

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Writing skill is one of important English skills for the students. There are some reasons why writing is considered as an important skill. Firstly, writing is one of way to communicate. When the students are not able to deliver the idea or information directly or in spoken way, they can write it in the written form. Secondly, the students often get the assignment or home written form. The ability of writing will help the students to do the assignment. Then, writing skill ability also helps the students in improving the other skill in English. By mastering language skill they can state their purpose, idea, feeling, and thought effectively. Ramelan (1992: 13) stated that the more cultivated and more technologically advanced man is, the more he will use the written language. In conclusion, writing skill is very important and the students have to master it.

A good writing should have some good criteria. It should have the proper organization, grammar, vocabulary, mechanic, and cohesion. The form of students' writing should be well-organized. The vocabulary and the grammar used in the text should be correct and appropriate with the context. Therefore, it can be easily understood by the reader. Besides that, they have to consider the mechanism of writing such as punctuation, capital letter, and spelling.

Dealing with the writing skill, many students often make error in their writing. There are many kinds of error found in students' writing. Errors in writing are caused by many of factors, they are gramatical and lexical error and others. Therefore, here the writer wants to study and analyze students' writing and the writer think writing such as diary or daily activities, it is good for the beginner learner to improve their skill in English.

According to the explanation above, the writer chooses the tittle" A Study on Students Common Error in Writing Daily Activities at grade 8 in Muhammadiyah Purwokerto 3 of Junior High School in academic year 2014/2015.

B. Reason for choosing topic

The writer chooses the topic for some reasons, those are :

1. Writing competence is one of the important skill that must be acquired in language learning .
2. Writing language is different from spoken language, so the writer wants to know the error that students do in writing language .

C. Problem of The Research

1. In what level is English writing ability of students in SMP Muhammadiyah 3 Purwokerto ?
2. What typical errors are made by the students in writing daily activities ?

D. The Aims of the Research

The aims of the research are :

1. To know In what level is English writing ability of students in SMP Muhammadiyah 3 Purwokerto.
2. To find out the typical errors in writing daily activities.

E. Clarification of The Terms

1. Common Error

Common is usual or familiar (Oxford advanced learners' dictionary:1995:228).

Error can be described a thing done wrongly, mistake (Oxford advanced learners' dictionary:1995:290).

So that common error is mistakes that often happen .

2. Writing

Writing is a system of recording language by means of visible or tactile mark (Coulmas,1:2004).

3. Daily Activities

Daily activity is planned spontaneous activity that poeple do in daily basis (Alberta,1:2006).

F. Contributions

1. The research can give the clear description about the common errors in writing daily activities
2. By knowing the common error in writing daily activities done by the students, the writer, or the teacher will be able to know or predict the difficulties that commonly faced by the students in learnig English. Therefore, hopefully teacher will be able to prepare the lesson well and overcome the problems that occur in teaching and learning process.

