

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Methodology is a set of methods used in doing something. Methodology in this study is a set of methods used in conducting the research to gain the data analysis as well. This chapter presents research design, subject of the study, research instrument, data compilation, data analysis, and reporting the result of data analysis.

3.1 Research Design

This research was conducted to find out the grammatical error in writing recount text by eighth grade students' of SMP Negeri 4 Kupang. This research was used descriptive method.

3.2 Subject of the Study

The subject of this study was the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 4 Kupang. They consisted of 7 classes. Each of them consisted of 20 students. Thus, the total number of the students was 140. In this research the writer chose students from class VIII C because based on the writer's informal observation, this class was better than other classes.

3.3 Research Instrument

An instrument is important in measuring a variable of research. It gives accurate information about data of the research. The instrument that the writer was

used was a writing test. The writer asked the students to write a recount text. These students had studied writing a recount text in semester 1 class VIII in this case the writer gave two topics namely: Exciting Experience and Unforgotten Experience. Their writing must be finished in 60 minutes and they had to write at least 3 paragraphs in 150 words

3.4 Methods and Technique of Data Compilation

There are some steps of data compilation, as stated in the following:

- a. Asking permission from some government office and the headmaster of SMP Negeri 4 Kupang to conduct the research at the school.
- b. Observing the researched school and discussing the plan with the English teacher in that school.
- c. Preparing the test of research.
- d. Giving the test to the student.
- e. Collecting the data from the test result of the students. From the result, researcher will be analyzed, concluded and reported.

3.5 Methods and Technique of Data Analysis

There are some techniques of data analysis, they are presented in detail of the following :

- a. Identifying the errors that made by the students.
- b. Classifying the errors made by the students based on the surface taxonomy.
- c. Calculating the most common errors that found.
- d. Describing, explaining, and then concluding.

3.6 Reporting the Result of Data Analysis

The result of the data analysis of a study will be reported in some kinds of scientific academic writing. For example proposal and thesis. This study is a thesis proposal. According to Sudaryanto (1993:145) there are two forms to report the result of data analysis that is based on verbal explanation or verbal description.

In this research, the writer uses informal form because this research use descriptive method that is only based in existing data and the writer only describes the grammatical errors in recount text written by the students.