

SIMPLE PAST TENSE AND CONJUNCTION ERRORS IN WRITING RECOUNT TEXT

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Abstract. This study aims to present the number and percentage of errors in using simple past tense and conjunction in writing recount text. The method used in this research is the descriptive qualitative method. This study's objects were 35 students of 12th (12th) grade 1 (one) of Link and Match Vocational School. This study's results are 179 findings (82%) errors in using simple past tense and 39 findings (18%) errors in using a conjunction.

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Introduction

In this era, English is the language most widely used in international communication. English has become a necessity for many people in communicating, both oral and written communication. In communicating using English, both oral and written, several skills must be mastered by the language users. In oral and written communication, several rules must be obeyed by English users. However, the rules in oral communication are not as strict as the rules contained in written communication. This is due in oral communication; both the speaker and the listener can use aspects outside the language, namely body gestures, facial expressions, speech sites, and others. These things are used by the speaker and listener to clarify the message in the communication process. One of the texts contained in English is recount text.

Furthermore, given the importance of understanding recount text, the government included material about recount text in schools, starting from elementary schools to tertiary institutions. Of course, it is taught by using different material depths. This is intended so that students can use it in communication activities related to stories in the past.

However, based on the writers' experience while teaching at school, it is not uncommon for students to have difficulty writing recount text. One reason is that our language system (Indonesian) is different from English. Among some of the differences is that Indonesian does not have rules for verb changes related to time. So, among the difficulties of the students is the change in verb form. Besides, the many rules regarding conjunctions also become one of the obstacles for students in using conjunction in writing recount text.

Chou (in Kaori, 2011: 106) says that the analysis of errors in broad terms is the field of science analyzing language errors for foreign language learners. In addition to that, James (2013: 1) defines error analysis: "Error Analysis is a process of determining the incidence, nature, causes, and consequences of unsuccessful language." From James's definition, we know that we can determine the events, nature, causes, and consequences of language errors through error analysis. James (2013: 78) "Error as being an instance of language that is unintentionally deviant and is not self-correlated by its author." Based on James's opinion, an error is a language lapse that cannot be corrected by making a mistake. This is because the person does not know that he has made a language mistake. Therefore there must be someone else who tells it, either through word of mouth or in writing.

Chomsky (in Tarigan and Tarigan, 2011: 127) says that mistakes are systematic deviations caused by knowledge. In the opinion of the above, errors are deviations caused by the level of knowledge of language users, not caused by the physical condition of the language users or the state of the environment when making a language mistake.

Masrur Ch. (2011: 60) states that tenses are changes in the form of verbs that are influenced by time. From the opinion of Masrur Ch. above, we understand that tense is a language device used to inform the time of an event, so that the interlocutor understands the time information delivered by the speaker. Hakim (2005: 4) states "*English tenses* adalah bentuk kalimat dalam bahasa Inggris yang dibuat berdasarkan waktu terjadinya peristiwa yang dialami pelaku (subjek kalimat) dan bentuk peristiwa yang dialami oleh pelaku (subjek dan kalimat)." From the above understanding, it can be interpreted that the English sentence uses tense to explain the time of the incident and who was the perpetrator in the incident.

Simple past tense is one of the most frequently used tenses in English. According to Azar (1999: 32), "The simple past tense is used to talk about activities or situations that began and ended at a particular time in the past." From the above opinion, we can know that simple past tense is used to explain events in the past. Lado (2008: 46) argues, "The simple past tense (*bentuk waktu lampau sederhana*) adalah bentuk waktu yang digunakan untuk menerangkan peristiwa atau perbuatan yang dilakukan pada saat tertentu di waktu lampau dalam bentuk sederhana." According to Lado, simple past tense is used for the past; the more straightforward tenses were compared to other past tense forms, such as past perfect tense and past perfect continuous tense. According to Masrur Ch. (2011: 25), "Conjunction adalah kata yang digunakan untuk menyambung antara dua kata dalam satu kalimat atau antara dua kalimat untuk memperluas maknanya." According to Masrur Ch. conjunction, it is used to expand the meaning of a sentence by connecting two words or two sentences.

