

MOTTO

“Always be kind and have courage.”

“Things never happen the same way twice”

-C.S. Lewis-

DEDICATION

This final project is dedicated with affection, love, and gratitude to :

- My beloved parents; Supriadiansyah and Suprihaten
- My beloved family
- All my friends

ABSTRACT

Candra, Alfin. (2020). *Improving Student's Writing Skill of Descriptive Text by Using Instagram Post as Visual Media at SMA N 2 Semarang in Academic Year 2019/2020*

Writing is one amongst the important skills learned in English. In writing, people can express their ideas and opinions in writing. during this virtual era, the method of learning to write down using the internet is kind of common for educators. One form of internet media used in learning to write is Instagram. Instagram may be a photo-based social media. Instagram is used in a trial to enhance the writing skills of class XI students at SMA N 2 Semarang. There is one question developed in this study. (1) is that the use of Instagram as a visible media within the writing class effective to improve students' skills in writing descriptive texts? The method used in this research is experimental research. Participants in this research were students of class XI IPS 1 in the 2019/2020 academic year. In this study, the instruments used were written tests in the form of pre-test and post-test and interviews. All students will get a written test. Then the researcher will choose 10 of the 36 students to be interviewed based on the post test results. The results of this study indicate that most of the participants have a positive response to the use of Instagram as a learning medium for writing. Instagram can provide a write caption feature on the photos you wish to upload and students may comment on the comments column on Instagram, besides that the quantity of photos uploaded on Instagram makes it easier for students to make descriptive text. However, there are still some issues in using Instagram such as being afraid to make mistakes in writing captions as a result of they lack confidence in writing captions in English. In addition, because Instagram is a photo-based social media, if you want to make a caption, the user should upload a photograph or video first, so this happens when students don't have the photo or image they want to upload.

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