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– Jeremy Harmer<sup>1</sup>–

"Learning to write is not just a natural extension of learning to speak."

– Ann Raimes<sup>2</sup> –

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### SUMMARY

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This research was intended to describe the difficulties that different achivers of the tenth grade students in PK A class generally had and the way of the tenth grade students in each group apply language features by analyzing their descriptive texts. Based on the interview with the English teacher of MA Unggulan Nuris Jember, it was found that the tenth grade students of PK A class had some problems in learning writing. Besides, the time allocation of teaching writing was also limited. It was why the students could not get more writing practice effectively and the teacher only could give less feedback to the students' writing texts. There were fifteen students chosen in this research in which five students representing high, average, and low achievers. Their levels were determined based on their latest score from English subject examination.

The data collection methods used document from students' writing assignment and interview to the English teacher and the students. The researcher analyzed the aspects of language features which consisted of a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives in descriptive text written by the students. Meanwhile, some questions were provided to interview the teacher and the students to prove that they had taught and learnt about descriptive texts and also the language features of descriptive text as the main part of this research.

The result of data analysis was interpreted in the form of table and description. It was found that simple present tense as one aspect of language features in descriptive text analyzed had become the main problem for the students in any group, high, average, and low achievers, in PK A class. They were not able to apply simple present tense appropriately as they still put many

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inappropriate simple present verbs and subject agreement in their descriptive texts. It was strengthened by the interview to the students in which only three of fifteen students represented high achievers (IN, MKR, and NH) considered grammar and the language features of the text as the most important part to learn. Most low achievers' problems were in the use of simple present tense and adjectives, while average achievers' problem was mostly in the use of simple present tense. The other language features such as a specific participant and linking verbs were applied much better by the students from high, average, and low achievers. It can be seen from their writing result that they did not have many difficulties like in simple present tense and adjectives. In fact, high achievers put the fewest inappropriate language features compared with the other achievers and it showed that they had better control in applying them in their descriptive texts. In conclusion, the writing result showed that high achievers could follow the theory requirements to apply the language features in their texts much better than average and low achievers in this research. Moreover, the use of simple present tense become main problem for the students that they needed to learn more in writing desriptive text.

### **CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION**

This chapter contains some aspects dealing with the topic under study. They are background of the research, problem of the research, objective of the research, scope of research and significances of research. They are presented in the following sections respectively.

#### **1.1 Background of the Research**

English as an international language has become one of the main subjects taught in every school. According to English curriculum for Senior High School in Indonesia, the students are expected to master the four skills in English: speaking, reading, listening, and writing, and also the language components, such as: grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary during their studies. Those all language skills are important for the students to learn, especially writing skill.

Writing is very important for the students to master in the process of learning a language. As Raimes (1983:3) states that writing helps the students to learn more. It is because writing reinforces the students to use the grammatical structures, idioms, and vocabulary that they have been studying; the students also have a chance to explore the language; and the students necessarily become very involved with the new language; the effort to express ideas and the constant use of eye, hand, and brain is a unique way in learning how to write.

There are many kinds of genre, such as: descriptive, recount, spoof, narrative, report, analytical exposition, explanation, discussion, procedure, hortatory exposition, anecdote, news items, and review. Each text type has its own social function, generic structure, and language features which are different from one another. Based on the curriculum, descriptive text is one of text genres taught in even semester to the tenth grade students at MA Unggulan Nuris Jember. Descriptive text has a function to describe a particular person, place or thing (Wardiman, Jahur, and Djusma, 2008:46). Even though descriptive text is

considered to be the simplest and easiest writing form compared to others, the students still have to learn many aspects of it before they start writing.

Being good writers requires good skill, extensive knowledge and many practices. It is because writing is considered to be the most difficult skill among the other skills the students have. As Heaton (1989:135) states, writing is complex and difficult to teach and also to learn, because the students have to master not only grammatical and rhetorical devices but also conceptual and judgmental elements. It means that the students need to be able to master the aspects of writing, such as grammar, spelling, word choice, and punctuation. The students also have to master the content of the text, such as topic, supporting details and conclusion. Besides, the ability to write in an appropriate manner (related to coherence, cohesion, and unity) to facilitate the readers to understand what is written in the text is also important.

Analyzing students' text can be a way to find out the students' knowledge in writing descriptive text. As Lock (in Siahaan, 2013:114) states, analyzing students' text can be very helpful for the English teacher to find out the students' ability and difficulties in writing. The researcher agrees that it is very important to do because the students can learn deeper about it for better understanding on writing a good descriptive text.

There were some previous studies about the analysis on students' descriptive text. Siahaan's research (2013) reported that the students in the low achievers category were not able to use appropriate linguistic features on their writing as they still made a lot of mistakes in the text they wrote. Hidayah's research (2010) reported that the students' mastery in developing of language features of descriptive text is poor. The students fail in using grammatical rules. Mardiyah, Saun, and Refnaldi (2013) also reported that most students had problems in writing descriptive text related to the generic structure and language features, but the problems were mostly found in the language features of descriptive text such as the use of simple present tense, adjective and pronoun.

It can be seen that the main problems in writing descriptive text faced by the students mostly is in the language features of descriptive text. In descriptive text, generic structure refers to the content of the text, while language features refer to the elements that build up a language or sentence. The aspects of language feature used in descriptive text must be a big attention for the students because they will affect their writing quality. So, it is very important for the students to master the language features before starting to write. By applying appropriate language features in descriptive texts, it will help them to be able to produce a well-written text and help the readers understand what they want to convey. Therefore, the students should have good knowledge in applying language features of descriptive texts.