Rusminto (2009: 30) states that conjunctions are words used to combine words with words, phrases with phrases, clauses with clauses, sentences with sentences, or paragraphs with paragraphs. Rusminto's opinion about conjunction (conjunctions) is broader than that of Masrur Ch. According to Rusminto conjunction (conjunctions) is not only used to combine two words or sentences. The conjunction is also used to combine phrases with phrases, clauses with clauses, or paragraphs with paragraphs. A writer undertakes a process of combining words, phrases, etc., so that the resulting meaning of a language unit becomes more comprehensive but more efficient.

To be able to communicate in written form, writing is one of the language skills that must be mastered by language users. According to Tarigan (in Hasani, 2005: 1) "Menulis adalah menurunkan atau melukiskan lambing-lambang grafik yang menggambarkan suatu bahasa yang dipahami oleh seseorang, sehingga orang lain dapat membaca lambang-lambang grafik tersebut kalau mereka memahami bahasa dan grafik tersebut." From the above understanding, it can be understood that writing is a skill of describing an understanding into graph symbols. Graph symbols commonly used in writing are letters, numbers and punctuation. Soeparno and Yunus (2008: 13) "Menulis sebagai suatu kegiatan penyampaian pesan dan komunikasi dengan menggunakan bahasa tulis sebagai alat medianya." The purpose of this understanding is that writing is an activity to convey a message. The author uses writing in conveying his message. Therefore, it can be said that writing is an activity of communication between the writer and the reader.

In the world of writing, writing is one of the mandatory parts. According to Siahaan, etc. (2008: 1), "A text is any meaningful linguistic unit in both linguistic context and non-linguistic context." Based on the above understanding, we can understand that essay is an element of any language that has meaning. Furthermore, the context of the essay can be related to language and outside of language. The context in the essay can be related to anything that the author wants to convey in the essay. Kosasih (2003: 26) "*Karangan ialah suatu bentuk tulisan yang mengungkapkan segala pikiran dan perasaan saya atau pengarang dalam satu kesatuan tema yang utuh dan sistematis.*" From this understanding, an essay can be said as a medium to release the writer's thoughts and feelings. In the writing process, the essay must be written correctly. This is intended so that the reader can understand the contents of the essay.

According to Knapp (2005: 224), "Recount text, basically it is written out to make a report about an experience of a series of related events. A recount is written out to inform an event or to entertain people." Recount text is an essay to tell an event in the past. The purpose of someone writing a recount text is to inform or entertain the reader. According to Pardiyono (2007: 63), Recount text is a type of essay created to provide information (to inform) about past activities. Pardiyono's opinion about recount text is not different from Knapp's opinion. According to Pardiyono, recount text is used to tell events or experiences that occurred in the past to provide information to the reader.

Method

In this research, the writers employed a descriptive qualitative method. The population in this study were all students of grade 12 (twelve) semester 1 (one) Link and Match Vocational School, which totaled 354 (three hundred and fifty-four) students. The number of samples in this study was 35 (thirty-five) 12 (twelve) semester 1 (one) grade students taken randomly. The steps taken in collecting data are as follows:

1. Observation (Survey)
2. Library Research
3. Giving Tasks (Testing)

During the assignment phase, the writers gave students assignments to write 2 (two) paragraphs of recount text on "My Vacation."

Results and Discussion

After analyzing the recount texts written by 35 (thirty-five) 12 (twelve) semester 1 (one) students of Link and Match Vocational School, I found errors in using 179 verbs as many as 179 (one hundred seventy-nine) findings. 33 (thirty-three) students committed the linguistic errors. The forms of verb usage errors that I have found are:

