

ABSTRACT

**Ulpa, 2024. “*Students’ Difficulties in Writing Descriptive Text at SMP N 8 Palopo*”
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The aim of the research is investigate the students’ difficulties in writing descriptive text in the eighth grade at SMP N 8 Palopo. This research has two variables, namely descriptive text as dependent variable and students’ difficulties as independent variable. The research applied mixing method. The researcher applied purposive sampling technique in getting data because the sample data sources need special consideration. Special consideration here by taking the students that have low mean score in the class especially in English score. Based on the purposive sampling technique, the researcher’s subjects are 15 from 25 students. The result of this research showed that the students’ difficulties in writing descriptive text are 1) organization in their weakness in arranging introduction, content and conclusion,2) Vocabulary in their difficulties or have limited vocabulary and they used uncommon or difficult vocabulary, 3) Grammar in structure of the language in writing descriptive text.

Key Words: Students’ Difficulties, Descriptive Text, Writing Difficulty