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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini menyajikan hasil dan analisis wawancara yang dilakukan dengan mahasiswa berprestasi di bidang bahasa Inggris di Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatera Utara. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode fenomenologi dan pengumpulan datanya menggunakan wawancara. Wawancara bertujuan untuk mendapatkan pemahaman mendalam tentang strategi pembelajaran yang digunakan oleh mahasiswa berprestasi di bidang bahasa Inggris dan tantangan yang mereka hadapi selama belajar bahasa Inggris di masa pandemi COVID-19. Partisipan penelitian ini terdiri dari lima mahasiswa berprestasi bahasa Inggris yang diseleksi berdasarkan transkrip nilai dari semester 1 hingga 7. Temuan ini berguna bagi siswa untuk memahami strategi pembelajaran yang cocok untuk mereka gunakan dalam pembelajaran bahasa Inggris, baik offline maupun online. Siswa harus menentukan strategi yang dibutuhkan dalam pembelajaran dan menganalisis strategi mana yang lebih berdampak positif pada proses pembelajaran. Sehingga siswa menjadi lebih semangat dan termotivasi dalam belajar. Dengan demikian, siswa tidak akan mudah merasa bosan dan malas untuk belajar.

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ABSTRACT

This study presents the results and analysis of interviews conducted with outstanding students of English at State Islamic University of North Sumatra. This study used phenomenological methods and data collection using interviews. The interview aims to gain an in-depth understanding of the learning strategies used by extraordinary students in English and what challenges they faced while studying during the COVID-19 pandemic. Research participants consisted of five outstanding students in English who were selected based on transcripts of grades from semesters 1 to 7. This finding is useful for students to understand learning strategies suitable for them to use in learning English, both offline and online. Students must determine the strategies needed in learning and analyze which strategies have a more positive impact on the learning process. So that students become more enthusiastic and motivated in learning. Thus, students will not easily feel bored and lazy to study.

Keywords: *learning strategy, outstanding student, online learning*



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