1. Students use verbs that are not simple past tense. They should use verbs in the form of simple past tense. Example: *Last week, I go to zoo Ragunan with my family which consist my father, mother, sister (student 29).* Reconstruction: *Last week, I went to Ragunan zoo with my family which consisted of my father, mother, and sister.*
2. Students use simple past tense verbs. They should use verbs that are not simple past tense. Example: *I was thought to learned to be come a strong, dare and other people (student 27).* Reconstruction: *I thought to learn to become a strong and dare like other people.*
3. Students are wrong in writing simple past tense verb spelling. Example: *After eat, we went to arounded the city and we arrived in Pejaten Village Mall (student 19).* Reconstruction: *After eating, we went around the city and we arrived in Pejaten Village Mall.*
4. Students write simple past tense verbs in the wrong place. So that it produces inaccurate sentences too. Example: *And Jakarta is crowded by car, but my friend and I very enjoy when we are vacation together surrounded in Jakarta (student 3).* Reconstruction: *Jakarta was crowded by cars, but my friend and I really enjoyed our vacation in Jakarta. We surrounded Jakarta.*
5. Students do not write verbs in any form in sentences. They should have written it in the form of simple past tense. Example: *Last week I with my friend holiday in Tangerang, BSD city (student 13).* Reconstruction: *Last week, my friend and I spent our holiday in Tangerang, BSD city.*

The forms of conjunction errors I have found are:

1. Students use words that are not conjunction. Example: *Next day we prepared went to mall to hunting some clothes and accessories (student 2).* Reconstruction: *The next day, we prepared to go for hunting some clothes and accessories.*
2. Students are not right to use conjunction. Example: *But I didn't celebrate it with the whole extended family because there were some one outside te city (student 4).* Reconstruction: *I didn't celebrate it with the whole extended family because there was someone outside the city.*
3. Students are wrong in writing the conjunction spelling. Example: *I had prepared everything bevore we went to Bali (student 9).* Reconstruction: *I had prepared everything before we went to Bali.*
4. Students don't write conjunctions in sentences. Example: *After lunch we continous tour, back to home (student 13).* Reconstruction: *After lunch, we continued the tour and went back to home.*

Table 1. Verb Usages from the Students' Writing

Student	Mistake	Correction
1	-	-
2	After we <i>arrived</i> , my grand ma welcomed us.	After we <i>had arrived</i> , my grandma welcomed us.
	Next day we <i>prepared went</i> to mall to hunting some clothes and accessories.	The next day, we <i>prepared to go</i> for hunting some clothes and accessories.
	<i>It's really taked</i> a long our because of that.	It <i>took</i> a long hour because of that.
	After we <i>arrived</i> , we just got a lunch because we <i>where</i> starving.	After we <i>had arrived</i> , we just got a lunch because we <i>were</i> starving
	After we <i>finished</i> , we just started to hunting.	After we <i>had finished</i> , we just started for hunting.
3	I went <i>surrounded</i> in Jakarta	I went <i>around</i> Jakarta.
	Event the wheather was hot, <i>is</i> still crowded.	Even if the weather was hot, Jakarta <i>was</i> still crowded.
	And Jakarta <i>is</i> crowded by car, but my friend and I very <i>enjoy</i> when we <i>are</i> vacation together <i>surrounded</i> in Jakarta.	Jakarta <i>was</i> crowded by cars, but my friend and I really <i>enjoyed</i> our vacation in Jakarta. We <i>surrounded</i> Jakarta.
4	My mom <i>wish</i> you a happy birthday at night.	My mom <i>wished</i> me a happy birthday at night.
	Then I <i>eat</i> together with family.	Then I <i>ate</i> together with family.
	Because there <i>were</i> someone outside th city.	Because there <i>was</i> someone outside the city.
5	Last week I went to Fatin's home to <i>bought</i> bracelets.	Last week, I went to Fatin's home to <i>buy</i> bracelets.
	But the way <i>so crowded</i> .	But the road <i>was so crowded</i> .
	And then I <i>eat</i> with my friend's.	I <i>ate</i> with my friends.
	<i>Buy</i> some snack, and my friend's <i>pick up</i> me and I <i>go</i> to home.	I <i>bought</i> some snacks and my friends <i>drove</i> me home.
6	My family and me <i>goes</i> to Kawah Putih at morning.	My family and I <i>went</i> to Kawah Putih in the morning.
	Situation in Kawah Putih very crowded.	Situation in Kawah Putih <i>was</i> very crowded.
	My family verry <i>enjoy</i> and very happy to visit Kawah Putih.	My family really <i>enjoyed</i> and <i>was</i> very happy when visiting Kawah Putih.
	Verry happy and <i>I'm verry like</i> Kawah Putih.	I <i>was</i> very happy and really <i>liked</i> Kawah Putih.
7	Went we <i>going to</i> , I <i>see</i> some beautiful views of mountains and forest.	When we <i>were</i> on the trip, I <i>saw</i> some beautiful views of mountains and forest.
	After to take grandma, I <i>going</i> to parangtritis beach.	After taking grandma, I <i>went</i> to Parangtritis beach.
	Then big wave and I buy food and accessories.	The wave <i>was</i> big. I <i>bought</i> food and accessories.
	My family and I going to home and while we <i>to buy</i> soto.	While my family and I were driving home, we <i>bought</i> soto.
	In while 3 hours to Sragen form Jogja.	It <i>took</i> 3 hours from Jogja to Sragen.
	After we <i>arrived</i> , I <i>go</i> to sleep.	After we <i>had arrived</i> , I <i>went</i> to sleep.
8	I <i>wan</i> to take grandma.	I <i>wanted</i> to take grandma.
	We <i>want</i> to take grandma by motor cycln.	We <i>wanted</i> to take grandma by motor cycle.
	My family and I <i>arrived at take</i> grandma at 07:30.	My family and I <i>took</i> grandma at 07:30.
	He name panjul.	His name <i>was</i> Panjul.

