14	85	Good	Good 80		
S – 15	80	Good 70		Fair	
S – 16	70	Average	60	Poor	
S – 17	50	Poor	50	Poor	
S – 18	85	Good	80	Good	
S – 19	90	Excellent	60	Poor	
S - 20	75	Average	80	Good	
S-21	100	Excellent	90	Excellent	
S-22	70	Average	60	Poor	
S-23	80	Good	70	Fair	
S – 24	85	Good 90		Excellent	
S – 25	70	Average	70	Fair	
S – 26	70	Average	70	Fair	
S – 27	45	Very Poor	60	Poor	
S-28	80	Good	70	Fair	
S – 29	90	Excellent	90	Excellent	
S - 30	65	Poor	70	Fair	
S – 31	80	Good	70	Fair	
S-32	40	Very Poor	80	Good	

S - 33	55	Poor	80	Good
S – 34	60	Poor	70	Fair
S – 35	55	Poor	70	Fair
Total	2400		2460	
Average	68.57	Poor	70.28	Fair

APPENDIX E

Recapitulation of Person Product Moment

Sample	X	Y	\mathbf{X}^2	\mathbf{Y}^2	XY	
S - 1	90	80	8100	6400	7200	
S - 2	55	60	3025 3600		3300	
S - 3	20	50	400	2500	1000	
S - 4	50	50	2500	2500	2500	
S - 5	85	80	7225	6400	6800	
S - 6	65	70	4225	4900	4550	
S - 7	55	70	3025	4900	3850	
S - 8	45	60	2025	3600	2700	
S - 9	60	60	3600	3600	3600	
S - 10	75	80	5625	6400	6000	
S - 11	55	70	3025	4900	3850	
S - 12	75	70	5625	4900	5250	
S - 13	90	70	8100	4900	6300	
S - 14	85	80	7225	6400	6800	
S - 15	80	70	6400	4900	5600	
S - 16	70	60	4900	3600	4200	
S - 17	50	50	2500	2500	2500	
S - 18	85	80	7225	6400	6800	
S - 19	90	60	8100	3600	5400	
S - 20	75	80	5625	6400	6000	
S - 21	100	90	10000	8100	9000	
S - 22	70	60	4900	3600	4200	
S - 23	80	70	6400	4900	5600	
S - 24	85	90	7225	8100	7650	
S - 25	70	70	4900	4900	4900	
S - 26	70	70	4900	4900	4900	
S - 27	45	60	2025	3600	2700	
S - 28	80	70	6400	4900	5600	
S - 29	90	90	8100	8100	8100	
S - 30	65	70	4225	4900	4550	
S - 31	80	70	6400	4900	5600	
S - 32	40	80	1600	6400	3200	
S - 33	55	80	3025	6400	4400	

S - 34	60	70	3600	4900	4200
S - 35	55	70	3025	4900	3850
N=35	∑X=2400	∑Y=2460	$\sum X^2 = 175200$	$\Sigma Y^2 = 176800$	$\Sigma XY = 172650$

APPENDIX F

The significant correlation of students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability:

1. The Mean Score of Students' Grammar Mastery

$$\overline{X} = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

$$= \frac{2400}{35}$$

$$= 68.57$$

2. The Mean Score of Student' Speaking Ability

$$\overline{X} = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

$$= \frac{2460}{35}$$

$$= 70.28$$

3. The significant correlation between students' grammar mastery and students' speaking ability.

$$\sum N = 35$$
 $\sum XY = 172650$ $\sum X = 2400$ $\sum X^2 = 175200$ $\sum Y = 2460$ $\sum Y^2 = 176800$

Person product moment coefficient:

$$r = \frac{N\sum XY - (\sum X)(\sum Y)}{\sqrt{[N\sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2][N\sum Y^2 - (\sum Y)^2]}}$$

$$r = \frac{35(172650) - (2400)(2460)}{\sqrt{[35 \times 175200 - (2400)^2]}[35 \times 176800 - (2460)^2]}$$

$$r = \frac{6042750 - 5904000}{\sqrt{[6132000 - 5760000]}[6188000 - 6051600]}$$

$$r = \frac{138750}{\sqrt{(372000)(136400)}}$$

$$r = \frac{138750}{\sqrt{507408000000}}$$

$$r = \frac{138750}{2252571863}$$

$$r = 0.615$$

APPENDIX G'r' table of product moment

	Taraf Signifikan			Taraf Signifikan			Taraf Signifikan	
N	5%	1%	N	5%	1%	N	5%	1%
3	0.997	0.999	27	0.381	0.487	55	0.266	0.345
4	0.950	0.990	28	0.374	0.478	60	0.256	0.330
5	0.878	0.959	29	0.367	0.470	65	0.244	0.317
6	0.811	0.917	30	0.361	0.463	70	0.235	0.306
7	0.754	0.874	31	0.355	0.456	75	0.227	0.296
8	0.707	0.834	32	0.349	0.449	80	0.220	0.286
9	0.666	0.798	33	0.344	0.442	85	0.213	0.278
10	0.632	0.765	34	0.339	0.436	90	0.207	0.270
11	0.602	0.735	35	0.334	0.430	95	0.202	0.263
12	0.576	0.708	36	0.39	0.424	100	0.195	05.56
13	0.553	0.684	37	0.325	0.418	125	0.176	0.230
14	0.532	0.661	38	0.320	0.413	150	0.159	0.210
15	0.514	0.641	39	0.316	0.408	175	0.148	0.194
16	0.497	0.623	40	0.312	0.403	200	0.138	0.181
17	0.482	0.606	41	0.308	0.398	300	0.113	0.148
18	0.468	0.590	42	0.304	0.393	400	0.098	0.128
19	0.456	0.575	43	0.301	0.389	500	0.088	0.115
20	0.444	0.561	44	0.384	0.384	600	0.080	0.105
21	0.433	0.549	45	0.394	0.380	700	0.074	0.097
22	0.423	0.537	46	0.291	0.376	800	0.070	0.091
23	0.413	0.526	47	0.288	0.372	900	0.065	0.086
24	0.404	0.525	48	0.284	0.368	1000	0.062	0.081
25	0.396	0.505	49	0.281	0.364			
26	0.388	0.496	50	0.279	0.361			
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