ABSTRACT

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This study deals with the usage of Google Translate (GT) in writing explanation text by XI Grade Students of SMA N 1 Air Putih. The objectives of this study were to explain the use of GT in writing explanation text by XI grade students of SMA N 1 Air Putih and to describe the teacher's reason in using GT as a media in writing explanation text. This research was conducted by using descripstive qualitative. The data were gathered by interviewing and distributing questionnaires to the teacher and the students. The usage of GT in writing explanation text mostly gave positive responses from both teacher and students. GT was simplest, time-saving, accessible and helpful. The interview and questionnaire results showed the most students answered GT was quite interesting (50%) and very interesting (39%), then not really (11%). Then, the data showed that the students agree that GT was simplest way and saved their time (50%), then some of them answered that it was quite simplest and time-saving (42%), and not really simplest and time-saving (8%). Most of students answered that GT was extremely helpful (45%), some of them felt that it was adequate helpful (39%), then some of them thought it was not really helpful (8%). The teacher use GT as a learning-media. She thought it can help the students to found a new vocabulary and stimulated the students more productive. She wanted to gave the students opportunity in utilized and enjoyed the technology during learning.

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