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10	I with my friend <i>promise came</i> there	My friend and I <i>promised to come</i> there.
	Because my three friends <i>are currently bein</i> Sunmori at ICE BSD.	My three friends <i>joined</i> Sunmori at ICE BSD.
	We enjoyed that day and were very happy <i>has gone</i> together.	We enjoyed that day and were very happy because we <i>went</i> together.
11	We almost there, we <i>break</i> enjoy beautiful.	When we <i>were</i> almost there, we <i>stopped</i> the car to enjoy beautiful view.
	I there forkist day tree.	I <i>was</i> there for three days.
12	Me and my friend <i>meet</i> at the stasiun.	My friend and I <i>met</i> at the station.
	I <i>had spent</i> much money for bought many furnitures at the festival.	I <i>spent</i> much money for buying much furniture at the festival.
	It <i>make</i> me hard to walk.	It <i>made</i> me hard to walk.
	And the store that I <i>want</i> to visit <i>is to</i> crowded and <i>make</i> hard to look another store.	The store that I <i>wanted</i> to visit <i>was</i> crowded and <i>made</i> me hard to look for another store.
	Me and my friends <i>was getting</i> lost but we <i>can</i> meet at the rest area.	My friends and I <i>were</i> lost but we <i>could</i> meet at the rest area.
	I <i>buy</i> many pin, one pillows, one cat ears, dan five poster.	I <i>bought</i> many pins, one pillow, one pair of cat earrings, and five posters.
	And then me and my friends <i>go</i> home.	Finally, my friends and I <i>went</i> home.
13	Last week I with my friend holiday in Tangerang, BSD city.	Last week, my friend and I <i>spent</i> our holiday in Tangerang, BSD city.
	In there many people's <i>was</i> crowded in that holiday vacation.	In there, many people <i>were</i> crowded in that holiday.
	After that we <i>go</i> to restaurant to get lunch together.	After that, we <i>went</i> to restaurant to get lunch together.
	After lunch we <i>continous</i> tour, back to home.	After lunch, we <i>continued</i> the tour and <i>went</i> back to home.
14	-	-
15	It <i>takes</i> long flight.	It <i>was</i> a long flight.
	Me and my brother <i>go</i> surfing together, we <i>surfing</i> until dawn.	My brother and I <i>went</i> surfing together, we <i>surfed</i> until dawn.
16	And I <i>buy</i> cloth beach and souvenir.	I <i>bought</i> beachwear and souvenir.
	We <i>want</i> back at 06.00 in the evening.	We <i>went</i> home at 06.00 in the evening.
17	While we are walking from to Puncak, me and my friend <i>crossing</i> tea garden.	While we were walking to Puncak, my friend and I <i>crossed</i> tea garden.
	After arrived at Puncak, me and my friend <i>to night</i> in villa.	After arrived at Puncak, my friend and I <i>spent the night</i> in villa.
	At night, we <i>singing</i> and <i>cook</i> corn.	At night, we <i>sang</i> and <i>cooked</i> corn.
	Cold air <i>make</i> the situation being more fun.	Cold air <i>made</i> the situation more fun.
18	Until at the thursday morning we <i>move</i> to capture some picture together and then we went home.	At Thursday morning, we <i>moved</i> to capture some pictures together and then we went home.
	We usually every year <i>went</i> to Subang, because we <i>must be met</i> my family in there.	We <i>used to go</i> to Subang because we <i>had to meet</i> my family.
	At Subang, we <i>usually buy</i> Krupuk Sangrai because Krupuk Sangrai <i>is</i> typical food from Subang.	At Subang, we <i>used to buy</i> Krupuk Sangrai because Krupuk Sangrai <i>was</i> typical food from Subang.
	We <i>spend</i> in Subang for one week.	We <i>spent</i> our holiday in Subang for one week.
19	<i>Im</i> very happy to visit my hometown, Subang.	I <i>was</i> very happy when visiting my hometown, Subang.
	Last month, I <i>spend</i> my holiday in Jakarta.	Last month, I <i>spent</i> my holiday in Jakarta.

