

## ABSTRACT

**Andi Israwati Lai Cece** 2017. English Education Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. "The Use of Direct Method to Improve Speaking Skill at The Second Grade of SMP PGRI 1 Tamalate Makassar". Under supervisors Erwin Akib and Nunung Anugrawati.

This research aimed at finding out the improvement of students' speaking skill by the use of Direct Method at the second grade students' of SMP PGRI 1 Tamalate Makassar. That focused on accuracy which was consisted of vocabulary and fluency which was consisted of smoothness.

The method of this research was a pre-experimental design that consisted of one group pre-test and post-test design class. The sample of this research was the second grade students with the total number where 20 students. The instruments of data collection for this research were pre-test and post-test.

The research findings indicated that the second grade students of SMP PGRI 1 Tamalate Makassar were very low in speaking skill. But after treatment, their speaking skill improved significant. It was proven by the result of the mean score obtained by the students through pre-test was 4.95 which was classified as very poor category and the mean score of the students in post test was which was classified as 6.72. While the value of t-test was greater than the value of t-table. ( $9.15 > 2.093$ ). It was indicated that the Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) was rejected and the Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ) was accepted. It could be concluded that the use of Direct Method to improve speaking skill.

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