

## ABSTRACT

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This Final Project was about the use of Authentic Materials to improve students' achievements in functional text writing. The objective of this study was to find out whether using authentic materials were effective to improve the students' achievements in writing application letters. The population of this study was the twelfth grade students of SMK Hidayatul Mubtadiin Bulusari Demak in the academic year 2015/2016 which consisted of 45 Students. Experimental research design was used in this study. Two classes were taken as the samples, the experimental class and control class. And the 1 class as the try out class. The data were collected using writing test. There were, try-out, pre-test and post test. The result of the of pre-test the control group was 67.00 and the mean score of the experimental group was 74.00. It meant that the mean score of the two groups were different. The result of the post test in the control group and experimental class were higher than the result of pre-test in the control and in the experimental class. It meant that authentic materials were effective and make the students understood how to write functional text correctly. Hence, the use of authentic materials were effective to improve the students' ability in writing application letters.

**Keywords: Authentic Materials, Functional Text Writing, Application Letters.**

## INTISARI

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Penelitian ini adalah tentang penggunaan Authentic Materials untuk meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam menulis surat lamaran pekerjaan. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui apakah penggunaan Authentic Materials dapat membantu siswa meningkatkan kemampuan mereka dalam menulis surat lamaran pekerjaan. Populasi dalam penelitian ini adalah kelas X SMK Hidayatul Mubtadiin Bulusari Demak tahun ajaran 2015/2016 dengan jumlah sebanyak 45 Siswa. Quasi Experimental research design digunakan dalam penelitian ini. 2 kelas digunakan sebagai sampel. Data dikumpulkan melalui tes tertulis. Yaitu Try-out, Pre-test, dan Post-test. Hasil dari penelitian menunjukkan bahwa nilai rata-rata pre-test di kelas percobaan adalah 74.00 dan di kelas kontrol 67.00. Setelah diberikan perlakuan selama enam pertemuan nilai rata-rata post test di kelas percobaan adalah 82.00 dan di kelas kontrol 74.00. Hasil tersebut menunjukkan bahwa ada perbedaan yang signifikan antara keduanya, siswa menjadi tau bagaimana menulis surat lamaran pekerjaan dengan benar, sehingga penggunaan authentic materials efektif untuk meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam menulis surat lamaran pekerjaan.

**Kata kunci: Authentic Materials, Menulis Functional Text, Surat Lamaran Pekerjaan.**