	We arived to destination, we <i>hand shake</i> with my big family.	After we had arrived at our destination, we <i>shook hands</i> with my big family.
	After we hand shake we <i>at</i> together.	After we had shaken hands, we <i>ate</i> together.
	After eat, we went to <i>arounded</i> the city and we <i>arived</i> in Pejaten Village Mall.	After eating, we went <i>around</i> the city and we <i>arrived</i> in Pejaten Village Mall.
	After we find the parking area, we <i>go</i> to the mall and we <i>shoopng</i> together.	After we had found the parking area, we <i>went</i> to the mall and we <i>shopped</i> together.
	After we <i>shoopng</i> all of us <i>go</i> home.	After we had shopped, all of us <i>went</i> home.
20	Last week, I <i>spant</i> my holiday in bandung.	Last week, I <i>spent</i> my holiday in Bandung.
	Last month, I <i>goes</i> to Pangandaran beach in west java.	Last month, I <i>went</i> to Pangandaran beach in West Java.
	Me and my family <i>goes</i> to Pangandaran beach in morning.	My family and I <i>went</i> to Pangandaran beach in the morning.
	On the trip me and my family <i>joking</i> and <i>talking</i> about me.	On the trip, my family and I <i>joked</i> and <i>talked</i> about me.
	We <i>meet</i> with my friend family and me and my family <i>invite</i> my friends family to eating together.	We <i>met</i> my friend's family and we <i>invited</i> them for eating together.
21	My family verry <i>enjoy</i> and verry happy to visit Pangandaran beach.	My family really <i>enjoyed</i> and was very happy when visiting Pangandaran beach.
	I <i>hope</i> me and my family next time cant visit Pangandaran beach again.	I <i>hoped</i> next time we can visit Pangandaran beach again.
	Precious experience <i>cant</i> visit Pangandaran beach.	It was <i>precious</i> experience that we <i>could</i> visit Pangandaran beach.
	Verry happy and <i>I'm</i> verry <i>like</i> Pangandaran beach.	I was very happy and I <i>liked</i> Pangandaran beach very much.
	My friend and my sister went <i>go</i> to Kuta beach by private bus.	My friend and my sister <i>went</i> to Kuta beach by private bus.
22	When in Bali, I <i>play</i> in the beach with my friend and my sister.	When in Bali, I <i>played</i> in the beach with my friend and my sister.
	It was <i>make</i> me happy but too tireb.	It <i>made</i> me not only happy but also too tired.
	Bali so beautiful.	Bali was so beautiful.
	I <i>prepare</i> before go to Pangandaran and everything about vacation.	I <i>prepared</i> everything about vacation before <i>going</i> to Pangandaran.
23	<i>Learn</i> and <i>practice</i> speaking English.	I <i>Learned</i> and <i>practiced</i> speaking English.
	We <i>watch</i> a horror movie.	We <i>watched</i> a horror movie.
24	We <i>buy</i> a pop corn and a drink.	We <i>bought</i> a pop corn and a drink.
	I <i>bought of</i> drink at Chatime and <i>bought of</i> food at KFC because I very hungry.	I <i>bought</i> drink at Chatime and food at KFC because I was very hungry.
	My father <i>invite</i> my grandma who live in Cibubur.	My father <i>invited</i> my grandma who lives in Cibubur.
	We woke up on 6 pm and <i>prepare</i> a lot of snack for the trip.	We woke up at 6 pm and <i>prepared</i> a lot of snacks for the trip.
25	We had a little nap and <i>continue</i> the travel to Farmhouse on the evening.	We had a little nap and <i>continued</i> the travel to Farmhouse in the evening.
	The place was so intagramable and <i>match</i> for the tenagers like me.	The place was so intagramable and <i>matched</i> for the teenagers like me.
	After that we <i>buy</i> a souvenirs and took a free fresh milk with a coupon.	After that we <i>bought</i> souvenirs and took free fresh milk with a coupon.

