

## ABSTRACT

**Mariawan, W. M. S. (2023). The Correlation Between Motivation and Writing Ability in Writing Descriptive Paragraph of the Ninth Grade Students of Smp (Slub) Saraswati 1 Denpasar in Academic Year 2022/2023. The First Advisor: Luh Ketut Sri Widhiasih, S.Pd., M.Pd. and the Second Advisor: I Gde Putu Agus Pramerta, S.Pd., M.Pd.**

The present study which made use of an ex-post facto research with correlation design was intended to figure out the significant between motivation and writing ability in writing descriptive paragraph of the ninth grade students of SMP (SLUB) Saraswati 1 Denpasar in Academic Year 2022/2023. The samples of the research consisted of 37 students which were chosen by means of cluster sampling method with lottery system. The data were collected through administering the research instruments which were in the form of structured questionnaire and descriptive paragraph. The obtained data were statistically analyzed by using Pearson product moment correlation and t-test. The results of the data analysis clearly revealed the alternative hypothesis was accepted. In other words, the research findings confirmed that there is significant correlation between motivation and writing ability in writing descriptive paragraph of the ninth grade students of SMP (SLUB) Saraswati 1 Denpasar in Academic Year 2022/2023.

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