

ABSTRACT

Dewi Dirmayani, 2019. *Analyzing transitional devices in essay writing at tenth Grade Students of SMA Negeri 19 Gowa*), under the thesis of English Education Department, the Faculty of Teachers Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar, supervised by Eny satriana and Saiful.

This research aimed at finding out the transitional devices used by the students in their essays and the ability of the students in using transitional devices in their essays at tenth Grade Students of SMA Negeri 19 Gowa.

This researcher applied descriptive quantitative. The population of this research was the tenth grade students at SMA Negeri 19 Gowa, academic year 2018/2019. The sample was class X MIA 2 taken by purposive sampling technique which consisted of 27 students.

The research findings showed that the class X Mia 2 of SMA Negeri 19 Gowa had good score in their ability in using clause connector of transitional device based on the students' essays. It was proved by the the percentage of transitional device were 75 %. Eventually, based on findings and discussion above, the researcher concluded that the students X MIA 2 of SMAN 19 GOWA has a good kategori in using transitional device.

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