	On 6 am we went to hotel and <i>clean</i> up ourselves.	At 6 am we went to hotel and <i>cleaned</i> up ourselves.
	When the night came we slept well and the next morning we <i>go</i> back home at 12 pm.	When the night came we slept well and on the next day we <i>went</i> back home at 12 pm.
26	I <i>go</i> to my home (Vildag) with my motorcycle.	I <i>went</i> to my home (Vildag) by my motorcycle.
	I <i>am not back</i> my home (Vildag) because I <i>like</i> my home.	I <i>didn't go out of</i> my home (Vildag) because I <i>liked</i> my home.
27	I was thought to <i>learned</i> to be come a strong, dare and other people.	I thought to <i>learn</i> to become a strong and dare like other people.
	Over there, I <i>team</i> up with my squad team in order to solve to problem so we <i>have</i> a good relationship with a team.	There, I <i>teamed</i> up with my squad team in order to solve problem, so we <i>had</i> a good relationship with the team.
	After that, I <i>go</i> to home.	After that, I <i>went</i> to home.
28	Her name <i>is</i> (my bestfriend) Devica, Lia, and Tyas.	Their names <i>were</i> (my bestfriends) Devica, Lia, and Tyas.
	And we <i>searing</i> a we story.	We <i>shared</i> our stories.
	Lia's home so far, the weater so hot.	Lia's home <i>was</i> so far and the weather so hot.
	Lia's home at the Parung, Parung like a Jakarta, so hot.	Lia's home <i>was</i> at Parung. Parung <i>was like</i> Jakarta. It <i>was</i> so hot.
	There not tree at Parung.	There <i>was</i> not any tree at Parung.
	And at Parung crowded.	And Parung <i>was</i> crowded.
29	Last week, I <i>go</i> to zoo Ragunan with my family which <i>consist</i> my father, mother, sister.	Last week, I <i>went</i> to Ragunan zoo with my family which <i>consisted of</i> my father, mother, and sister.
	I <i>walking-walking</i> in street with my sister.	I <i>took a walk on</i> street with my sister.
	I <i>see</i> elephant in cage.	I <i>saw</i> elephant in a cage.
	He <i>eating</i> fruit in cage.	It <i>ate</i> fruit in the cage.
30	Last week, I <i>go</i> to my hometown, in Bali.	Last week, I <i>went</i> to my hometown, in Bali.
	I <i>go</i> with my family.	I <i>went</i> with my family.
	I'm so happy cause I not feel bored.	I <i>was</i> so happy because I <i>did</i> not feel bored.
	I <i>go</i> to Kuta beach.	I <i>went</i> to Kuta beach.
	And Wednesday I <i>go</i> back to Cirendeu.	On Wednesday, I <i>went</i> back to Cirendeu.
	I <i>go</i> to Bali with my parents, and uncle.	I <i>went</i> to Bali with my parents and uncle.
	In Bali I <i>stay</i> in hotel, I never bored.	In Bali I <i>stayed</i> in hotel, so I <i>was</i> never bored.
	When I <i>went</i> in Bali, I ride car.	When I <i>was</i> in Bali, I was driving a car.
31	I went there in morning and weather <i>is</i> rain.	I went there in the morning and the weather <i>was</i> rainy.
	Me <i>used</i> it for taked a car before we went to bandung.	I <i>had used</i> it for taking a car before we went to bandung.
	I very happier, I very satisfied.	I <i>was</i> very happy and satisfied.
32	Last week, I spent my day to <i>found</i> the good university	Last week, I spent my day to <i>find</i> the good university
	We <i>goes</i> after school by transjakarta bus.	We <i>went</i> after school by transjakarta bus
	And my first destination <i>is</i> Unindra University.	And my first destination <i>was</i> Unindra University.
	In there I <i>see</i> many people and a big building with orange colour.	In there, I <i>saw</i> many people and a big building with orange colour.

