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Go, O my sons, and ascertain concerning Joseph and his brother, and despair not of the spirit of Allah. Lo! None despaired of the spirit of Allah save disbelieving folk.

(QS. Yusuf: 87)

Kita memiliki waktu sukses berbeda setiap orang, jangan berputus asa.

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ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mendeskripsikan vokal bahasa Inggris yang sulit untuk diucapkan oleh siswa dan faktor yang membuat siswa sulit mengucapkan vokal bahasa Inggris pada kelas 7 SMP N 2 Simo. Penelitian ini adalah penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Subjek dalam penelitian ini adalah siswa kelas 7 SMP N 2 Simo tahun pelajaran 2018/2019 khususnya kelas 7A dengan jumlah 30 siswa. Data penelitian berasal dari tes pengucapan vokal dan interview. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa siswa SMP N 2 Simo kesulitan mengucapkan beberapa vokal bahasa Inggris yang diucapkan. Vokal bahasa Inggris yang sulit diucapkan siswa diantaranya [æ], [ə], dan [ɜ:]. Diphthong yang sulit diucapkan adalah [eɪ], [aɪ] and [ɔɪ]. Faktor yang membuat siswa kesulitan dalam mengucapkan vokal bahasa Inggris adalah: 1) Gangguan bahasa asli, 2) rendahnya motivasi siswa dalam pembelajaran bahasa Inggris, 3) kurang seringnya pelajaran pengucapan bahasa Inggris 4) suasana pembelajaran yang kurang kondusif.

Kata kunci: pronunciation, kesulitan, huruf vokal

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is aimed to describe what vowel sounds are difficult to pronounce by the students and what factors that cause difficulties in pronouncing the English vowels at the seventh grade of SMP N 2 Simo. This research is descriptive qualitative research. The subject of this research was the seventh grade students of SMPN 2 Simo in 2018/2019 academic year namely class 7A that consisted of 30 students. The data in this research were obtained from pronunciation test and interview. The result showed that the students of SMPN 2 SIMO got some English vowel difficult to pronounce. The English vowel sounds which are difficult to pronounce by the students are [æ], [ə], [ɜ:]. And the diphthong sounds difficult to pronounce by the students are [eɪ], [aɪ] and [ɔɪ]. The factors that cause difficulties in pronouncing English vowels are: 1) Native language interference, 2) Students' low motivation in learning English, 3) Infrequent of pronunciation lesson, 4) Unconducive learning atmosphere

Keywords: pronunciation, difficulties, vowels sound

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