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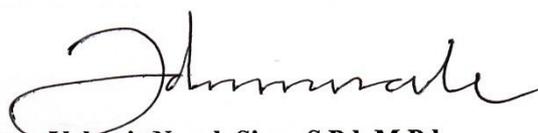
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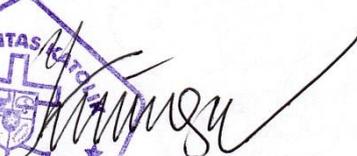
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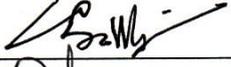
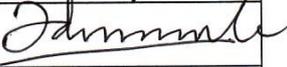
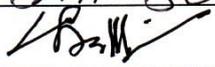
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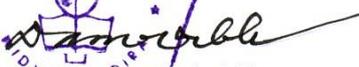
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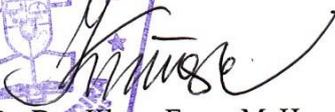
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## ABSTRACT

This study is entitled “ **THE ABILITY IN USING PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE AND TIME OF THE SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS OF SMPK ST. AGUSTINUS ADISUCIPTO KUPANG IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016/2017**”. This study was conducted to answer the following questions: (1) Are the seventh grade students of SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang in the school year 2016/2017 able to use the prepositions of place and time in English sentences or not? (2) What is the ability level of the seventh grade students of SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang in the school year 2016/2017 in using the prepositions of place and time? (3) What are the areas of difficulties that might be faced by the students in using prepositions of place and time? The objectives of the study are: (1) To know the ability of the seventh grade students of SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang in the school year 2016/2017 in using prepositions of place and time in English sentence. (2) To know the students’ levels of ability in using prepositions of place and time in English sentence. (3) To find out the areas of difficulties that might be faced by the students in using prepositions of place and time. In this study the writer used normative survey method because the ability level of the students in using prepositions of place and time is obtained through correction and quantification of the data in form of answer sheets of the students. The study was conducted in SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang. The instrument used in getting the data was a test consisting of multiple choice tests, and sentence completion with the total number of test items was 60. The result of the study shows that (1) The seventh grade students of SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang in the school year 2016/2017 are able to use the prepositions of place and time (2) The level ability of the students in using prepositions of place and time is 7.09 which is classified as *fairly good* (3). The difficulties faced by the seventh grade students of SMPK St. Agustinus Adisucipto Kupang in using prepositions of place and time were how to use preposition *at* as preposition of place and how to use preposition *in* as preposition of time. Based on the result of the study, the writer would like to give some suggestions for the English teacher and the students in the researched school, (1) For the English teacher: in order to maintain and increase the students’ ability in using the prepositions of place and time the teacher should give the student explanations and practices more about how to use prepositions in sentences until they master them. (2) The students should do more exercises about the use of preposition in sentences.

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