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#### Abstract

The title of this study is "A Study on Listening Ability of the Eleventh Grade Students of SMA Negeri 6 Kupang in the School Year 2014/2015". This study was conducted to answer the following question: (1) What is the listening ability level of the eleventh grade students of SMAN 6 Kupang in the school year 2014/2015? (2) What might be the difficulties found by the eleventh grade students of SMA N 6 Kupang in listening? In line with the problem statements above, the objectives of this study areto find out the level of listening ability of the eleventh grade students of SMAN 6 Kupang, and to find out the difficulties that might be found by the students in listening. Descriptive method was applied to describe the students' ability level in listening. The subject of the study was the eleventh grade students of SMA N 6 Kupang in the school year 2014/2015. While the number of subject was 20 students. In collecting data, the writer gave three monologs. The monologs are filling the blanks, rewriting sentences, and matching pictures. Based on the result on the data analysis and discussion in previous chapter, the writer makes the conclusions as follows: (1) the literal listening ability of the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri 6 Kupang in the school year 2014/2015 is 2.94 (very poor). (2) the difficulties found by the eleventh grade students of SMA Negeri 6 Kupang are having lack of vocabulary and they were not able to differentiate similar sounds, for example, "bath" and "bed", "great" and "breath", "head" and "hat". Based on the conclusion, the writer would like to give some suggestions that might be useful for English teacher of the researched school, students. (1) For the English Teachers of the Researched School. They should be creative in teaching listening and they must balance all skills that they teach, not only paying attention to reading skill but also to listening, speaking, and writing (based on the writer observation). And the teacher should teach about vocabulary like homonyms, because the difficulties of listening dealing with sound of words/vocabularies. (2) For the Students. The students can increase their listening ability by listening to English monologs, conversation, broadcastings so they can learn more words/vocabularies.


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