

## ABSTRACT

**NURWAHIDAH. 2018.** *An Analysis on the Students' Ability and Difficulties in Writing Descriptive Text at the First Grade of SMAN 19 Makassar (A Descriptive Research)*. Thesis, English Education Department, The Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar Supervised by Hasnawati Latief and Awalia Azis.

The Objective of this research were to find out the students' ability in develop the content in writing and to find out difficulties in writing descriptive text faced by the students at the first grade of SMAN 19 Makassar.

The data were collected by using two instruments. The First instrument was written text to find out the students' ability in develop the content in writing descriptive text and the second instrument was questionnaires to find out the difficulties faced by the students. In analyzing the data, the researcher used Descriptive Quantitative Method. The samples of the research were the students at X MIA 4 of SMAN 19 Makassar consisting of 22 Students.

The findings of this research described that the students' ability in writing descriptive text was still poor. At the content divided into three parts. The first is topic of sentence the class mean score was 66,5 (the students' ability was classified as average), The second is supporting of sentences was 63,18 (the ability was classified as average), and the third is concluding of sentence was 48,09 (the ability was classified as poor). Total mean score in writing was 57,1 (the ability was classified as average). It was got from the result of written test and had been given to the students. From the questionnaires that students got difficulties in writing descriptive text, The difficulties were: (1) the students could not develop the topic has given was 50%, (2) they were difficult to arrange the words was 36,36%, (3) the students were difficult to use punctuation comma was 45,45%, (4) they seldom pay attention to the capitalization was 50%, (5) they seldom used the English words was 59,9%, (6) they were difficult in using tenses was 45,45%, (7) they were difficult in using simple present tenses was 45,45% and (8) they had less of vocabulary was 54,54%.

Based on these findings, it can be concluded that the first grade students of SMAN 19 Makassar were still poor in writing descriptive text and they got some difficulties in the rules of writing in terms of content, mechanic, and grammar item. The students need more explanation and practice in writing descriptive text.

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