	I <i>feel</i> this place so many smart people and I shy because I'm not very smart.	I <i>felt</i> in this place <i>was</i> so many smart people and I <i>was</i> shy because I <i>was</i> not very smart.
	<i>Was I from</i> Unindra University, I and my friend hopeless can study in there.	After we <i>had gone</i> from Unindra University, my friend and I were hopeless of studying in there.
	Next destination, I <i>goes</i> to UIN.	Next destination, I <i>went</i> to UIN.
	<i>Was I</i> bin there I <i>see</i> a big university.	When I <i>was</i> there, I <i>saw</i> a big university.
	There so many muslim, and I <i>don't</i> know about place because I never goes there.	There <i>were</i> so many Muslims, and I <i>didn't</i> know about the place because I had never gone there before.
	After that, I <i>goes</i> home with my friend at 6 pm.	After that, I <i>went</i> home with my friend at 6 pm.
33	Last month, when holiday <i>come</i> for begining I'm just at home, but my friend <i>pick</i> me up.	Last month, when holiday <i>came</i> in the first time, I <i>was</i> just at home, but my friend <i>picked</i> me up.
	And we went to mall, <i>buy</i> some snack, karaoke, dll.	We went to mall, <i>bought</i> some snack, karaoke, and so on.
	Usually we just <i>play</i> at home but sometime we went to some place.	We <i>used to play</i> at home but sometimes we went to some places.
	My friend and me also <i>like</i> eated whatever.	My friend and I also <i>liked</i> eating whatever.
34	Last month I <i>planed</i> with my friends for I <i>went</i> holiday together to Beach Ujung genteng.	Last month my friends and I <i>planned</i> for <i>going</i> holiday together to Ujung Genteng Beach.
	Until we <i>get</i> there over there to morning day saw sunrise with beauty and a glass hot Chochollate.	When we <i>got</i> there, we saw beautiful sunrise while we were drinking a glass of hot Chocolate.
	07:00 we together breakfast.	At 07 o'clock, we <i>ate</i> our breakfast together.
35	My family and I went there early morning before we <i>went</i> to Aceh.	My family and I went there in early morning.

Table 2. Conjunction Using Mistake

Student	Mistake	Correction
1	-	-
2	Next day we prepared went to mall <i>to</i> hunting some clothes and accessories.	The next day, we prepared to go <i>for</i> hunting some clothes and accessories.
	After we finished, we just started <i>to</i> hunting.	After we had finished, we just started <i>for</i> hunting.
3	<i>Event</i> the wheather was hot, is still crowded.	<i>Even if</i> the weather was hot, Jakarta was still crowded.
	<i>And</i> Jakarta is crowded by car, but my friend and I very enjoy <i>when</i> we are vacation together surrounded in Jakarta.	Jakarta was crowded by cars, but my friend and I really enjoyed our vacation in Jakarta. We surrounded Jakarta.
4	My fimaly also congratulated me expressed their hopes.	My family also congratulated me <i>and</i> expressed their hopes.
	<i>But</i> I didn't celebrate it with the whole extended fimaly because there were some one outside te city.	I didn't celebrate it with the whole extended family because there was someone outside the city.
5	Buy some snack, and my friend's pick up me <i>and</i> I go to home.	I bought some snacks, and my friends drove me home.
6	Me and my family arranged and assembled <i>to</i> eating together.	Me and my family arranged and assembled <i>for</i> eating together.
	My family verry enjoy and very happy <i>to</i> visit Kawah Putih.	My family really enjoyed and was very happy <i>when</i> visiting Kawah Putih.

