

CHAPTER IV

RESULT OF THE STUDY

A. Description of the Data

1. The Students' Difficulties in Making Verbal Sentences in Simple Past

Tense at The Eight Grades of Mts An-Nur Palangka Raya

In this case, the researcher would like to present about the students' score making verbal sentences in simple past tense. The students' score can be showed the table below

Table 4.1
The Students Score in Making Verbal Sentences in Simple Past Tense.

No.	The Students' Initial	Right Answer	Scores
1.	NS	10	25
2.	FEW	12	30
3.	FAD	21	53
4.	PF	19	48
5.	NV	20	50
6.	DNS	19	48
7.	DI	22	55
8.	ANA	18	45
9.	YU	10	25
10.	AM	22	55
11.	MA	13	33
12.	DP	29	73
13.	NH	28	70
14.	AG	21	53
15.	GMW	25	63

16.	RH	23	58
17.	AS	26	65
18.	FA	19	48
19.	AP	17	43
20.	RA	19	48
21.	AB	24	60
22.	AGV	17	43
23.	RRD	4	10
24.	DS	12	30
25.	AMU	22	55
26.	AND	21	53
27.	HSW	21	53

Based on the table above showed that there were 27 students followed the test. Their scores of the test result were arranged orderly. It can explained that no-one of the students got excellent score, but there were 4 (four) students got the good score, there were 17 (seventeen) students got the fair score, there were 5 (five) students got the less score and there was 1 (one) student got the poor score.

In order to be clear, the scores of the students' difficulties in making verbal sentences in simple past tense by the eight grade of Mts An-Nur Palangka Raya could be seen in the following table:

Table 4.2
The Frequency and the Percentage of the Students' Score in Making Verbal Sentences in Simple Past Tense

No.	Students' Score		Frequency	Percentage
	Scale	Qualification		
1.	81 - 100	Excellent	-	-
2.	61 – 80	Good	4	14,81%
3.	41 – 60	Fair	17	62,96%
4.	21 – 40	Less	5	18,53%
5.	0 – 20	Poor	1	3,70%
			27	100%

Based on the description above, it can be concluded that the eight grade students of Mts An-Nur Palangka Raya in academic year 2014/2015 still faced some difficulties in making verbal sentence in simple past tense. The fact that 3,70% got the poor score, 18,53% got the less score , 62,96% got fair score and only 14,81.% got good score. It indicated the ability of the students in making verbal sentences in simple past tense was fair.

The number of correct and incorrect answer of the instruments by the eight grade students of Mts An-Nur Palangka Raya could be seen in the following table:

Table 4.3
The Number of Correct and Incorrect Answer of The Instruments

No.	Number of Item	Correct Answer	Incorrect Answer
1.	Item 1	22	18
2.	Item 2	18	22
3.	Item 3	10	30

4.	Item 4	17	23
5.	Item 5	5	35
6.	Item 6	20	20
7.	Item 7	17	23
8.	Item 8	10	30
9.	Item 9	12	28
10.	Item 10	16	24
11.	Item 11	19	21
12.	Item 12	11	29
13.	Item 13	14	26
14.	Item 14	13	27
15.	Item 15	14	26
16.	Item 16	12	28
17.	Item 17	2	38
18.	Item 18	10	30
19.	Item 19	16	24
20.	Item 20	6	34
21.	Item 21	2	38
22.	Item 22	3	37
23.	Item 23	19	21
24.	Item 24	3	37
25.	Item 25	10	30

26.	Item 26	15	25
27.	Item 27	25	15
28.	Item 28	0	40
29.	Item 29	23	17
30.	Item 30	0	40
31.	Item 31	19	21
32.	Item 32	14	26
33.	Item 33	25	15
34.	Item 34	0	40
35.	Item 35	13	27
36.	Item 36	0	40
37.	Item 37	13	27
38.	Item 38	25	15
39.	Item 39	14	26
40.	Item 40	23	17

Based on the table above showed that all of the students could not answer 4 (four) items (28, 30, 34, and 36), there were 2 (two) items (17, 21), that the students only have 2 correct answer. 1 (one) item (5) that the students only have 5 correct answer. 4 (four) items (3, 8, 18, 10) the students only have 10 correct answer. And there were 3 (three) items (27, 33, 25) that the students have 25 correct answer.

2. The Causes of The Students' Difficulties in Using Verbal Sentences on Simple Past Tense

There were some factors, which influence the students' failure in understanding verbal sentence in simple past tense such as:

- a. The students did not know exactly the change of the verb from infinitive to past form. For example:

Item Number 3

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
A : From the last TV show, they a bigfoot! B : Cool! a. see b. seen c. saw d. seeing	A : From the last TV show, they a bigfoot! B : Cool! a. see b. seen c. saw d. seeing	17

In this item there were 17 students have incorrect answer, The students didn't know the past form of see. It should use saw as past form. It because the students lack of curiosity to the material (verbal sentence in simple past tense).

