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**THE INFLUENCE OF THE APPLICATION OF MIND MAPPING
STRATEGY ON STUDENTS' COMPETENCE IN WRITING NARRATIVE
PARAGRAPH AT THE SECOND YEAR STUDENTS OF SMP WAHIDIN
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ABSTRACT

ANI YUNIARTI : The Influence Of the Application of Mind Mapping Strategy On Students' Competence in Writing Narrative Paragraph at The Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*

The main duty of teacher is carrying out activities of learning. Teacher should know the meaning of learning activity, teaching and learning strategy in order to create an effective activity. One of learning object is English. There are four major skills of language that the learners have to improve: speaking, reading, writing, and listening. But actually writing skill is considered as the most difficult among them. In the writing process, there are some obstacles inside. Teacher should select and decide the appropriate strategies to overcome writing problem. One of them is mind mapping. Mind map is represent one of the strategy of study by means of approach of brain entirety. This strategy gives opportunity to student to raise original idea and to trigger easy memory. In this way the student expected to please their learn and their creative so that can improve mastery of the subject

The objectives of this study are to find out the data about the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*, to find out the data about the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph before the application of mind mapping strategy (pre test), to find out the data about the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph after the application of mind mapping strategy (post test), to find out the data about The Influence Of The Application of Mind Mapping Strategy on Students' Competence in Writing Narrative Paragraph.

The research design in writing this thesis is experiment. The model of experiment is one group pre test and post test design. The population of this research is the second year students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*. The researcher uses class VII A it is consists of 40 students.

The result of the questionnaire shows that average score of the application of mind mapping strategy as X variable is 70.65. Result of mean percentage is equal to 38.75 % strongly agree (SA), agree (A) 41.975 %, neutral (N) 6.5% disagree (DA) 7.375 % and strongly disagree (DSA) 5.125 %. The mean score before the treatment is 55.9, and the mean score after the treatment is 75.525. The computation of the t_{test} score of students' writing narrative paragraph is 21.90 and t table is 1.685 so $t_{test} > t_{table}$, or $21.90 > 1.6853$

From the data above, it can be concluded that the students' competence after the application of mind mapping strategy is higher than before application of mind mapping strategy. So the writer should find appropriate strategy to improve students' competence in writing narrative paragraph



