

ABSTRACT

AGUNG TEGUH ANUGRAH, 2019. *Improving The Students' Pronunciation Through The Use of Text-To-Speech Software (a pre-experimental reasearch)*, under the thesis of English Education Department the Faculty of Teachers Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University (guided by Erwin Akib and Amar Ma'ruf).

This study aims to improve the students' pronunciation through text-to-speech software. This software was developed at Electrotechnical Laboratory, Japan in 1968.

This research used pre-experimental research. It consisted of three steps, they were pre-test, treatment, and post-test. There were 30 students of SMA Negeri 8 Makassar involved in this research. The test was pronounce word which consist of 20 words for pre-test and post-test.

The findings of the study indicated that the Text-To-Speech is significant in improving students' pronunciation. This was proven by the average score before treatment was 49.33 and the average score after Treatment has given was 78.67, the precentage of the improvement was 59.47%. This means that there is improvement of students' prnonunciation

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