Item Number 9

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
Weat the library for three hours yesterday. a. studied b. study c. studies d. studying	Weat the library for three hours yesterday. a. studied b. study c. studies d. studying	15

In this item, there were 15 students have incorrect answer, the students didn't add -ed. They didn't know the past form of study. It should use studied. The cause of they difficulties also because they less attention and motivation when the teacher explains the material.

Item Number 16

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
John..... to New York last month. a. Gone b. Going c. Went d. Go	John..... to New York last month. a. Gone b. Going c. Went d. Go	12

In this item, there were 12 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of go. It should use went as past form. They lack of curiosity and too lazy to ask the teacher when the material is unclear.

Item Number 17

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	25

In this item, there were 25 students have incorrect answer. The students confused with the option. They didn't know the past form of run. It should use ran as a subject. They were also lazy to looking for in the dictionary about infinitive and past form.

Item Number 20

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
She the floor last night. a. swept b. sweeping c. is sweeping d. sweeps	She the floor last night. a. swept b. sweeping c. is sweeping d. sweeps	8 students answered sweeps and 13 students answered sweeping

In this item, there were 21 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of sweep. It should use swept as past form. They less motivation to learn English, especially in verbal sentence in past tense.

Item Number 22

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
She some eggs and some bread this morning. a. ate b. was eat c. eats d. is eating	She some eggs and some bread this morning. a. ate b. was eat c. eats d. is eating	10 students answered eats and 14 students answered is eating.

In this item, there were 17 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of eat. It should use ate as past form. They were lazy to study English in their home or in the school.

Item Number 24

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
You.... Him in that lobby yesterday. a. see b. saw c. soon d. came	You.... Him in that lobby yesterday. a. see b. saw c. soon d. came	14 students answered see and 10 students answered came.

In this item, there were 24 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of see and the meaning of see. It should use saw as past form. They lack of curiosity and too lazy to ask the teacher when the material is unclear.

Item Number 1 Part B

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
She meets/meeted her uncle last night.	She met her uncle last night.	7 students answered meets 5 meeted.

In this item, there were 12 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of meet. It should use met as past form. They lack of interest to study when the teacher explain in, they busy with themselves.

Item Number 7 Part B (Completion)

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
He gives/ gived me an orange last week.	He gave me an orange last week.	5 students answered gives and 8 students answered gived.

In this item, there were 13 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of give. It should use gave as past form. The situation of learning English was less conducive.

- b. The students did not know the regular and irregular verb so they cannot do the test well.

For example:

Item Number 16

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
John..... to New York last month. a. Gone b. Going c. Went d. Go	John..... to New York last month. a. Gone b. Going c. Went d. Go	15

In this item, there were 15 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of go. It should use went as irregular verb (go-went-gone). They lack of curiosity and too lazy to ask the teacher when the material is unclear.

Item Number 17

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	17

In this item, there were 17 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of run. It should use ran as irregular verb (run-ran-run). They were also lazy to looking for in the dictionary about infinitive and past form.

Item Number 22

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
She some eggs and some bread this morning. a. ate b. was eat c. eats d. is eating	She some eggs and some bread this morning. a. ate b. was eat c. eats d. is eating	10 students answered eats and 14 students answered is eating.

In this item, there were 24 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of eat. It should use ate as irregular verb (eat-ate-eaten). They were lazy to study English in their home or in the school.

Item Number 24

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
You.... Him in that lobby yesterday. a. see b. saw c. soon d. came	You.... Him in that lobby yesterday. a. see b. saw c. soon	14 students answered see and 10 students answered came.

	d. came	
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In this item, there were 24 students have incorrect answer. The students didn't know the past form of see and the meaning of see. It should use saw as irregular verb (see-saw-seen). They lack of curiosity and too lazy to ask the teacher when the material is unclear.

- c. The students still confused to know the term of the past itself: Subject plus past form.

For example:

Item Number 9

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
Weat the library for three hours yesterday. a. Studied b. Study c. Studies d. studying	Weat the library for three hours yesterday. a. Studied b. Study c. Studies d. studying	15

In this item, there were 15 students have incorrect answer The students confused the term of the past. S + V2. It should be **we studied**

at the library for three hours yesterday. They lack of interest about tenses.

Item Number 17

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	He very fast in the race this morning. a. Ran b. Run c. Runs d. Runned	25

In this item, there were 25 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of the past. S + V2. It should be **He ran** very fast in the race this morning. They were also lazy to looking for in the dictionary about infinitive and past form.

