

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Whyrick (2000 :227) states that in writing a descriptive text, it is important That writer is able to give details of the object being described so that the readers can create a mental picture of the person, place, or object. To enable this, the writer must use selection a selection of choice of words to make the object being described appear vivid in the reader's eyes. It is important then that the writer makes used of words that's elevate sensory details such as sight, sound, smell, taste, feeling, and texture to create vivid images in the reader's mind. In addition, the writer must also be aware of spatial order to create a clear visual image in the readers mind. In person, place, object, or scene : 'the location or arrangement in space from top to bottom, bottom to top, right to left, near, left to right, near too far, far to near, inside to outside or outside to inside' (Haines, 2007 :121)

Descriptive text writing is often found in fiction, though it can make an appearance in nonfiction as well (for example memories, firsthand accounts of events, or travel guides). When an author writes in a descriptive text style, they are painting a picture in words of a person, place, or thing for their audience. The author might employ metaphor or other literary devices in order to describe the author's impressions via their five sense (what they hear, see, smell, taste, or touch). But the author is not trying to convince the audience of anything or explain the scene merely describe things they are.

Descriptive text is a kind of text with a purpose to give information. Descriptive text is a text to describe a particular person, place, animal, or thing. According to Gerot

and Wingnell, descriptive text is a text that has purpose to describe a particular person, place or thing. In broad definition, description is about sensory experiences how something looks, sounds, tastes, Mostly it is about visual experiences, but description also deals with kinds of perception. It means that descriptive text is giving particular information to the readers by describing and object. The purpose of descriptive text is to describe and reveal a particular person, place, animal, or thing in details to the readers.

1.2 Research Question

The writer conducts the study to answer the following research questions:

1. What is the ability level of the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri Kapan Soe in writing a text?
2. What might be the difficulties found by the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri Kapan Soe in writing a text?

1.3 Objectives of the study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To know the ability level of the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri Kapan Soe in writing a text
2. To know the difficulties found by the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri Kapan Soe in writing a text

1.4 Significance of the study

The study is beneficial for the following parties, they are:

1. Students at the researched school

This study is expected to be an input for the students about their ability in writing descriptive text, So that they can improve or increase their writing ability.

2. Teachers of English at the researched school

This study can inform the teachers about their students writing ability so that they can provide ways to help their students in increase our in improve their writing ability