

ABSTRACT

ADE HARYANTO, 2017. Analyzing Students' Transitional Signal in Essay Writing at Fifth Semester of English Department Students of Makassar Muhammadiyah University. A thesis of English Education Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University. Supervisors by Ratna Dewi, and Radiah Hamid.

This research aimed to find out what transitional signals are used by the students in their essays in the fifth semester students of English Department at Makassar Muhammadiyah University and how is the ability of the students in using transitional signals in their essay by the fifth semester students of English Department at Makassar Muhammadiyah University.

This research used a Descriptive Research. The researcher applied the research by writing test. The test aims to know the students' ability in using transitional signals in the students' essays. The subject of this research was the fifth semester students of English Education Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University in academic year 2016/2017. This research used Randomly Sampling Technique to decide the sample, it consisted of students of BG V-A, V-B and V-C Class. The total number of sample is 30 students.

The result of the analysis showed that there were some students did wrong of using transitional signal in writing an essay. It caused by the students did not know the usage of some transitional signal in writing an essay correctly.

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