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Khusnul Khotimah Faisal. SRN. 191230073. The Analysis of Students' Ability in Constructing Conditional Sentences (At The Eleventh Grade Students of SMA N1 Waringinkurung in Academic Year 2022/2023)

This research investigates the ability of eleventh-grade students at SMA Negeri 1 Waringinkurung to construct conditional sentences. The study involves a sample of 32 students and aims to assess their proficiency in constructing such sentences, as well as identify the most challenging aspects of conditional sentence construction. The research utilizes qualitative content analysis as its methodology, employing administered tests and interviews as instruments. The assessment results indicate that the students possess a good ability in constructing conditional sentences, with an average score of 71.75%. The students demonstrated competence in constructing correct conditional sentences, accumulating a total of 2296 points for correct answers. However, there were 904 points deducted for incorrect answers. indicating areas requiring improvement. Among the common mistakes, verb tenses accounted for 272 errors, followed by the use of modal verbs with 128 errors. The formula of conditional sentences and the identification of main and if clauses presented fewer difficulties, with only 7 mistakes each. Additionally, there were 20 mistakes related to word order. Furthermore, interviews conducted with 12 students revealed that the most difficult part of the test for them was verb tenses. Detailed analysis uncovered that students struggled with selecting the appropriate verb tenses for different types of conditional sentences. Nonetheless, this suggests that the majority of students possess a strong grasp of other aspects of language. These findings shed light on specific areas where students encountered challenges in constructing conditional sentences. By identifying these difficulties, educators can focus on addressing them effectively to enhance students' overall proficiency in constructing conditional sentences.

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