

ABSTRACT

Nur Idawati, 2024, *“Effectiveness of Podcast to Improve Students Speaking Skills at SMAN 11 Luwu Utara”*. A thesis of English Language Education Study Program of Tarbiyah and Teacher Training for the State Islamic Institute Palopo. Supervised by consultant (1) Sahraini and consultant (2) Fadhliyah Rahmah Muin.

This research aimed to determine the effectiveness of podcast to improve students speaking skill at SMAN 11 Luwu Utara. A pre-experimental study was used in this research. This research applied group pre-test design. The Population of this research consisted of 95 students in 4 classes for the eleventh grade of SMAN 11 Luwu Utara. The sample was taken by using a random sampling technique, which consisted of 20 students. While the research instrument used was a speaking test. The data were analyzed by calculating using Paired Sample T-test and calculated by using SPSS 29. The data were analyzed by calculating the mean score and paired sample t-test. This research showed the mean score on Post-Test (12.4) was higher than the Pre-Test (8.7). The value of data analysis, t_{count} (9.144), While the t_{table} for the standard of significance level (0.05) on df (degree of freedom) value 19 was 2.093, which means the data stated that the value of t_{count} is higher than the value of t_{table} . On the other hand, the alternative hypothesis (H_1) was accepted, and the null (H_0) was rejected. It can be concluded that using Podcast is effective and can recommended to improve students speaking skills.

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