

## ABSTRACT

**Simanjuntak, Wira Milenia Febiyola, Developing English Teaching Materials Using a Debate Technique to Improve The Speaking Skills of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at Permata Bangsa School, A Thesis. English Education Program, Faculty of Language and Art, Universitas Negeri Medan, 2023.**

The use of textbooks as a teaching medium is similar to the conventional approach to class, applying a repeating strategy that students sometimes see as lacking in enthusiasm. There was a lack of two ways of communication between the teacher and the students. As a result, the students' ability in speaking doesn't grow as expected. The research conducted at Permata Bangsa School Binjai with 19 eighth-grade students as the subjects. This study used a debate technique to cultivate speaking material particular focused on the British Parliamentary Style. This study was categorized as a Research and Development (R&D) with questionnaire, interview as the data. The experts gave 98% for the developed speaking materials which means the suitability of the materials for usage by eighth-grade students at Permata Bangsa School Binjai has been confirmed valid through expert validation. The final product named "Speaking Materials Utilizing a Debate Technique for Eighth Grade Students in Junior High School."

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