

# THE FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS' ABILITY IN WRITING BIOGRAPHY AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OF BUNG HATTA UNIVERSITY

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## INTRODUCTION

Writing is a kind of written communication that aims at making students able to use English in written form[1]. To support the four skills, the students should also master language components: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and so on [2]. Biography is the histories of individual lives, considered as a branch of literature[3]. The researcher chose the fourth year of the English Department of Bung Hatta University because the researcher wanted to know the ability of the students in writing an essay through writing biography.

## METHOD

Descriptive research is intended to investigate the circumstances, conditions or other things that have been mentioned, the results of which are presented in the form of research reports[4]. The population of this research was the fourth year students and the sample was 24 students. The researcher used total sampling technique in selecting the sample. The researcher collected the data through a writing test. The researcher used the inter-rater technique to know the reliability of the instrument. The data were collected through Gmail and classified the students' ability based on the Bung Hatta University criterion.

## FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Based on the results of data analysis, it was found that the fourth year student' ability in writing biography at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good. It was proved by the fact that 100% had very good ability.

**Table 1 The Result of Writing a Biography**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	24	100%

Good	0	0%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

Second, the fourth year student' ability in writing biography at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was good. It was proved by the fact that 62.5% had good ability.

**Table 2 The Result of Writing Biography Expressing Content**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	9	37.5%
Good	15	62.5%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

Third, the fourth year student' ability in writing biography using grammar at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good. It was proved by the fact that 79.17% had very good ability.

**Table 3 The Result of Writing Biography Using Grammar**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	19	79.17%
Good	5	20.83%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

Fourth, the fourth year student' ability in writing biography using vocabulary at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good. It was proved by the fact that 100% had very good ability.

**Table 4 The Result of Writing Biography Using Vocabulary**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	24	100%
Good	0	0%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

Fifth, the fourth year students' ability in writing biography using punctuation at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good. It was proved by the fact that 100% had very good ability.

**Table 4.5 The Result of Writing Biography Using Punctuation**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	24	100%
Good	0	0%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

Sixth, the fourth year students' ability in writing biography using generic structure at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was good. It was proved by the fact that 91.67% had good ability.

**Table 4.6 The Result of Writing A Biography**

Ability	Students	Percentage
Very good	2	8.33%
Good	22	91.67%
Satisfactory	0	0%
Bad	0	0%

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Based the result of data analysis above, it can be concluded that the fourth year students' ability in writing biography at the English Department of Bung Hatta University was very good. Dealing with such conclusion, it is suggested to the studens' to maintain and improve their ability and for the lecturers to gives more exercise and give more explanation about writing the biography.

**Keywords:** Ability, Writing, Biography.

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