Considering the elaboration above, the researcher is interested in investigating the students' knowledge of language features in writing descriptive by analyzing their texts. This research is expected to be very useful for the teacher and students. By analyzing the students' text, the teachers will know their students' ability and difficulties in developing language features of descriptive text. So it is hoped that they can plan and determine an effort in teaching process to minimize the students' errors in their writing. A descriptive qualitative method was used in this research because the data resources of the research are in the form of written texts. The researcher is going to present the problem in the discussion through this study entitled "An Analysis of Language Features in Descriptive Texts Written by Different Achievers of the Tenth Grade Students."

### **1.2 Problems of the Research**

Based on the background of the research above, the problems of this research were formulated as follows:

- 1. How do different achievers of the tenth grade students in PK A class at MA Unggulan Nuris Jember apply the language features in their descriptive texts?
- 2. How do high, average and low achievers apply a specific participant in their descriptive texts?
- 3. How do high, average and low achievers apply simple present tense in their descriptive texts?

- 4. How do high, average and low achievers apply linking verbs in their descriptive texts?
- 5. How do high, average and low achievers apply adjectives in their descriptive texts?

### **1.3 Objectives of the Research**

Based on the problem of the research, the objectives of the research were to describe the difficulties that different achievers of the tenth grade students in PK A class generally had to apply language features in their descriptive texts and the way of the tenth grade students in each group apply language features in their descriptive texts.

### **1.4 Scope of Research**

In order to avoid ambiguity for the readers in understanding the purpose of the research, the researcher limited the problem of this research about the analysis of the language features in descriptive texts written by the tenth grade students of PK A class from different achievers at MA Unggulan Nuris Jember in the 2015/2016 academic year.

### **1.5 Significances of the Research**

The results of this research were expected to give some advantages for the English teacher and other researchers in the future.

### **1.5.1 The English Teacher**

The result of this research was expected to be useful information for the English teacher as additional information and motivation to plan and determine an effort in their teaching process to gain the students' better understanding in applying language features of descriptive texts.

### **1.5.2 Future Researchers**

The result of this research was expected to give important information or become a reference for the other researcher to conduct a further research by using same research design but in different types of texts such as narrative or recount texts.



### **CHAPTER II. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE**

This chapter presents some theories related to research problem. They are analysis, the nature of writing, descriptive text writing, and language features evaluated in descriptive text.

#### 2.1 Analysis

According to Rosenwasser and Stephen (2003:2), "analysis is the kind of thinking you'll most often be asked to do in your work life and in school; it is not the rarefied and exclusive province of scholars and intellectuals". It means that analysis is the detailed study or examination of something in order to gain a better understanding of it. This statement is strengthened by Kelley, Clark, Brown, and Sitzia (2003:265) who explain that the aim of analysis is to summarize data so that it can be understandable and provide the answers of our problems. It clearly shows that different viewpoints or theories provided will help the researcher to examine his ideas on the language research study and these details will help the readers understand his research.

Analysis is a part of investigating language. Basically the process of analyzing can be started from the data which is already available in the various sources, such as the observation, interview, field notes and many others.

Analysis is very important in the language research to study about the students' ability in learning language. It is very useful to predict how far they learn something in language teaching of English. Furthermore, this is supported by Emilia (in Siahaan, 2013:114) who explains that research about analyzing students' text is very important to do because it can lead the teacher to help solve the students' problems.

### 2.2 The Nature of Writing

Writing is one of the basic skills that the students must master in the process of learning a language. According to Sokolik (in Linse, 2005:98), "writing

is a combination of process and product". The process refers to the act of the gathering ideas and working with them until they are presented in a manner that is polished and comprehensible to readers. Meanwhile, the product itself is a final piece of writing which has grown out of many steps that make up the process, such as a book (Linse, 2005:98). However, the students have to focus not only on the product, but also on the process in learning writing.

Writing is an activity by arranging the ideas from the writer into words to be a meaningful text. The writers need to know the components of writing before starting to write. Heaton (1991:146) states that there are five general aspects that the students have to master, include: content, organization, vocabulary, language use (grammar), and mechanics. These aspects are very important for the students to master in order to produce a good piece of writing.

If the students can write their ideas very well, they will get the readers understand about what they say. Writing itself has many purposes. According to Raimes (1983:4), the purposes of writing are:

- a) to communicate with a reader,
- b) to express ideas without pressure of face to face communication,
- c) to explore a subject,
- d) to record experience,
- e) to become familiar with the conventions of written English discourse (a text). (1983:4)

It clearly shows that writing gives many benefits to the students because writing encourages the students to learn how they can express their ideas in their writing effectively. Writing can be a way for the students to communicate to others with a various messages.

Even though writing is not easy thing to do, the students need to learn and practice more to master it. The students have to learn how they can generate the ideas as well and how to state them in organized way on their paper. Thus, their writing can be clearly understood by the readers.

### **2.3 Descriptive Text Writing**

Boardman and Frydenberg (2008:3) explain that paragraph is as the basic unit in English writing. A well-written paragraph in the text has three separate parts: a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. Besides, it must also have the characteristics of coherence, cohesion and unity.

