

## **ABSTRACT**

Kirana, Khalisa Salsya (2020).” The Difficulties to Speak English Encountered by the Third Year Biology Department Students of Bung Hatta University”.

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The purpose of this research was to analyze students difficulties in speaking at Biology Department students of Bung Hatta University. The design of this research was descriptive research. The population of this research was the third year Biology Department Students of Bung Hatta University. The total of sample members were 10 students, they were chosen by using total sampling technique. The data were collected through speaking test by video. To make the test reliable, the researcher used inter-rater method. It means that there were two scorers to check the students’ speaking by video. The correlation of coefficients of two scores was 0.79. it means the test was reliable.

The result of this research showed that in general the students had difficulty in speaking at Biology Department students of Bung Hatta University. It was proved by the finding that there are 70% had difficulty. The students had difficulty in using correct grammar; it was proved by finding that 70% students having difficulties. The students had difficulty in pronouncing word, it was proved by finding that 90% students having difficulties. The students had no difficulty in appropriate vocabulary; it was proved by finding that 100% students had no difficulty. The students having difficulties in fluency, it was proved by finding that 30% students having difficulty.

Based on the result of this research, the researcher can conclude that the third year Biology Department students of Bung Hatta University had difficulties in speaking English.

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