

ABSTRACT

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The aim of this study was to describe the students’ problems in writing explanation text at SMAN 1 Singingi Hilir Kuantan Singingi Riau. This research used descriptive method. The population of this research was the second grade students at SMAN 1 Singingi Hilir Kuantan Singingi Riau. The total population was 59 students and they sat in three classes(XI IPA, XI IPS 1 and XI IPS 2). To get the sample, the researcher used stratified cluster sampling technique. The sample size was 40 (19 from XI IPA and 21 from XI IPS) The data of this research were gathered by using writing test. Based on the result of data analysis, it was found that its reliability index was .94.

Based on the result of data analysis, it was found that 18 students (45%) had no problem, and 22 students (55%) had problem in writing an explanation text. Specifically, (1).16 students (40%) had no problem, and 24 students (60%) had problem in writing general statement, (2).14 students (35%) had no problem, and 26 students (65%) had problem in writing a sequenced explanation, (3).13 students (32.5%) had no problem, and 27 students (67.5%) had problem in writing closing, (4). 16 students (40%) had no problem, and 24 students (60%) had problem in using language features in writing an explanation text, (5).18 students (45%) had no problem, and (6).22 students (55%) had problem in using vocabulary in writing an explanation text, (4).17 students (42.5%) had no problem, and 23 students (57.5%) had problem in using mechanics in writing an explanation text.

Based on the research findings, it can be concluded that the second grade students of SMAN 1 Singingi Hilir Kuantan Singingi Riau had problem in writing explanation text. Relating to this conclusion, the teachers are suggested to provide more various exercises for the students about writing an explanation text. The students also should learn more and do more exercises to improve their ability in writing an explanation text.