This research focuses on the genre of descriptive writing. Wardiman, Jahur, and Djusma (2008:46) define a descriptive is a text which describes a particular person, place, or thing. The generic structures of descriptive text are identification and description. Wardiman, Jahur, and Djusma (2008:46) state that in the identification part, the writer identifies phenomenon to be described. While in the description part, the writer describes parts, qualities, and characteristics.

Descriptive text has its own language features. This research is intended to analyze the language features of descriptive text in the students' writing. The most language features found in descriptive text are: a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives.

Writing a descriptive text has some benefits for the students. According to Schacter (2016:5), descriptive writing teaches students to be able to:

- a) organize their thinking,
- b) search for and communicate details,
- c) define people, places and things, and
- d) write with clarity and purpose.

By writing descriptive text, the students write anything they can see, feel, hear, touch, smell, or taste about a thing, person or a place. They will learn to observe any subject with their senses and put it in the form of descriptive text. Here is the example of a descriptive text.

### I Have a Cat

(1)Spot is a regular house cat. He is an adorable cat.

(2)He has orange fur with white and black spots. I like to cuddle him because his fur feels soft. Every morning I give Spot milk. Spot does not like rice, so I give him cat food. Spot is an active animal. He likes to run around the house. He likes to chase everyone in my house. When he feels tired or sleepy, Spot usually sleeps on the sofa in the living room or sometimes under the table.

### (Wardiman, Jahur, and Djusma, 2008:5)

Based on the descriptive text entitled "I Have a Cat" above, the first paragraph is identification which consists of the topic sentence of a whole text. The second paragraph is description which consists of supporting details.

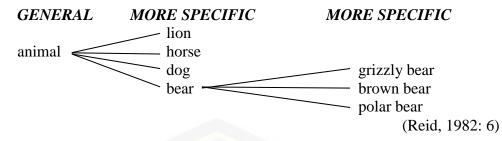
### 2.4 Language Features Evaluated in Descriptive Text

The language features of descriptive text evaluated in this research cover a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives.

### 2.4.1 A Specific Participant

When the students begin to write, the first thing they have to do is deciding the topic sentence. Boardman and Frydenberg (2008:4) define the topic sentence is actually the subject of the paragraph. Knapp and Watkins (2005:66) add, "the subject is a person or thing in a sentence or clause that 'operates' the verb". Therefore, the students need to pay attention on the object they are going to describe because they have to be aware of the use of specific rather than general descriptive words in descriptive text.

The most important thing that the students need to do to produce a descriptive text is to make sure that they choose a specific participant (I, my mother, my teacher, my cat, etc.) on their writing. It is because a specific participant will allow the students to explore and develop their writing easier. The students can choose any specific participant they want, such as: a person, an animal, or a thing.



The example given above shows how to generate a single general word to be more specific in order to facilitate the students to focus their writing about certain participant (a person, an animal, or a thing).

### 2.4.2 Simple Present Tense

Simple present tense is tense that usually found in a descriptive text. According to Knapp and Watkins (2005:94), "factual descriptions are generally written consistently in the present tense, whereas narratives and arguments can move between present and past tense." It means that when the students write descriptive texts, they have to use simple present tense to describe about daily habits or usual activities. Besides, it is also used to express general statements of fact. As Savage and Shafiei (2007:65) define a simple present tense used to write about general truths and scientific facts. Azar (2003:4) mentions there are some forms of the simple present tense and the present progressive, such as:

	Simple Present	Present Progressive
(+)	I/You/We/They <b>work</b> . He/She/It <b>works</b> .	I <b>am working</b> . You/We/They <b>are working</b> . He/She/It <b>is working</b> .
(-)	I/You/We/They <b>do not work</b> . He/She/It <b>does not work</b> .	I <b>am not working</b> . You/We/They <b>are not working</b> . He/She/It <b>is not working</b> .
(?)	<b>Do</b> I/You/We/They work? <b>Does</b> He/She/It work?	Am I working? Are you/we/they working? Is he/she/it working?

### Subject – Verb Agreement

Savage and Shafiei (2007:66) explain that a verb must agree in number with its subjects. In addition, Knapp and Watkins (2005:43) also

state that verbs change their form to agree with their subjects. The following are examples given by them.

**Examples**:

- 1) I (you, we or they) often *cross* at the lights.
- 2) She (he or it) often *crosses* at the lights.
- 3) The children (or they) often *cross* at the lights.

I <i>am</i> crossing the road.	First person singular
We <i>are</i> crossing the road.	First person plural
She <i>is</i> crossing the road.	Third person singular
They <i>are</i> crossing the road.	Third person plural
	(Knopp and Watking 2005.12)

(Knapp and Watkins, 2005:43)

The examples given above show verbs must agree with the subjects. When the first element is an auxiliary verb, the form of auxiliary 'to be' changes for first person singular and plural as well as third person singular and plural.

### 2.4.3 Linking Verbs

Merriem-Webster (2016) mentions a linking verb is a word or expression (such as *appear*, *be*, *become*, *feel*, *grow*, or *seem*) that connects a subject with an adjective or noun to describe or identify the subject.

As Simmons (2016) states, "linking verbs do not express action." So, linking verbs only relate the subject of the verb to information about the subject itself. For examples, Merriem-Webster's statement (2016) "You *look* happy" contains the linking verb "look" that relates the subject "you" to what is said about the subject's feeling "happy". Further, the other statement "My favorite fruits *are* apples and oranges" contains the linking verb "are" that relates the subject "my favorite fruits" to what is said about them that they consist of apples and oranges fruit.

