

## ABSTRACT

**Sri Wahyuni S, 2023. *Students' Syntactical Errors in Writing Descriptive paragraphs At the Third Grade of MA Kanaeng*.** The thesis of English Education Department, faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar. Supervised by (Eny Syatriana, and Sujariati).

The objectives of the research were (1) to find out and describe the types of syntactical errors made by students the third grade of MA Kanaeng in writing descriptive paragraphs. (2) to find out and describe the factor causes students having syntactical errors in writing descriptive paragraphs.

This research used mixed methods: descriptive qualitative and quantitative research. The research subject consisted of class the third grade of IPA with 23 students. The instrument of this research are a writing test and an interview.

Based on the findings of this research indicated that were 133 total errors that students made which were classified into eight categories. Those were of omission of errors with 48 or 36.1% errors, No characteristics about the object with 34 or 25.6% errors, disordering of errors with 24 or 18% errors, misformation of errors with 13 or 9.8% errors, addition of error with 8 or 6% errors and no qualities about the object with 6 or 4.5% errors. The other hand, indicated that were 133 total the factor causes of error that students made which were classified into third categories. The highest factor causes of error is Carelessness with 96 or 72%, the second factor causes of error is Translation with 37 or 28%. Based on the findings in research it can be concluded that the third grade students of MA Kanaeng had many errors in writing descriptive text, especially in omission and the highest causal factor is carelessness. Most students made errors due to the lack of understanding, difficulties and dislike of English let alone writing. Besides that, lack of vocabulary and being influenced by the first language.

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