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The purpose of this research is to analyze students' speaking ability at English Department of Bung Hatta University. The design of this research is descriptive research. The population of this research was the first year students at English Department of Bung Hatta University. The total sample members were 26 students. The writer used total sampling technique. The data were collected through speaking test. To make the test reliable, the writer used inter-rater method. It means that there were two scorers to check the students' speaking recording. The correlation coefficients of two scores was 0.88. It means that the test was reliable. The result of this research showed that the students' speaking ability at English Department of Bung Hatta University in general was classified into very good ability. It was proved by the finding that there were 100% students had very good ability. The students' speaking ability in expressing content in carrying out daily conversation was very good. It was proved by finding that 100% students had very good ability. The students' speaking ability in using grammar was very good ability. It was proved by finding that 54% students had good ability. The students' speaking ability in choosing vocabulary to carry out daily conversation was very good. It was proved by finding that 100% students had very good ability. The students' speaking ability in pronouncing words was very good ability. It was proved by the finding that 100% students had very good ability. The students' fluency to carry out daily conversation was good ability. It was proved by finding that 84% students had good ability. Based on the result of this research, it can be concluded that the first year students' ability to carry out daily conversation at English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good.

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