### 2.4.4 Adjectives

As Hutchinson (2005:10) explains, adjectives give more information about nouns or pronouns. It is because adjectives are used to describe colors, shapes, sizes as well as tastes, sounds, smells, and feelings. Murphy (1994:194) states that there are many adjectives which end in **-ing** and **-ed**.

Examples: The -ing Adjectives

My job is where the second s I'm bored with my job. I'm not interested in my job. I'm always tired when i finish work. Murphy (1994:194)

The -ed Adjectives

While the **-ing** adjectives explain about the job, the **-ed** adjectives explain about how someone feels (about the job). Even though it is taken from the same adjective, the adjectives which end in **-ing** and **-ed** contain different meanings each other.

Murphy (1994:196) also explains that there are *fact* adjectives and *opinion* adjectives. *Fact* adjectives (new, large, round, long, etc.) give factual information, while *opinion* adjectives (nice, beautiful, delicious, interesting, etc.) just tell about what someone thinks of. The *opinion* adjectives should go first before *fact* adjectives.

The special order below is provided when the writer uses two or more *fact* adjectives.

(1)How big?  $\rightarrow$  (2)How old?  $\rightarrow$  (3)What colour?  $\rightarrow$  (4)Where from?  $\rightarrow$  (5)What is it made of?  $\rightarrow$  **NOUN** Examples: A **tall young** man (1 – 2) **Big blue** eyes. (1 – 3) A **small black plastic** bag (1 – 3 – 5)

Murphy (1994:196)

The special order above is started from opinion to fact adjectives. It is used to facilitate the author in writing adjectives with the correct order by following the stage 1 up to 5 before noun. In addition, Savage and Shafiei (2007:43) also mention some characteristics of adjectives, such as:

a) An adjective can come before a noun. If the noun is singular, use *a/an* or *the* before the adjective.
 I own **an antique** violin.

My mother gave me **a big** hug.

 b) Adjectives have only one form. Use the same adjective with singular and plural nouns. A lovely bracelet.

Two **lovely** bracelets.

- c) An adjective can come after *be*. When two adjectives come after *be*, separate them with *and*.
   These shoes are comfortable.
  - My father's expression is wise and serious.
- d) Nouns can also function as adjectives.
  A rose garden.
  A pocket knife.
- e) Murphy (1994:196) also adds that an adjective can come after verb. You <u>look tired</u>. The dinner <u>smells good</u>. V Adj V Adj

The characteristics of adjectives help the writers understand the use of adjectives in their writing. It will make the writing practice easier to do by the students if they follow the characteristics above.

### 2.5 Language Features and Writing Quality

Writing is not an easy thing to do. Many aspects must be considered before starting to write. The students' knowledge is very important. According to Heaton (1991:135), "the ability to write for a particular audience using the most appropriate kind of language is essential for both native-speaking and foreign student alike". It means that the students have to be careful in using language to share their ideas to others in their writing. Otherwise, they will make people get confused on what they are writing about.

The students should know the use of the appropriate style, language and structure in order to make their writing effective and link their ideas. Raimes (1983:6) agrees that the students have to deal with some important aspects, such as: content, the writer's process, audience, purpose, word choice, organization,

mechanics, grammar, and syntax to produce a good writing. Some aspects of writing mentioned above are parts of the language features that aim to build up a sentence in the text. It is strengthened with Knapp and Watkins (2005:94) who state that language features are used to enhance the effectiveness of the writing. It shows that language features are very important as indicators of students' control in writing. The students' mastery of the language features in writing will affect the quality of writing. A good quality of writing will give clearer explanation of the information and make the readers easy to follow what the writers have written.



### **CHAPTER III. RESEARCH METHOD**

This chapter presents the research methods applied in this research. This descriptive study design deals with the research design, operational definition of the key terms, area determination method, participants determination method, data collection method, and data analysis method. They are explained respectively in the following section.

### 3.1 Research Design

According to Yin (2009:26), a research design is a logical plan to get the answers from the questions prepared to do research in the beginning. It means that research design refers to the process of linking research questions and data.

This study applied the design of descriptive qualitative research in the form of case study because it aimed to examine a phenomenon as it was, in rich detail (Ary, Jacobs, Sorensen, and Razavieh, 2010:25). As Sturman (in Bassey, 1999:26) states, "case study is a generic term for the investigation of an individual, group or phenomenon". The qualitative case study is an intensive, holistic description and analysis of a single entity, phenomenon, or social unit (Merriem in Duff, 2008:22). It is clearly defined that descriptive qualitative case study investigates a phenomenon of an individual, a group, or a unit deeply in order to catch holistic understanding. The description in this research focused on the language features in descriptive texts written by the tenth grade students of different achievers.

The procedures on conducting descriptive case study research followed the following steps (Ary, Jacobs, Sorensen, and Razavieh, 2010:31).

- 1. Selecting research participants;
- 2. Collecting data (students' descriptive text writing);
- 3. Analyzing the data inductively;
- 4. Interpreting the results of data analysis;

### **3.2 Area Determination Method**

In determining the research area, the purposive method was used. Purposive method itself was conducted because of some objectives. According to Palys (2008:697), there are some specific objectives and interests in qualitative research such as the limited time, the available fund, and the available energy for conducting the research. It means that any objective the researcher has can be a consideration in this research based on the situations occurred.

