

ABSTRACT

A Survey of English Vocabulary Size in Senior High School

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Vocabulary is one of language components that is very important to help students learn English language. By having good vocabulary size, people may be able to communicate, speak, read, write and listen to the language well. It is the reason why vocabulary is central to language and vocabulary is important as the basic need in learning a target language. The researcher used Word Definition Matching Format to measure student vocabulary size. It can be used to know student vocabulary size in Senior High School.

The objective of the research was to find out whether there was a different between science students and social science students in mastering vocabulary size at second grade of Senior High School in Bandar Lampung. The researcher used independent sample test design. The sample of this research was second grade of senior high school students at public and private senior high school in bandar lampung. The word definition matching format vocabulary test was used as the instrument of the research. The data was analyzed by using t-test in which the significance was determined by $p < 0.05$.

The result showed that the students' mean score in science was 3250 while the social science mean score was 2794,5. The result also showed that there was a difference of the mean score. The gain score was 455,5, it was noted that $p = 0.000$. It proves that the the students' score were significantly different ($p < 0.05$). So, the hypothesis proposed in this research was accepted. In conclusion, it can be said that science student in senior high school is better than social science students in vocabulary size.