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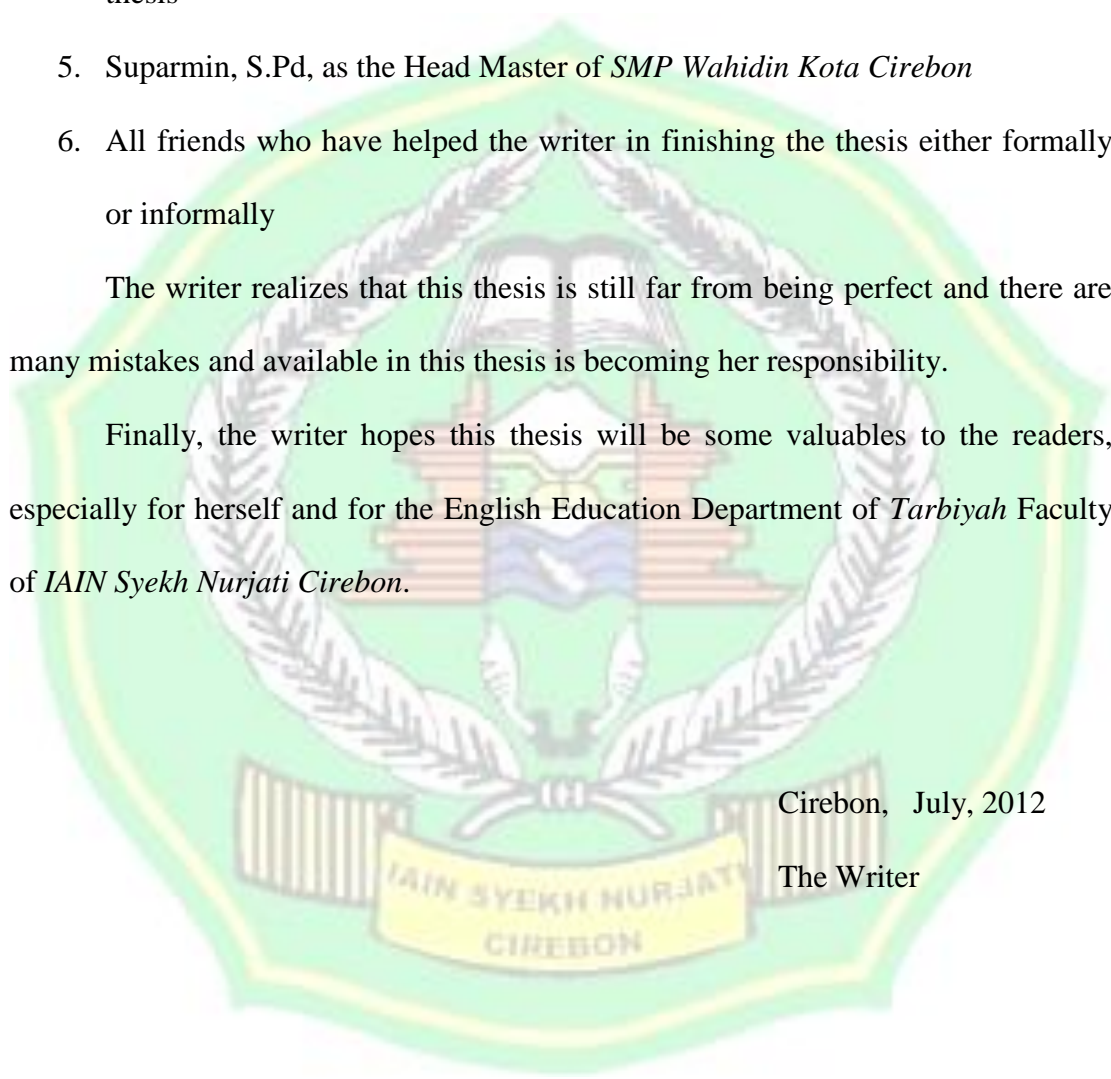
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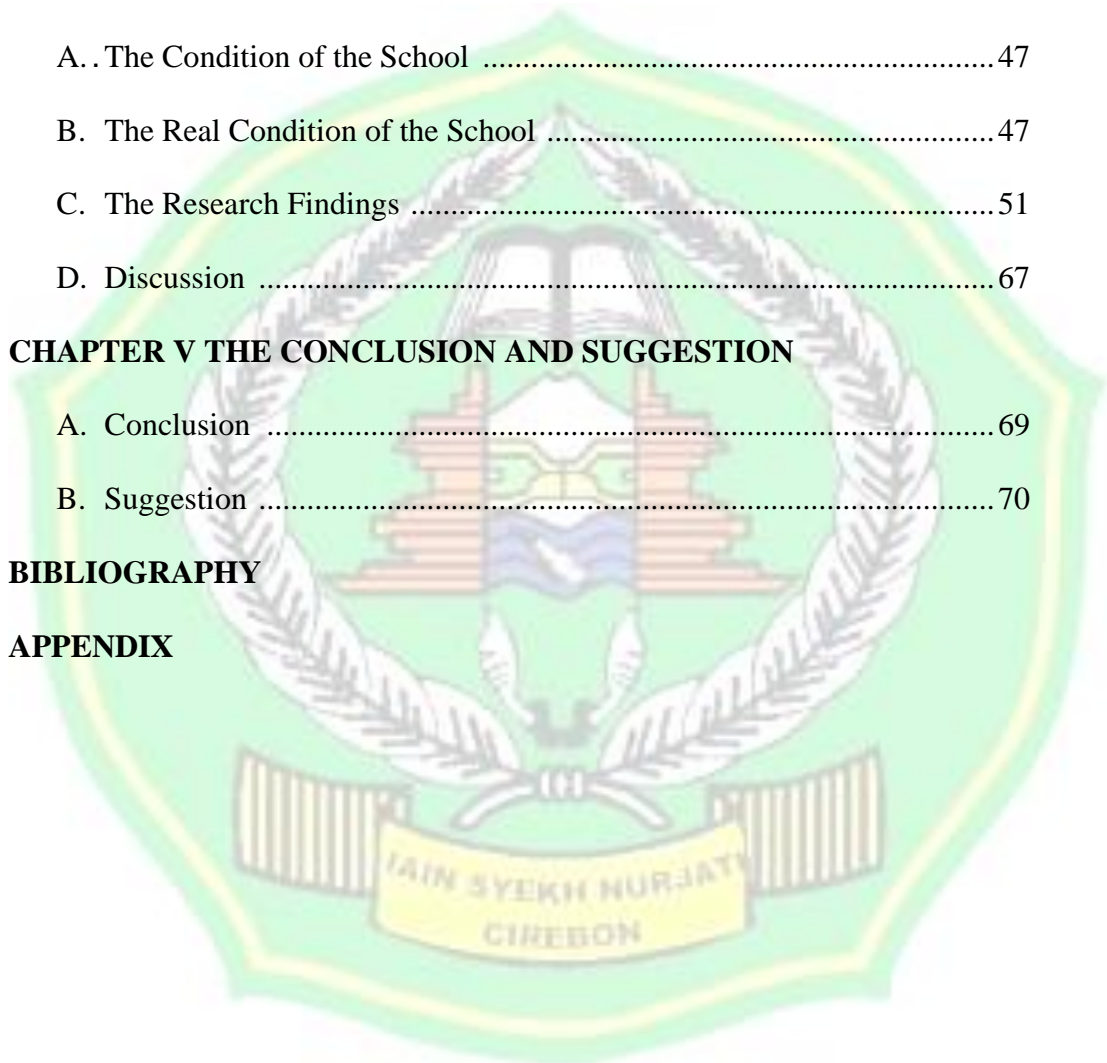
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of The Problem