The researcher chose MA Unggulan Nuris Jember as the research area because of some reasons namely, 1) the researcher had gotten permission from the headmaster and the English teacher of MA Unggulan Nuris Jember to conduct the research in this school, 2) the researcher's willingness to learn deeply about students' writing at Islamic school because there was no researcher who had conducted a case study dealing with the language features of descriptive text there, 3) the other reason was based on the informal interview with the English teacher about the students' problem in having less writing practice. Considering the reasons above, MA Unggulan Nuris Jember was appropriate area to do this research.

### **3.3 Participants Determination Method**

The participants of this research were the tenth grade students of different achievers in PK A class at MA Unggulan Nuris Jember that was determined purposively. PK A (Pendidikan Keagamaan Kitab) consist 25 students. The researcher had chosen PK A class as the participants of the research, because PK A class had problem in learning writing as they only got less writing practice among the other classes during the teaching learning process in the classroom.

As it was named "Pendidikan Keagamaan Kitab", the students in this class learned Kitab education during and after class more than the other subjects, especially English subject. It caused the teacher only explain more about kinds of text and their structures than give the students practice for their writing. Besides, it made the teacher give less feedback to the students' writing texts. Therefore, the

researcher was eager to portray the problems that the students face to learn writing in that condition. That case helped the researcher know the students' knowledge in using the language features from their descriptive texts.

From 25 students in PK A class, the researcher took fifteen students of which five students represented each group from high, average, and low achievers as the participants of this research. The following table was the list of the participants chosen.

NO	LEVEL	NAME	SCORE
1.	HIGH ACHIEVERS	IN	85
2.		MKR	94
3.		NH	88
4.		NZ	91
5.		SA	88
1.	AVERAGE ACHIEVERS	AAM	79
2.		MNA	79
3.		MSM	79
4.		MSZ	79
5.		NF	79
1.	LOW ACHIEVERS	AF	75
2.		AS	72
3.		KM	72
4.		RDS	74
5.		SLF	73

The students' groups were not classified from all the tenth grade students' score at MA Unggulan Nuris Jember, but only from PK A class based on the English teacher's document of the students' latest score from English subject examination (see Appendix D).

From the students' English examination latest score provided, it can be seen that the students of PK A class had fulfilled the minimum standart of score in school which was 70. The highest score students got was 94, while the lowest score was 72. Based on the interview with the English teacher, it was found that PK A class was categorized as average class in which the students' ability was not the highest, but also not the lowest, although the students only had the least time to learn English, especially in writing practice. It made the research very interesting to conduct because in fact, they still got quite good scores in their English subject examination.

The researcher chose high, average, and low achievers as the participants of this research to portray how the students in each group used the language features in their descriptive texts. From the students' texts, it was expected that the language features of descriptive texts can be analyzed.

### **3.4 Operational Definition of the Key Terms**

Operational definition of the key terms was included to avoid misunderstanding between the writer and the reader about the term in this research, the operational definition needed to be described. The terms that were necessarily to be defined operationally were as follows.

#### **3.4.1 Language Features Analysis**

Language features analysis in this research referred to the analysis of the use of a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives written in descriptive texts by the tenth grade students of different achievers in PK A class.

### **3.4.2 Descriptive Text Writing**

Descriptive text writing in this research meant writing the text that described an object. In this research, the students' writing assignment was the document analyzed in this research.

### **3.5 Data Collection Methods**

There were two kinds of data to be collected in this research, primary and secondary data. The students' writing assignment is the document was the primary data in this research. The primary data was used to analyze the students' writing performance related to the language features used in descriptive text. Meanwhile, the secondary data was taken from interview used to strengthen the arguments about the result of analyzing language features in the students' descriptive text.

### 3.5.1 Writing Assignment

In this research, the primary data dealed with the tenth grade students' descriptive text writing taken from the writing assignment. The writing assignment was conducted by the teacher herself during the teaching and learning process in the classroom on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2016. The students were assigned to make a descriptive text with topic "My Favorite Person".

The aim of collecting the students' writing assignment was not to take their score, but only to analyze the aspects of language features used such as a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives written by the students. The students were required to write a descriptive text in one meeting for 90 minutes. They were allowed to write a descriptive text about anyone related to the topic "My Favorite Person" because the students could explore their own ideas more easily.

#### **3.5.2 Interview**

In this research, interview was used to ask some questions about the implementation of teaching writing by the teacher about how she taught writing, gave feedback, and scored student's writing. This information was useful to support the discussion of the research findings.

Semi structured interview as a type of interview method was selected. Using semi structured interview, the researcher asked open ended questions related to the teaching of writing in this school, such as the method, materials, media and evaluation system.

The interview was done two times in which one was conducted with the English teacher and one another with the tenth grade students of PK A class. The first interview had been conducted with the English teacher of PK A class on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2016. The questions asked to the teacher were about the school curriculum used and the condition that occurred on teaching and learning writing process especially related to the language features of descriptive text. In order to get in depth information, the second interview was conducted by interviewing the fifteen students chosen representing high, average and low achievers. This interview aimed to know how they learned writing and their knowledge about the language features of descriptive text.

### 3.6 Data Analysis Method

Data analysis method was used to analyze the obtained data. Descriptive qualitative analysis method was applied in this research. The researcher analyzed the aspects of language features used such as a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives written by the students in their descriptive texts.

The steps used in analyzing the data were adapted from Maxwell (in Ary, Jacobs, Sorensen, and Razavieh, 2010:482).

