

## ABSTRACT

**Inayatul Mutmainnah, 2017.** *“Students’ Ability to identify main clauses and sub clauses” (A Descriptive Research at the Fifth Semester Students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar).* Under the thesis of English Department the Faculty of Teachers Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University (guided by Hj. Andi Tenri Ampa and Arief Muhsin).

This research aimed to find out the students’ ability to identify main clauses and sub clauses in sentences.

The population of this research was the Fifth Semester Students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. It used random sampling technique were the researcher took 95 students from 10 classes. The researcher used a quantitative method in the form of descriptive analysis that included observation, collecting the students’ test and analyzing. For collecting the data the researcher used a test, the researcher asked the students to do the test focused to identify main clauses and sub clauses in sentences. The test contained 40 questions, and the question divided into 2 categories (identify main clauses and subordinate clauses)

The result showed of the students’ ability to identify main clauses and sub clauses are the first category (main clause) found that the mean score was 35,37 with classification is poor and the second category (subordinate clause) found that the mean score was 46,26 with classification is poor.

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