Language plays an important role in human life, because language is a tool of human communication in daily life. By language, one can convey ideas, minds, feelings or information to others in orally and writing.

Language used in most human activities, without language human can not express his feelings, his desire, give advice and opinions. In expressing their language is different, there are speaking and writing.

Any human activity that is expressed in many ways it contains a meaning and purpose. So is the language that poured into the form of writing is an attempt to express thoughts and feelings that exist in a person through language.

In learning language, there are 4 major skills that the learners have to improve; speaking, reading, writing and listening. But among them mostly writing skill is considered as the most difficult.

Patel and Jain (2008 : 125)stated that writing is essential features of learning a language because it provides a very good means of foxing the vocabulary, spelling and sentence pattern. It becomes important aspect of students' expression at higher stage. Writing is a skill which must be taught and practiced.



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Paige Wilson and Teresa (2009: 205) states that think of writing as including levels of structures, beginning small with word connecting to form phrases, clauses and sentences. Then sentence connect to form paragraph and essays. To communicate clearly in writing, word must be chosen and spelled correctly.

Since the KTSP (Kurikulum Satuan Tingkat Pendidikan) announced in 2006, which more focus on genre in teaching writing, students are expected to be able to write many genres, such as descriptive, recount, exposition, reports, news item, anecdote and narrative. Students are challenged to produce a product that is a piece of well organized text.

However, in practical, students often face some difficulties in writing text. Kim (2005) states that students have struggle with many structural issues including selecting proper words, using correct grammar, generating ideas, and developing functional language skills, such as proper natural language use in different social contexts and using language in creative ways.

Ghait (2001) in his journal “ problems of teaching writing” stated that students should recognize that writing is recursive process and the first time to get it is by involving students’ experience topic in their writing process in order to help them willing to explore, revise and edit their own writing.

Narrative writing deals with students’ experience. According to Kay and Humpreys (1993: 83), Narrative requires simply the recounting of an event or sequence of event and it deals with an experience. Narration is storytelling, whether we are relating a single story or several related ones. Through narration, we make a



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statement clear by relating in detail something that has happened to us (Langan, 1987 :191).

