

## ABSTRACT

**Jayanti, I.G.A.T. (2022). The Correlation between Motivation and Speaking Ability of the Eighth Grade of SMPN 4 Abiansema in Academic Year 2021/2022. The First Advisor: Nengah Dwi Handayani, S.Pd., M.Pd. and the Second Advisor: Drs. I Nengah Astawa., M.Hum.**

This study aimed at finding out how students' motivation in speaking ability of the eighth-grade students in SMPN 4 Abiansema. It made use of a correlation research design. The sample consist of 30 students. They were chosen by random sampling technique. The data which were needed for this research were collected through administering questionnaire about motivation and speaking test as the research instruments and delivered by using WhatsApp Group platform. The obtained data were analysed by investigating the correlation between motivation score and speaking test score which was done by using IBM SPSS Statistic 26. The result of the correlation between motivation and speaking ability was 0.581. It described that there is a significant correlation between motivation and speaking ability of the eighth-grade students of SMPN 4 Abiansema in academic year 2021/2022. In conclusion, the alternative hypothesis ( $H_a$ ) is accepted.

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