

ABSTRACT

Furqani, Dian. 2021. *A Correlation Between Students' Mastery of Past Tense and Their Achievement in Writing Recount of the Eleventh Grade Students of SMA Muhammadiyah Limbung*. A thesis of English Education Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, University of Muhammadiyah Makassar. Supervised by Nurdevi Bte Abdul and Sitti Maryam Hamid.

This research aimed to finding out a correlation between students' mastery of past tense and their achievement in writing recount of the eleventh grade students of SMA Muhammadiyah Limbung. Furthermore, it attempts to find out the extent to which the students' of past tense affects their achievement in writing recount. This research used quantitative research design.

To achieve the aims of this research the researcher conducted a research in the form of a simple past tense test and writing test. The subjects of this research were the eleventh grade students of SMA Muhammadiyah Limbung. There are 90 students from which 30 students were taken as the sample by using random sampling technique.

The result of the research showed that there was a significant correlation between two variables where the data statistically computed using Pearson Product Moment. The obtained r value was 0.912 while the critical value of r two-tailed test with $\alpha = 5\%$ and $df = 30 - 2 = 28$ was 0.361 and because r value is higher than the critical value, the correlation coefficient was significant. The obtained regression equation is $Y = 43.449 + 0.497$ and the determination coefficient is 0.831.

Key words: *Correlation Study, Mastery of Past Tense, Achievement in Writing Recount.*