

## ABSTRACT

**INDRA RUKMANA SARI, 2019.***The Difficulties Faced by the Second Grade Students of SMA Muhammadiyah 9 Perumnas Makassar in Identifying the Main Idea of an English Paragraph (A Descriptive Research).* Supervised by Dr. H. Bahrin Amin, and FarishaAndiBaso. A thesis of English department, the faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar.

The objective of this research was to find out the students ability in identifying the main idea of an English paragraph and difficulties faced by the second grade students in identifying the main idea of an English paragraph. The instruments of this research were test and questionnaire.

The population of this research was the second grade students of SMA Muhammadiyah 9 Perumnas Makassar. Which consist of 29 students (1 class). It applied sampling technique. Then the total number sample was 37 students.

Based on the result of test given, the second grade students of SMA Muhammadiyah 9 Perumnas Makassar in identifying the main idea of an English paragraph in context correctly, it was prove by total mean score 8.16 or classified as good. It is according the findings of data analyses the students have difficulty in finding the main idea. In data questionnaire given, some aspects made the students were feeling difficult in learning English because it has many rules in finding main idea.

**Keyword:** Reading Skill, Identifying the Main idea.