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The present study investigates the students' ability in describing person orally in English as the medium of instructions. This study was applied by using a rubric of speaking ability adopted by Brown's concept (2001). Moreover, the purpose of this research is aimed to find out how the students' ability in describing person orally. It is conducted by using a quantitative method as the design of this research. To collect the data, an oral test was used to observe and determinestudents' ability in describing the students' ability to speak. Furthermore, this research was conducted atSMP Negeri 7 Gorontalo. There were 17 students as the subjects involving in this research. Out of 17 students, 5 of them were males and 12 of them were females. Importantly, the result of the research has shown that the students were still difficult to speak in English. It can be seen in some aspects of speaking namely pronunciation (49%), vocabulary (42%), grammar (57%), fluency (57%), and comprehension (57%). From those 17 students, it can be explained that no one who can be categorized into a very good level. However, one student was categorized into a good level, butno one of all the students can be categorized into an average level. Therefore, 16 students were categorized into a poor level, and there were no students who can be categorized into a very poor level due to their difficulties in each component of speaking especially in vocabulary. Consequently, they could not speak fluently, because they had less practice and lack vocabulary in speaking.

Key words: Speaking, Ability, Describing person.

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian kali ini menginvestigasi kemampuan siswa dalam mendeskripsikan seseorang secara verbal dalam bahasa inggris sebagai media intruksi. Penelitian ini dilaksanakan dengan menggunakan rubrik mengenai kemampuan berbicara yang diadopsi dari konsep Brown (2001). Selain itu, tujuan penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana kemapuan siswa dalam mendeskripsikan seseorang secara verbal. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kuantitatif sebagai rancangan penelitian. Untuk mengumpulkan data, tes verbal digunakan untuk melihat dan menentukan kemampuan siswa dalam mendeskripsikan kemampuan siswa dalam berbicara. Selanjutnya, penelitian ini dilakukan di SMP Negeri 7 Gorontalo. Terdapat 17 siswa sebagai subjek penelitian yang terdiri dari 5 lakilaki dan 12 perempuan. Hasil penelitian ini menjukan bahwa siswa masih tetap kesulitan dalam berbicara dalam bahasa inggris yang dapat dilihat sebagai berikut Pengucapan (49%), kosa kata (42%), tata kalimat (57%), kelancaran (57%), dan pemahaman (57%). Dari keseluruhan siswa, dapat dikatakan bahwa tidak satupun yang dapat dikategorikan kedalam level sangat baik. Namun demikian, ada satu siswa yang dapat dikategorikan dalam level baik dan tidak satupun dapat dikategorikan kedalam level rata-rata. Oleh karena itu, 16 siswa dikategorikan dalam level buruk dan tidak ada yang dikategorikan ke dalam level sangat buruk berdasarkan kesulitan mereka pada setiap komponen berbicara khususnya kosa kata. Pada siswa tidak mampu berbicara dengan lancar disebabkan kurangnya latihhan dan kurangnya kosa kata dalam bahasa inggris.

Kata Kunci: Berbicara, Kemampuan, Mendeskripsikan Seseorang