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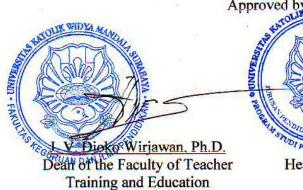
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The way to communicate our idea we have is using language. Language takes an important role in the communication where people need to use their background knowledge of the language to share their ideas. By having strong knowledge of language, people will share the ideas easily. The obstacles of transferring ideas sometimes is from the limitation of the language we have. There are two ways of transferring our ideas; speaking and writing. If someone has a few knowledge of the language, it will be quite hard to express what he has. Based on this phenomena, the research wants to find out how well the students of the English Education Study Program have mastered the English Past Tenses and applied the knowledge of the English Past Tenses in writing Recount Text.

The study investigated how the knowledge of the English Past Tenses is applied in the Recount Text. This is kind of Descriptive Qualitative Research where the Interpretive Analysis was used to explain the phenomenon found by the researcher. The instrument was 100 numbers of Multiple Choice Test Items. There were 25 Past Simple Tenses, 25 Past Continuous Tense, 25 Past Perfect Simple Tense, and 25 Past Perfect Continuous Tense. The researcher also took the Recount Text compositions made by the Writing I-C students of English Education Study Program Widya Mandala Catholic University 2014/2015.

To make sure the instrument was such a good test, the researcher needed to validate and find the reliability of it. The researcher used Rank Different Correlation Coefficient to get the validity of the test and the result was 0.75. It means there is a good or probably almost perfect relationship between the mastery of the English Past Tenses and the application of the English Past Tenses. KR21/Kuder-Richardson formula 21 also used by the researcher to find out the validity of the test. It is used because the researcher only gave single administration of a single form of a test. The result of the KR21 was 0.941 meaning the test has high reliability.

After analyzing the result of the mastery and the application of the English Past Tenses of the students, the researcher found out that the knowledge the students have plays an important role in applying in the Recount Text composition. The students who have mastered the English Past Tenses were able to apply the grammar well in the Recount Text compositions. The strong knowledge of the English Past Tenses could be seen from the fascinating result of the Multiple Choice Test given. By getting more than 80% means that the students have already had the strong knowledge. Overall, the capability of the students understanding the knowledge could be seen from the application where the students made no or few mistakes in making past tenses predicates.