

Abstract

English in Indonesia is included as foreign language which the differences of the language could causes the difficulties for students to learn. It is important to find out the students difficulties in order to find the appropriate strategies in learning. This study aims to find out the problems faced by the students in learning English at vocational high school. Vocational High School students are required to have mastery in English, since English mastery is useful to get better carrier or continuing their study. The research question of this research is “what are students’ problems in learning English at a state vocational high school”? The purpose of this research was to find out students problems in learning English. The researcher used qualitative research and used descriptive qualitative as research design. The researcher involved eight students in a state vocational high school in Central Java as the participants. The researcher interviewed the participants to obtain the data. The findings of this study showed that there were some problems faced by the students. The problems were lack of motivation, lack of vocabulary, difficulty in memorizing the vocabulary, spelling problems, lack of grammar, anxiety, unsupportive environment, listening problems, and misintonation.

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