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ABSTRACT

Students often have difficulty finding ideas and have limited vocabulary, and do not understand the structure of the text well. Low self-confidence and difficulty in organizing thoughts also often become obstacles. Through in-depth analysis, this research aims to contribute to a better understanding of the difficulty, as well as provide suggestions that can help in overcoming this challenge. The approach used in this research is through a qualitative approach. This research was conducted with the involvement of 10 students from grade 7 at SMPN 3 Abab. These students were carefully selected based on a range of criteria, including variations in their writing abilities as well as their willingness and enthusiasm to participate in the study. From the results of the analysis of written tests and interviews, it is clear that there are several main challenges faced by students, including difficulties in text structure, vocabulary use, grammar, and text cohesion. The research subjects were composed of an equal number of male and female students, specifically 5 females and 5 males, ensuring gender balance in the sample. The students' ages ranged from 12 to 14 years, representing a typical age group for seventh-grade students. Apart from that, motivational factors and teaching methods applied in the classroom also play a significant role in influencing students" writing abilities. The findings of this research indicate that although students may have the potential to write good descriptive texts, the various obstacles they face require serious attention from educators. Difficulties in text structure and vocabulary use indicate that current teaching approaches may not be fully effective in helping students overcome these challenges. In addition, low motivation and interest in writing indicates the need for changes in the way students are approached and encouraged to actively participate in writing activities. Overall, this research provides valuable insight into the challenges students face in descriptive writing and offers recommendations that can be used to improve teaching practices. It is hoped that students will be better able to overcome the difficulties they face and develop better writing skills. Educators, policy makers, and researchers are expected to benefit from the findings of this research to advance writing education and achieve better outcomes in language learning.

Keywords: Student writing difficult, Descriptive text, Writing skill.

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