ABSTRACT

Munawara. 2017. The correlation between students' lexical knowledge of collocation and their reading comprehension in fourth semester English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar in the academic year of 2016/2017. Under supervisor **Erwin Akib** and **Andi Asri Jumiati.**

The objectives of this research were intended to know there any correlation of the students' lexical knowledge of collocation and their reading comprehension the fourth semester English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar

The method of this research was mixed forms of research design. Specifically the exploratory-quantitative-statistical research design. The subject of this research was the fourth semester English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar with student's number as about 30 students consist. The instrument of this research was questionnaire test cosist 40 items, items of collocation tests used 20 items. Meanwhile, items of reading comprehension test used are 20 items. This research used random sampling and the data were computed using SPSS version 23

The research findings that was the students' of fourth semester English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar in the academic year of 2016/2017 have a good level in mastering the collocation with grade 6,03 and the level reading comprehension was poor with grade 4, 68. From the calculation of the SPSS, it had found out that there was correlation between students' lexical knowledge of collocation and their reading comprehension with r value 0.571 at the significant level 0.01. The null hypothesis (H0) was rejected and the alternative hypothesis (H1) was accepted.

Key words : collocation, reading comprehension