Abstract

Strategies are employed in order to improve listening skill and cope up with listening problems as mastering listening is necessity for English language learners. This evidence happened in an English language department of a private university in Yogyakarta. This research aimed to explore students’ strategies in improving listening skill. In gathering data, qualitative research method is employed and interview is used as an instrument to collect data. Six participants were interviewed. This research revealed that students used various strategies in order to improve their listening skill, namely cooperating with friends, and asking for clarification. In addition, most of the participants are using audio or audio visual such as movie, music, podcast, and video to help them applied the strategies. Other strategies are paying attention to the familiar word, repeating the audio, mimicking, note-taking, paying attention to the phonetic, keywords, and accents, and connecting word to the other word. Different strategies occurred because some students facing different problems, different concern in listening, and different learning style.

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