## **ABSTRACT**

Alifya, Arvista. 2021. Students' Difficulties In Writing Descriptive Text at MTs. Al - Mujahidi, Tembokrejo, Gumukmas, Jember in 2019 – 2020 Academic Year. Thesis. English Education Program, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember. Advisors: (1) Yeni Mardiyana Devanti, S.S., M.Pd. (2) Widya Oktarini, M.Pd.

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Writing is a process which is included some steps that must be considered by the students as writer such as planning, organizing, drafting, revising and editing, in order to make their writing product can be understood by the readers. One of them is writing descriptive text. In writing the descriptive text of the 8th grade students of MTs. Al - Mujahidi Tembokrejo, Gumukmas, Jember is expected to be able to write descriptive text. They should be able to make a sentence in the form of simple present tense and develop their idea into descriptive text. The students should know the characterictis of the object, so it will be easier to construct a descriptive text. As stated before, writing is more difficult than others skill since it needs more aspects. Therefore, it is important to do a research entitled "Students' Difficulties In Writing Descriptive Text".

In this research, the problem is "what are students' difficulties in writing descriptive text eighth grade in MTs. Al – Mujahidi Tembokrejo, Gumukmas, Jember?" and the objective of this research is to analyze the students' difficulties in writing descriptive text. Based on the research problem and the relevant theory of this research is described as follows: Data reduction, data display and conclusion to analyze students' difficulties in writing descriptive text at MTs. Al – Mujahidi Tembokrejo, Gumukmas, Jember in 2019 – 2020 academic year.

The design of this research is qualitative research. The research subject is VIII class consisting of 20 students. The data are collected using questionnaire and worksheet. In order to analyze the data students' difficulties in writing descriptive text.

Based on the research result, it can be concluded that students' difficulties in writing descriptive text based on questionnaires and document analysis data, the difficulty of students writing descriptive texts is that students not sure of writing descriptive texts. And based on language features dominant difficulties is use simple present tense. It's mean that the students difficulties in grammar. Students can't arrange the word correctly and can't arrange simple present tense sentence correctly.