

ABSTRACT

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This topic of this study is teaching writing news item texts to the tenth grade students of SMA Negeri 1 Gubug by using www.thejakartapost.com electronic newspaper as a teaching media. The objectives of the study are to find out whether or not the use of www.thejakartapost.com electronic newspaper is effective to the students' mastery in writing news item text and also to find out how significant is the difference between writing achievement of students who are taught writing news item texts by using www.thejakartapost.com electronic newspaper as the medium and those who are taught without using www.thejakartapost.com electronic newspaper as a medium.

The design of the study is experimental research. The subject of this research was tenth grade students of SMA Negeri 1 Gubug in the academic year of 2011/ 2012. It consisted of two purposive random sampling group, they were experimental and control group.

The research was conducted by giving pre test, treatment, and post test to both groups. The result of the test was analyzed by using *t*-test formula to compare the students' writing result in writing news item text, between the two group. The normality and homogeneity of both pre test and post test were also used to support the result.

The result shows the pre test mean of the control group was 66.73 the post test mean of the control group was 72.92. Whereas, the pre test mean of the experiment group was 67.81 while the post test mean of the experiment group was 77.35. Thus, from the *t*-test computation, it can be obtained that the difference pre test and post test score between experimental and control group was 7.24.

The *t*-test computation of the post test score, shows that there is significant difference between the experimental group and the control group because $t_{\text{value}} > t_{\text{table}} = 10.84 > 1.99$.

Therefore, it can be concluded that www.thejakartapost.com electronic newspaper is an effective medium in teaching writing news item text. The English teacher is expected to be creative in delivering material of learning. They should provide interesting media to attract students' interest such as electronic newspaper related to the lesson.