

ABSTRACT

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The background of the research was the problems faced by students in writing a Personal Letter at 11th grade of MAN 4 AGAM. There were some problems that researcher found. The First, some students could not develop their ideas when writing. The second, some students were confused in using tenses. Next, some students had limited vocabulary. The last, some students were wrong in diction. They didn't know the function of word itself. The purposes of this research were to find out the students' problems in writing personal letter and the causes of students' problems in writing personal letter at the 11th grade of MAN 4 AGAM.

In this research, the researcher used mix method by using descriptive design. The mix method was the combination of quantitative and qualitative research. The first was used to answer the students' problem in writing a personal letter. The second was used to find out the causes of students' problems in writing personal letter. The informants of this research were the students of XI IS-1 class, which it consisted of 19 students in MAN 4 AGAM. The data were got through documentation and interview. Documentation was used to get quantitative data and interview for qualitative data. The researcher asked the students' writing task from the teacher as a documentation. The interview was done directly.

In this research, to scoring students' writing, it was used assessing writing rubric by Cohen to find out the score of students' writing. Researcher used 3 raters. Each rater gave the score. After that, researcher calculated the average of all the scores. This research found five aspects of students' problems in writing a personal letter. The problems which percentage 18,2 % was content. The second was organization, with percentage 15,4 %. Next, the students problem in grammar was 25,3 %. After that, the problem of vocabulary was 23,2 %. The last, mechanics' problem was 17,7 %. Therefore, from the percentage, it can be concluded that the most common of students' problems was grammar. Moreover, there were some causes why students got problem in writing a personal letter. The first was psychological problem. This problem related to the lack self- confidence, lack of motivation, writing anxiety of students. The second was linguistic problem. It caused by ungrammatical, limited vocabulary. The last causes were cognitive problem. Some students got problem in organizing paragraph and generic structure. Thus, based on result of interview with some students, the most cause of problem was linguistic problems.

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