

ABSTRACT

Nurhidayah, 2018. *A Study on Students' Strategies in Overcoming Speaking Problem in Conversation (A descriptive Research at The Eleventh Grade students of SMA Negeri 4 Takalar)*. Thesis of English Department, The Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar, Supervised by Nurdevi Bte Abdul and Wildhan Burhanuddin.

The objectives of this research were to find out the students' problem and their strategies to solve the problem in speaking English conversation at the eleventh grades students of SMA Negeri 4 Takalar.

The samples of the research was 33 students who were taken from XI MIA 3 class of students in the academic year of 2018/2019 by using Purposive Sampling Technique. The researcher employed Descriptive-qualitative Method. The instrument of this research were conducted through questionnaire and interview.

The research findings showed that students have some speaking problems in the classroom which hampered them from improving their speaking ability. The problem are lack confidence, afraid in making mistake, less motivation, lack of vocabulary, difficulties to pronounce English word, and worry about grammar. All these problems occurred when they did the activities in speaking English conversation class, and lack vocabulary is the most reason of their problems in speaking. To solve their problem to deliver their meaning in conversation, students employed some communication strategies, including avoiding communication, adjusting the message, using paraphrase, creating new words, switching to the native language, using non-linguistic resources, and seeking help. Among those all strategies, seeking help was frequently happen in the classroom.

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