

## ABSTRACT

**Rini Anggraemi. 2019.** *“Students’ Ability to Construct Verb Phrase in Writing English Sentences (A Descriptive Study on The Third Semester Students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar)”*. A thesis of English Education Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University. Guided by Hj. A. Tenri Ampa and Awalia Azis.

The objective of the research was to find out the students’ ability to construct verb phrase in writing English sentences focused on finite and non finite verb phrase at the third semester students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar.

The method of this research was Descriptive Quantitative. The research population was the third semester students of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar academic year 2018/2019. The sample of this research consisted of 63 students .The researcher obtained the data by using writing test.

The findings of the research were the students’ ability to construct finite verb phrase and non finite verb phrase in writing English sentences. The results of the students’ writing test showed different scores between finite verb phrase and non finite verb phrase, means score of finite verb phrase was 72 and the mean score of non finite verb phrase was 66. It could be stated that students’ were better in constructing finite verb phrase than non finite verb phrase but both of them were fair good.

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