

ABSTRACT

HARMIN, (2018).The use of Past tenses in Retelling story at the third semester of English Department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. A Thesis of English department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education. Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. 2018. The first supervisor is Hj. Andi Tenri Ampa. The second supervisor is AwaliaAzis.

This research aimed to identify the use of past tenses at the third semester of English department in Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. The population of this research was the third semester English department which consists of seven classes. The sample was taken from class A,B,C,D,E,FandG which consist of 64 students. The research was designed as a quantitative research with descriptive design. The speaking test was used to collect the data.

Based on the result of the data analysis, the use of simple past tense was 54 as the mean score. So, the researcher concluded that the students at third semester of English department was in low category. While mean score of students' to use past continuous form was 24 and include in very low category. The mean score students' use past perfect tense 'was 3 as the mean score. And the use of past perfect continuous, they didn't get score, because no one of the students' used the form those tense.it means that the students find difficulties in understanding Past Perfect and past perfect continuous.

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