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ABSTRACT

This thesis is entitled "A STUDY ON GRAMMATICAL ERRORS IN WRITING RECOUNT TEXT OF THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS OF SMPN 1 KUPANG IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2014/2015. It was conducted to answer the following questions: (1). What types of grammatical errors committed by the eighth grade students in writing recount text? (2). What are the most grammatical errors committed by the students in writing recount text? The objectives of the study are to know whether the eighth grade students of SMPN 1 Kupang commit grammatical errors in writing their recount text or not, to categorize the types of grammatical errors produced by the eighth grade students of SMPN 1 Kupang in writing and to find what are the most common errors committed by the eighth grade students of SMPN 1 Kupang in doing their writing. The subjects of this study were 20 students in class A of SMPN 1 Kupang. In getting the data, the writer used descriptive method. This method aimed on describing the errors made by the students. The writer gave topics and students chose one of them to construct into a good recount text. The results of the study are: (1). The types of grammatical errors made by the students in writing recount text were omission, addition, misformation, and misordering. The number of errors in grammar was 198. (2). The most common grammatical errors in writing recount text committed by the students is misformation with 128 sentences (64,64%). Based on the result of the data analysis, the writer suggests: (1). The teacher should teach the students how to write a good text especially in writing recount text and give the students chance to practice, so the students should be focused in grammar especially in using tenses, pluralization, and possessive markers. (2). The eighth grade students of SMPN 1 Kupang should learn how to write a good text and focused on grammar especially in using simple past tense.

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