

ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this study is to analyze of student's errors on the use of past tense in Narrative text based on the problem that students felt confused about using past tense in their writing especially Narrative text. The method of the study is qualitative descriptive. The researcher choose the grade VII students of SMP Negeri 3 Air Putih as the subject of study. The result showed that the researcher found four types of errors : omission, addition, misformation, misodering. Then, the researcher found the highest error made by students is misformation with 52,6 % percentages. This problem was influenced by student feeling which felt confused to understand simple past because they did not know the meaning and differences between regular verb and irregular verb. Therefore, students claimed if they were seldom to practice writing paragraph.

Key Words: Error Analysis, Past Tense, Narrative Text.