- 1. Organizing the data, by going through the data (reading) to be familiar with.
- Coding the data, by providing code for the data sources (i.e. SP for a specific participant, SPT for simple present tense, LV for linking verbs, and ADJ for adjectives).
- 3. Displaying the data in the form of table and description.
- 4. Analyzing the data, by connecting the students' descriptive text writing with the language features of descriptive text observed (a specific participant, simple present tense, linking verbs, and adjectives).
- 5. Interpreting the results of data analysis.

### **CHAPTER V. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

This chapter presents the conclusion of the findings and suggestions for the English teacher and the other researcher.

### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the result of data analysis and discussion, it can be concluded that students from any group, high, average, and low achievers were not able to use simple present tense as they put many inappropriate simple present verbs and subject agreements. It meant that the students' ability in using simple present tense as a language feature in descriptive texts was still considered weak.

Moreover, the pattern of the PK A students' descriptive texts in the aspect of language features were described as follows:

- 1. High achievers put the fewest inappropriate language features in their descriptive texts.
  - a. In applying a specific participant, most high achievers did not write the title of their texts as it was an optional to write. But, they were still able to keep a specific participant applied in their descriptive texts from the beginning until the end.
  - b. In applying simple present tense, high achievers put the fewest inappropriate words compared with other achievers by missing prefix –s in the verb and using inappropriate verbs. One high achiever, IN, was able to apply simple present tense correctly in her whole text.
  - c. In applying linking verb, there were few inappropriate words found in high achievers' descriptive texts. They were not able to apply appropriate verb whether it was for singular or plural. IN was also one of two high achievers who could apply linking verbs appropriately in her descriptive text.
  - d. In applying adjectives, most high achievers put few inappropriate words by using inappropriate adjective, missing an article before the adjective,

and disarranging the use of two adjectives or more in a sentence. Two of high achievers, IN and NH, did not have problems in applying adjectives in their texts.

- 2. Average achievers put many inappropriate words in applying the language features in their descriptive texts.
  - a. In applying a specific participant, most average achievers wrote the title of their texts. They were also able to apply a specific participant in their descriptive texts from the beginning until the end.
  - b. In applying simple present tense, there were many inappropriate words used by the average achievers. Their inappropriate words used mostly include missing prefix –s in the verb and plural noun and using inappropriate verbs or nouns.
  - c. In applying linking verb, there were two achievers who put inappropriate verbs in their descriptive texts.
  - d. In applying adjectives, most average achievers put some inappropriate adjectives by using noun instead of adjective, missing an article, adding inappropriate word (some), and disarranging the use of two adjectives or more in a sentence.
- 3. Low achievers put the most inappropriate words in applying the language features in their descriptive texts.
  - a. In applying a specific participant, most low achievers wrote the title of their texts. They were also able to apply a specific participant in their descriptive texts from the beginning until the end.
  - b. In applying simple present tense, there were so many inappropriate words found by the low achievers. Just like average achievers, they mostly used inappropriate verbs and missed prefix –s in the verb and plural noun.
  - c. In applying linking verb, there were few inappropriate verbs found in low achievers' descriptive texts. Two of them used inappropriate linking verbs in the sentence which were not suitable with nouns.

d. In applying adjectives, low achievers put many inappropriate words mostly by using noun or verb instead of adjectives, missing an article, and misspelling words.

#### 5.2 Suggestion

Based on the results of the research, some suggestions are proposed to the English teacher, students, and the other researchers.

#### **5.2.1 The English Teacher**

It is suggested that the English teacher of MA Unggulan Nuris Jember to improve her way in explaining the language features to improve the students' knowledge in writing descriptive texts. As we can see that the students put many inappropriate words in their writing related to the use of language features in descriptive texts. Teacher can try to use any interesting way to introduce the language features deeper and clearer of descriptive text to the students, especially for the use of simple present tense which become the students' main problem in this research.

#### **5.2.2 The Other Researcher**

The result of this research is suggested to give information to the other researchers who have the same interest in analyzing students' writing texts. They are suggested to conduct a further research with same research design to find out the students' knowledge related to the language feature aspects in different texts, such as narrative or recount texts.

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## Appendix A

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## **RESEARCH MATRIX**

Title	Problem	Variables	Indicators	Data Resources	Research Method
An Analysis of	1. How do different achievers	Language	1. Specific	1. Respondents:	1. Research Design:
Language Features in	of the tenth grade students	features in	Participant	The tenth grade	Case Study
Descriptive Texts	in PK A class at MA	descriptive texts	2. Simple Present	students of different	2. Area Determination Method:
Written by Different	Unggulan Nuris Jember apply the language features	written by the	Tense	achievers in PK A	Purposive Method
Achievers of the	in their descriptive texts?	tenth grade	3. Linking Verbs	class at MA	3. Respondent Determination Method:
Tenth Grade Students	2. How do high, average and	students of	4. Adjectives	Unggulan Nuris	Purposive Sampling
	low achievers apply a	different		Jember	4. Data Collection Methods:
	specific participant in their descriptive texts?	achievers		2. Informant:	Primary data
	3. How do high, average and			The English teacher	- Writing assignment
	low achievers apply simple			of MA Unggulan	Supporting data
	present tense in their			Nuris Jember	- Interview
	descriptive texts?				5. Data Analysis:
	4. How do high, average and				Qualitative Analysis:
	low achievers apply linking verbs in their				1. Analyzing the language features of
	descriptive texts?				students' descriptive text writing
	How do high, average and				through the use of specific
	low achievers apply		MR		participant, simple present tense,
	adjectives in their descriptive				linking verbs, and adjectives.
	texts?				mining veros, and dejectives.

