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#### Abstract

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This study aims to identify the students' grammatical errors on their writing. Regarding the research method, this study used descriptive method in which there would be statistical or numerical data but instead the analysis based on the types of errors. The participants of this study were 10 high achiever students in the eighth semester. The sources of data were students' research proposals while the data were the error phrases/sentences. In analyzing the data, this study applied Surface Strategy Taxonomy that categorized errors into four categories; omission, addition, misformation, and misordering. In accordance with the final result, this study found 144 error phrases/sentences of four categories of error on students' research proposals, omission errors were 41 errors, addition errors were 22 errors, misformation errors were 45 errors, and misordering errors were 36 errors. The highest frequency of error was misformation error, and the lowest frequency of error was addition error.

Keywords: Error Analysis, Grammatical Error, Surface Strategy Taxonomy.

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#### Motto

"... Sesungguhnyakehidupanduniainihanyalahkesenangan (sementara) dansesungguhnyaakhiratitulahnegeri yang kekal."

Q.S; Al-Mukmin;39

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Dedication

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