7	<i>Went</i> we going to, I see some beautiful views of mountains and forest.	<i>When</i> we were on the trip, I saw some beautiful views of mountains and forest.
	Then big wave <i>and</i> I buy food and accessories.	The wave was big. I bought food and accessories.
	My family and I going to home <i>and while</i> we to buy soto.	<i>While</i> my family and I were driving home, we bought soto.
8	-	-
9	I had prepared everything <i>before</i> we went to Bali.	I had prepared everything <i>before</i> we went to Bali.
10	<i>Because</i> my three friends are currently bein Sunmori at ICE BSD.	My three friends joined Sunmori at ICE BSD.
	We enjoyed that day and were very happy has gone together.	We enjoyed that day and were very happy <i>because</i> we went together.
11	We almost there, we break enjoy beautiful.	<i>When</i> we were almost there, we stopped the car to enjoy beautiful view.
12	<i>And</i> the store that I want to visit is to crowded and make hard to look another store.	The store that I wanted to visit was crowded and made me hard to look for another store.
	I buy many pin, one pillows, one cat ears, <i>dan</i> five poster.	I bought many pins, one pillow, one pair of cat earrings, <i>and</i> five posters.
13	After lunch we continous tour, back to home.	After lunch, we continued the tour <i>and</i> went back to home.
14	-	-
15	-	-
16	<i>And</i> I buy cloth beach and souvenir.	I bought beachwear and souvenir.
17	<i>Until</i> at the thursday morning we move to capture some picture together and then we went home.	At Thursday morning, we moved to capture some pictures together and then we went home.
18	Im very happy <i>to</i> visit my hometown, Subang.	I was very happy <i>when</i> visiting my hometown, Subang.
19	We arived to destination, we hand shake with my big family.	<i>After</i> we had arrived at our destination, we shook hands with my big family.
20	-	-
21	Me and my family arranged and assembled <i>to</i> eating together.	Me and my family arranged and assembled <i>for</i> eating together.
	We meet with my friend family and me and my family invite my friends family <i>to</i> eating together.	We met my friend's family and we invited them <i>for</i> eating together.
	My family verry enjoy and verry happy <i>to</i> visit Pangandaran beach.	My family really enjoyed and was very happy <i>when</i> visiting Pangandaran beach.
22	It was make me happy <i>but</i> too tireb.	It made me <i>not only</i> happy <i>but also</i> too tired.
23	I prepare before go to Pangandaran <i>and</i> everything about vacation.	I prepared everything about vacation before going to Pangandaran.
24	-	-
25	-	-
26	-	-
27	-	-
28	<i>And</i> we searing a we story.	We shared our stories.
	Lia's home so far, the weater so hot.	Lia's home was so far <i>and</i> the weather so hot.
29	-	-
30	I'm so happy <i>cause</i> I not feel bored.	I was so happy <i>because</i> I did not feel bored.
	<i>And</i> Wednesday I go back to Cirendeu.	On Wednesday, I went back to Cirendeu.
31.	I very happier, I very satisfied.	I was very happy <i>and</i> satisfied.

32	Was I bin there I see a big university.	<i>When</i> I was there, I saw a big university.
33	<i>And</i> we went to mall, buy some snack, karaoke, dll.	We went to mall, bought some snack, karaoke, <i>and</i> so on.
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Conclusions

Based on the study results, students' mistakes in writing recount text were mistakes in using the simple past tense. Misuse of simple past tense made by students occurred by 82% (179 findings). This type of error occurs because students make mistakes in using verbs in the simple past tense. They do not understand the difference between regular and irregular verbs in simple past tense. They also do not understand the different forms of verbs in simple present tense and simple past tense. Because of the simple past tense of 82%, this error type is more significant than using English conjunctions. In addition to mistakes in using the simple past tense, students also make mistakes using conjunction. This type of error occurred in 18% (39 findings). Students make mistakes in using conjunction because they do not understand using conjunction when writing recount text. Based on the observations, mistakes made by students are not only caused by their level of understanding. Those mistakes are also caused by their attitude when writing recount text. Many of them are not enthusiastic when doing it. Their attitude affects the results of their writing. That is why many errors are found in their writing.

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