### THE GUIDELINE OF THE INSTRUMENTS

### A. Writing Assignment

The writing assignment was conducted by the English teacher on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 in PK A class. The students were asked to make descriptive texts with the topic "My Favorite Person" for 90 minutes.

## B. The Result of the First Interview Guide to the English Teacher

	Questions	Answers
1.	What curriculum do you use in teaching English at MA Unggulan	2006 School-Based Curriculum (KTSP 2006).
	NURIS Jember?	
2.	How do you help the students to	I explain kinds of text and its
	learn write?	structure to the students first. After
		that, I show them an example of text
		and ask them to analyze its structure.
		If it is already clear enough, I ask
		them to write a text and discuss their
$\left  \right\rangle$		work together later.
3.	How many kinds of text do you	Three. They are narrative,
	teach writing to your tenth grade	descriptive, and news item.
	students in the class? What are they?	
4.	What media do you use in teaching	Photographs of actors or actresses
	writing descriptive?	(such as: Zayn Malik, Maher Zain,
		etc)
5.	How many times do you administer	In the even semester, I only give
	descriptive writing assignment to the	writing assignment once for
	students?	descriptive text.
6.	How do you teach the language	First I gave them the example of the

to analyza
to analyze
nd language
derstanding.
taught are
noun, and
example of
of them can
grammatical
ric.
derstandir taught a noun, a example of them c

## C. The Interview Guide to the Students

Questions	Results
1. How do you learn writing for English	average achievers, and three low achievers chose
subject?	vocabulary as the most important part to learn writing for English subject. Three other high
	achievers focused on grammar structure, the language features of the text, or the way to write (translating). And two other low achievers
2. What kinds of text you	focused on the examples of the text first. Twelve students represent five high achievers,

	know?	four average achievers, and three low achievers
		knew kinds of text such as descriptive, recount,
		report, or procedure. Another average achiever
		and two other low achievers could not mention
		any kinds of text.
3.	Do you know what	Ten students represent five high achievers, four
	descriptive text is?	average achievers, and one low achiever could
	Explain briefly!	explain correctly that descriptive text describes a
		particular thing, person or place. Another
		average achiever forgot and four other low
		achievers forgot or explained the definition
		wrongly.
4.	How do you write	Twelve students represent two high achievers,
	descriptive text? Do you	five average achievers, and five low achievers
	use any technique or just	wrote descriptive text in Indonesia language
	directly write a text?	first, then translated it into English. Three high
	Explain briefly!	achievers directly wrote the text in English.
5.	What are the language	Eleven achievers represent four high achievers,
	features in descriptive	four average achievers, and three low achievers
	text you know?	mentioned at least adjectives and simple present
		tense as the language features in descriptive text.
		One high achiever, average achiever, and two
		other low achievers forgot them.

#### THE TEACHER'S LESSON PLAN

Nama Sekolah	: MA Unggulan Nuris
Mata Pelajaran	: Bahasa Inggris
Kelas/Semester	: X/2
Alokasi Waktu	: 2 x 45 menit

#### **Standar Kompetensi**

- 1. Memahami makna dalam teks fungsional pendek dan teks tulis monolog/esei sederhana berbentuk *narrative*, descriptive dan *news item* dalam konteks kehidupan sehari-hari dan mengakses ilmu pengetahuan populer.
- 2. Mengungkapkan makna dalam teks tulis fungsional pendek dan teks monolog/esei tulis sederhana secara akurat, lancar, dan berterima berbentuk *narrative*, descriptive dan news item dalam konteks kehidupan sehari-hari dan mengakses ilmu pengetahuan populer.

#### **Kompetensi Dasar**

- 1. Memahami dan merespon makna dan langkah retorika teks tulis monolog/esei secara akurat,lancar dan berterima dalam teks berbentuk: descriptive
- 2. Mengungkapkan makna dan langkah-langkah retorika secar akurat, lancar dan berterimamenggunakan ragam bahasa tulis dalam teks berbentuk d*escriptive*

#### Indikator

- 1. Mengidentifikasi makna dalam teks descriptive
- 2. Mengidentifikasi langkah-langkah retorika dalam teks descriptive
- 3. Menulis teks berbentuk descriptive

#### 1. Tujuan Pembelajaran

- Siswa dapat mengidentifikasi makna dalam teks descriptive
- Siswa dapat mengidentifilasi langkah-langkah retorika dalam wacana: descriptive
- Siswa dapat menulis teks berbentuk descriptive

#### 2. Materi Pokok

Teks tulis monolog/esei sederhana berbentuk descriptive, contohnya

Debby Putti is a model from Surabaya. Now she is a student of State Senior High School 71 Surabaya. Debby is the first daughter of Mr. Fajar Putti and Mrs. Ana Karaeng. Debby becomes a famous model when she won the competition of Teenage Model 2005 and YTV Jrang-Jreng 2004.

