

## ABSTRACT

**Yuni Yunarti. (2013). *Pair Work Strategy in Improving the Students' Ability in Speaking.*** (a research conducted at VII<sup>2</sup> 2012/2013 academic year of SMP Negeri 1 Boliyohuto)

This research was conducted toward students' of class VII<sup>2</sup> 2012/2013 academic year in SMP Negeri 1 Boliyohuto where consist of 28 students. The method of this research quantitative method and the design of this research is one group experimental design by applying pre-test, treatment and post-test design. The problems of this research is can pair work strategy improving the students' ability in speaking. The objectives of this research is to find out whether pair work strategy can improve the students' ability in speaking or not. The data was collected by using oral test where the design of this research was pre-test, treatment and post-test design. Finally, the result of the analysis shows that using pair work strategy can raise the students' ability in speaking. In verifying the hypothesis of this research used the criterion  $H_0$  would be received if  $t_{count} \leq t_{list}$  in the level of significance  $\alpha = 0,05$ . If the result of  $t_{count}$  was not based on the criterion above, it means that  $H_1$  is accepted that is  $t_{count} \geq t_{list}$ . It is proved by the value of  $t_{count} = 11,00699$  in the level of significance  $= 0,05$ . After doing the calculation of the data, it was found that  $t_{list} = 2,052$ . The result of this research found that pair work strategy can improve the students' ability in speaking

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