## **ABSTRACT**

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Accent is the characteristic that distinguishes the language from a geographical area from other regions. One of the regional language accents in Indonesia is the Buginese accent, which is located in the Southern Sulawesi. However, students from the Bugis area sometimes use Buginese accent when speaking Intensive English Speaking when interacting with students from other regions. The existence of cultural and language differences can cause misunderstandings in communication. Therefore, it is very important to know the cultural perspective of Buginese Accent to avoid or reduce miscommunication and misinterpretation in Intensive English Speaking

This study applied descriptive qualitative method as design method. The subject of this study is the second grade's student at SMP Negeri 3 Marioriwawo which are located in Buginese area and use Buginese as daily language. The result of this study shows that Buginese accent causes difficulty on students' English speaking in term of pronunciation because the different phonemes between English and Buginese, Buginese accent can be an indicator of the level of students' English speaking ability. Also, manner and norms of Buginese People affect student's English speaking.

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