Debby is brown -skinned. She is tall and slender. She is 17 years old. Debby has wavy, short, black hair, a pointed nose and rather big ears. Her face is oval and her cheeks are dimpled when she smiles. Debby <u>is</u> an attractive girl in her blue jeans. She likes wearing a cotton jacket and a T-shirt. She always wants to feelrelaxed. She <u>is</u> neat and well- dressed. Debby is a cheerful and friendly girl. Everybody likes her because she is humorous and creative girl. She gets on well with other people and she never forces her opinion to others. But sometimes Debbyis short-temperedwhen she loses her needful things.Her hobbies are cooking Japanese food, shopping and singing. Debby <u>has</u> a beautiful voice and her favorite singer is Kris Dayanti.

- 3. Metode Pembelajaran/Teknik: Three-phase technique
- 4. Langkah-langkah Kegiatan
  - Kegiatan Awal (10')
    - Tanya jawab mengenai bagaimana medeskripsikan seseorang.

#### • Kegiatan Inti (70')

- Siswa membaca penjelasan bagaimana mendeskripsikan seseorang
- Siswa menghubungkan Noun dengan adjectives untuk mendeskripsikan seseorang
- Siswa membaca penjelasan mengenai *Compound-adjectives* untuk mendeskripsikan seseorang.
- Sisa melengkapi kalimat dengan Compound adjectives
- Siswa membuat deskripsi pendek tentang seseorang.

Siswa membaca teks tulis deskriptif dan kemudian membuat deskripsi singkat tentang itu.

### • Kegiatan Akhir (10')

 Siswa menyimpulkan penggunaan Noun, adjective, dan Compoundadjectives sebagai ciri kebahasaan teks tulis deskriptif.

#### 5. Sumber/Bahan/Alat

- Buku Look Ahead 1 (hal 124-126)
- Buku Global English
- Foto beberapa idola (Zayn Malik, Maher Zain, dll)
- LKS Kreatif Berbahasa Inggris

### 6. Penilaian

- Teknik: Tugas
- Bentuk: latihan tertulis

Mengetahui,

Kepala Madrasah

Jember, 16 Februari 2016

Guru Mata Pelajaran

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Vanny Fatmawati, S.Pd

## STUDENTS' NAMES AND THEIR LATEST SCORE OF ENGLISH EXAMINATION IN PK A CLASS

No	Name	Score
1	АКТ	82
2	AAM	79
3	AF	75
4	AS	72
5	AIA	79
6	IN	85
7	KM	72
8	MAG	79
9	MFA	78
10	MIAK	76
11	MKR	94
12	MMI	85
13	MNI	79
14	MNA	79
15	MSM	79
16	MSZ	79
17	MAH	79
18	NH	88
19	NZ	91
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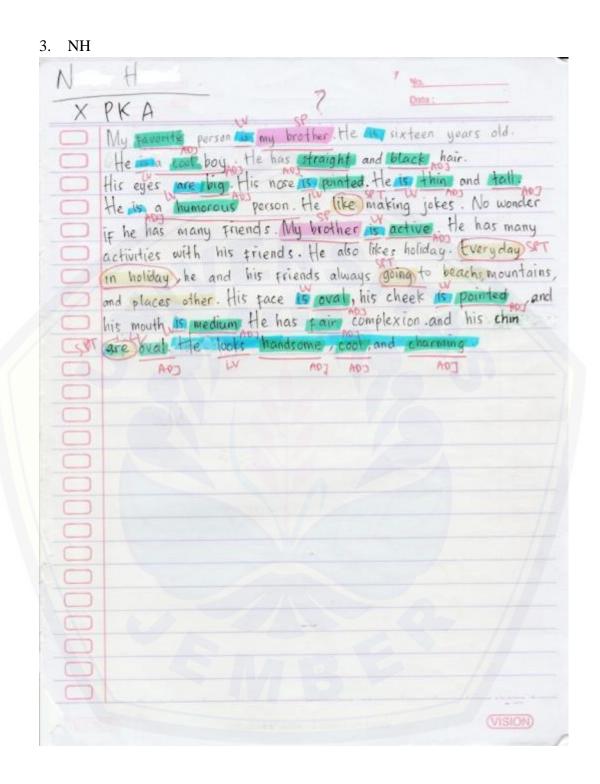
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## **AVERAGE ACHIEVERS**

## 6. AAM

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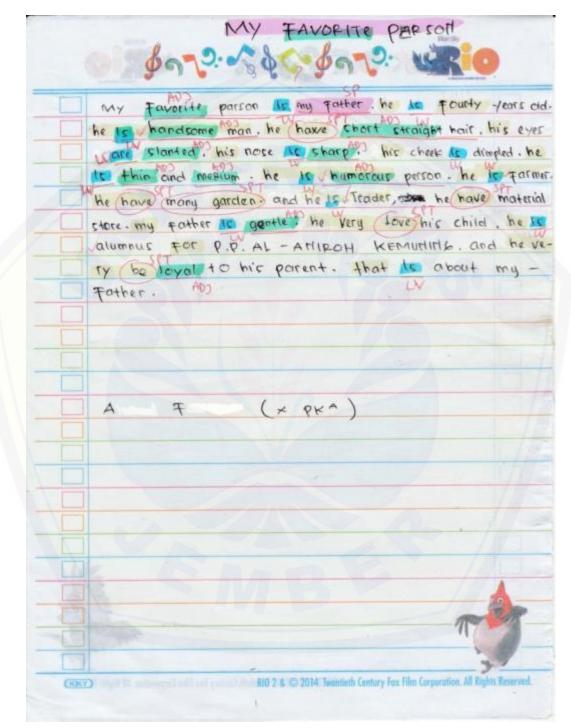
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10. NF

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# 15. SLF

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