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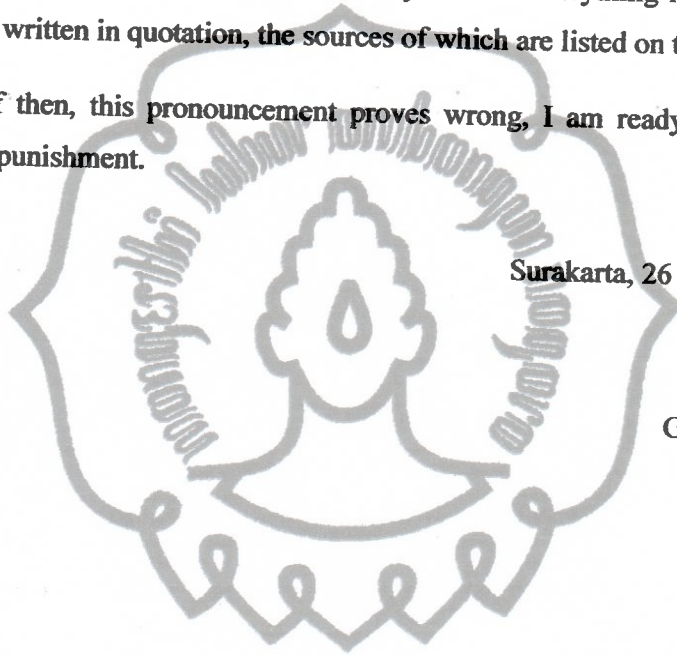
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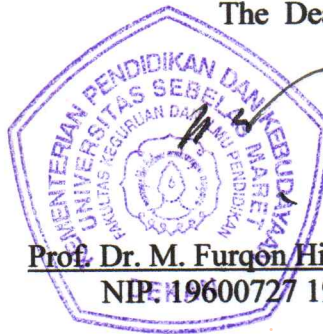
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ABSTRACT

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This research aims at: 1) identifying how the use of Google Docs can improve students' writing skill of descriptive text; and 2) describing the class climate when Google Docs is implemented in the writing class.

The method used in this research is a collaborative action research which was conducted in two cycles at the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 3 Sukoharjo from August 2nd to October 1st 2012, in which in the first cycle there were 3 meetings and in the second cycle there were 2 meetings. Each cycle consisted of four steps: planning, implementing, evaluation, and reflection. The research data were collected by using observation, questionnaire, interviews, field notes, photographs, and tests. The qualitative data were analyzed through assembling the data, coding, comparing, building interpretations, and reporting the outcomes. The quantitative data were analyzed by comparing the mean scores of the pre-test and the post-tests.

The research findings show that Google Docs could improve students' writing skill of descriptive text and classroom climate of English class. The improvement of students' writing skill includes: 1) students could develop their idea; 2) students were able to make coherence and cohesive text; 3) students could find and use the appropriate vocabularies; 4) students made fewer mistakes in grammar; 5) students made fewer mistakes in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. The improvement of classroom situation includes: 1) students were always ready to have writing class immediately; 2) students developed the idea fluently without talking with other students; 3) students paid full attention to the lesson; 4) it did not take students a long time anymore to write sentence; 5) students made less noisy during the lesson. The mean score had the improvement from pretest to the post-test 2. In the pretest, the students got 62.39, while in the post test 1 they got 69.91 and in the post test 2 they got 77.04.

The researcher finds that this research could improve students' writing skill and the class climate. It becomes one appropriate way in teaching writing. The researcher hopes that what he had done provides other teachers inspiration to conduct a collaborative action research in their classroom. Teachers should always try to create an interesting media in their writing class in order to make students interested in writing.

Keywords: *Writing, Google Docs, Descriptive Text, SMP Students*

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“The ink of the scholar is more sacred than the blood of the martyr”

(H.R Muslim)



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|------|--|
| AR | : Action Research |
| ICT | : Information and Communication Technologies |
| KKM | : Kriteria Ketuntasan Minimal |
| KTSP | : Kurikulum Tingkat Satuan Pendidikan |
| LKS | : Lembar Kerja Siswa |
| PR | : Pekerjaan Rumah |
| SMP | : Sekolah Menengah Pertama |



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