

## **Abstract**

There are four skill in english namely listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The most impirtant skill from four skills is speaking. Trough speaking we can deliver the message well. Therefore speaking is categorized as the most important skill. Speaking difficulties become one of the problems occurred for EFL students. It also happened in English Education Department of Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. This research is conducted to find out the difficulties faced by English Education Department.

The data collection method employed in this research was qualitative research. Three students of batch 2013 of EED UMY participated in this research. They were invited to attend interview session. They were interviewed one by one. The interview was recorded. The result of interview was transcribed and member checked to prove the trustworthiness of the interview.

The research found that difficulties occurring in EED were: inhibition, Lack of topical knowledge, low participation and mother tongue used. To cope with those problems the respondents came up with some strategies. Those strategies are: Self-talk, reading English book to enrich the vocabulary, English debate practice, daily conversation in English, make a note, self-motivation, looking for partner to practice English.

*Keyword:* speaking difficulties, strategies.