Therefore, to solve the problem in learning writing, teacher should apply an effective techniques related in teaching writing. And the techniques should be learning ability in the other words, the extent to which writing can be learned without difficult. According to Buzan (2008: 4) stated that Mind mapping is a creative way of record, effective, in halfiah to be "minds" mapping. In additional Bobbi and Hernacki (1992 : 153) said that mind map is a technique use the whole brain by using visual images and other graphics infrastructure to form an impression.

There are some studies in the area of teaching writing. Such as: Nurlaeni (2010), Indriani (2008), and Maulida (2008).

The aims of research carried by Nurlaeni (2010) were to describe the result of the students' response of mind map and the correlation between the students' response and their competence in writing descriptive text. The difference between the pervious studies with the current is in the object of research. The writer object's is in junior high school at the second year students, but Nurlaeni's is at the first year students. After analyzed, she got high correlation.

Furthermore, a study conducted by Indriani (2008) shows that 81.5 % of the students agree that mind map increases their memorizing skill as well as creating a new idea and imagination, 92.6 % of the students say that it helps them to write, and 100% agree that they get advantages by mind mapping



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In other hand, Maulida (2008) applied that using series of picture in her research to find the effectiveness in teaching narrative writing. Her research was conducted in the eleventh grade of SMAN 1 Cilegon. The visual media is succeeded to attract students' attention and there is a significant result of students writing score.

Those are the research in writing narrative. Most of the researches were succeeded; its means that the research is progressive. In this research the researcher will take mind mapping as a strategy in writing narrative. Beside that, the researcher wants to know is there any influence the application of mind mapping strategy on the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph. This research has difference with the other researches. The differences are in the object and the treatment

Concerning the explanation above, the writer is interested in investigating the influence of the application of mind mapping strategy on students' competence in writing narrative paragraph.

B. The Identification of The Problem

The problem in this research is classified into the following section:

1). The Field of The Research

The field of the research of this thesis is writing.

2). The Kinds of The Problem

The kinds of the problem namely:



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- a. The lack of variety of learning strategy teachers use when learning to write a narrative
- b. The low student motivation for learning teachers make it difficult to improve student learning outcomes
- c. The facilities and infrastructure are inadequate
- d. The lack of teacher competence
- e. Low interest of students towards learning to write English, learning activities of students' writing tends to be low.
- f. Inability of students in expressing and developing ideas in writing.
- g. Inability of students in the organization of writing a meaningful

3).The Main of the Problem

The main problem of this research is the students are less active and have difficulty to develop the idea to write a narrative paragraph.

C. The Limitation of The Problem

As limitation, the research only focus on the students' response to the application of mind mapping strategy on students' competence in writing narrative paragraph at the second year students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*.



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D. The Questions of The Research

The research formulates the problem into three questions, namely:

- 1) How is the students' response to the application of mind mapping strategy in writing narrative paragraph at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*?
- 2) How is the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph before the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*?
- 3) How is the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph after the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*?
- 4) Is there any positive and significant The Influence of The Application of Mind Mapping Strategy on Students' Competence in writing narrative paragraph at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*?

E. The Aims of The Research

The research purposes three kinds of aims of research as follows:

- 1) To find out the data about the students' response to the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon*



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- 2) To find out the data about the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph before the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon* .
- 3) To find out the data about the students' competence in writing narrative paragraph after the application of mind mapping strategy at the Second Year Students of *SMP Wahidin Kota Cirebon* .
- 4) To find out the data about The Influence of The Application of Mind Mapping Strategy on Students' Competence in Writing Narrative Paragraph.

F. The Uses of The Research

- 1) For The Learner

Mind mapping help to make evident the key concepts or proposition to be learned and also suggest linkages between the knowledge and what he or she already knows.

- 2) For The Teacher

Mind mapping can be used to determine pathways for organizing meanings and for negotiating meanings with students, as well as to print out students' miss conceptions.

- 3) In Curriculum Planning and Organization

Mind mapping are useful for separating significant from trivial information and for choosing examples.



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The suggestions are as follows:

- For English Teacher, it is suggested to apply the mind mapping strategy in teaching narrative paragraph especially for writing skill
- Also it is suggested for English teacher to apply mind mapping strategy in different kind of paragraph and to investigate the application of mind mapping strategy in other skills, such as listening, reading or speaking.





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