CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCH

1.1 Method of research

In this research the researcher uses Qualitative method. By using this method the researcher will describe the students’ ability in using past tense in recount text.

1.1.1 Participant Of the research

Setting of this research is the students of SMP N I Batudaa. The total of participant is 34 students of VIII grade.

3.1.2 The technique of data collecting

In this research, the technique to collect the data is by using test as an instrument. In this case recount text is used. Form of the text that students do fill in the blank form. From the text students will fill the sentences based on text. In recount text there are missing words and then students will be given the direction to answer the questions. This test consists of 30 questions. Each number of the questions will get one value for the true answer and will get zero for false answer.

1.1.2 Technique of data analysis

The researchers will analysis the ability of the students from the data with qualitative analysis to see their ability from score. The step in analyzing the data is
a. Identification

The researcher will identify the students answer based on tenses focus on past tense.

b. Classification

The researcher will classified the students answer by investigating them on tenses focus in past tense.

c. Analysis

After collecting the result of the students test the research will analysis the data by using the formula, which is used in finding the percentage of students’ ability is as follow:

\[ X = \frac{\Sigma x}{n} \times 100\% \]

Note : \( X \) = the average of the students’ ability

\( \Sigma x \) = the number of students’ right answer

\( N \) = the total score of the test

Arikunto (2007, p.271)

To describe the students’ ability on each indicator, the researcher would like to classify the result of the students’ ability in using past tense. It can be stated as follow:

1. If the students’ correct answer were is about 81 % - 100 %, it was that their ability in using past tense is highest.
2. If the students’ correct answer were is about 61 % - 80 %, it was that their ability in using past tense is high.
3. If the students’ correct answer were is about 41 % - 60 %, it was that their ability in using past tense is average.
4. If the students’ correct answer were is about 21 % - 40 %, it was that their ability in using past tense is low.
5. If the students’ correct answer is less than 20 % it was that their ability in using past tense is lowest.