Item Number 20

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
She the floor last night. a. swept	She the floor last night. a. swept	8 students answered sweeps and 13

b. sweeping	b. sweeping	students answered sweeping
c. is sweeping	c. is sweeping	
d. sweeps	d. sweeps	

In this item, there were 21 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of the past. S + V2. It should be **She swept** the floor last night. They were also lazy to looking for in the dictionary about infinitive and past form.

Item Number 7 Part B

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
He gives/ gived me an orange last week.	He gave me an orange last week.	6 students answered gives and 7 students answered gived.

In this item, there were 13 students have incorrect answer The students confused the term of the past. S+V2. It should be **He gave** me an orange last week. The situation of learning English was less conducive.

d.The students still confused to know the term of negative sentences in the simple past tense. For example:

Item Number 4

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
A : Did the teacher come yesterday? B : No, she ... She was sick yesterday. a. does b. did c. didn't d. do	A : Did the teacher come yesterday? B : No, she ...She was sick yesterday. a. does b. did c. didn't d. do	10

In this item, there were 10 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of negative sentence in the past. Whereas the formula of negative sentences in the simple past tense was S + didn't + V1+ adverb. They don't want to open English book and looking for about negative sentence in verbal sentence.

Item Number 8

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
Anna.....to class yesterday because she was at the hospital.	Anna.....to class yesterday because she was at the hospital.	17

a. didn't come	a. didn't come	
b. didn't came	b. didn't came	
c. didn't comes	c. didn't comes	
d. didn't coming	d. didn't coming	

In this item, there were 17 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of negative sentence in the past. Whereas the formula of negative sentences in the simple past tense was S + didn't + V1+ adverb. It should be Anna **didn't come** to class yesterday because she was at the hospital. They lazy to remember and studied about negative sentence in verbal sentence.

Item Number 18

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
Her roommate <u>do</u> <u>not</u> order a pizza last night. The underlined words should be written... a. Do not b. Did not c. Does not d. Was not	Her roommate <u>do</u> <u>not</u> order a pizza last night.The underlined words should be written... a. Do not b. Did not c. Does not d. Was not	17

In this item, there were 17 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of negative sentence in the past. Whereas the formula of negative sentences in the simple past tense was S + didn't + V1+ adverb. It should be Her roommate **did not order** a pizza last night. They don't want to open English book and looking for about negative sentence in verbal sentence.

Item Number 3 Part B

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
You did not brought the dictionary.	You did not bring the dictionary.	27

In this item, there were 27 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of negative sentence in the past. The formula of negative sentences in the simple past tense was S + didn't + V1+ adverb. It should be You did not **brought** the dictionary. They didn't understand what the teacher explain and don't want to ask when the material was unclear.

Item Number 11 Part B

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
Mr. Bean did not visited his son	Mr. Bean did not visit his son	27

yesterday.	yesterday.	
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In this item, there were 27 students have incorrect answer. The students confused the term of negative sentence in the past. The formula of negative sentences in the simple past tense was S + didn't + V1+ adverb. It should be Mr. Bean did not visit his son yesterday. They don't want to open English book and looking for about negative sentence in verbal sentence.

- e. The students still confused to know the term of interrogative sentences in the simple past tense.

For example:

Item Number 5

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
<p>You look tired. Did you enough last night?</p> <p>a. slept</p> <p>b. sleep</p> <p>c. sleeping</p> <p>d. will sleep</p>	<p>You look tired.</p> <p>Did you enough last night?</p> <p>a. slept</p> <p>b. sleep</p> <p>c. sleeping</p> <p>d. will sleep</p>	5

In this item, there were 5 students have incorrect answer. The students confused to know the term of interrogative sentences. The formula of interrogative sentence in simple past tense was did/didn't + V1 + adverb + ?. They didn't understand what the teacher explain and don't want to ask when the material was unclear.

Item Number 10

Students' answer	Correct answer	Frequency
What film.....you....last night? a. Did, see b. Do, see c. Did, saw d. Do, saw	What film.....you....last night? a. Did, see b. Do, see c. Did, saw d. Do, saw	16

In this item, there were 16 students have incorrect answer. The students confused to know the term of interrogative sentences. The formula of interrogative sentence in simple past tense was did/didn't + V1 + adverb + ?. They were also lazy to looking for in the dictionary about negative sentence in verbal sentence.

3. The Solutions to Overcome the Students' Difficulties in Using Verbal Sentences on Simple Past Tense.

Based on the data above, there are some solutions to overcome the students' difficulties, they are:

a. Giving a tutoring

Tutoring is the process to help the students in order to overcome the students' difficulties in learning tenses. So going through the process of learning, they can achieve optimal learning.

b. The teacher should be able to explain verbal sentence in simple past tense concepts to students in simple language.

c. The teacher should use a variety of learning method such as lectures, question and answer, discussion, and give some tasks.

d. Giving attention and create gratify situation

e. The students should often read and learn the English book, especially about verbal sentence in simple past tense.