

## ABSTRACT

**Yudiana, N. (2023). The Correlation between Motivation and Writing Ability of the Eighth-grade Students of SMP N 2 Denpasar in Academic Year 2022/2023. The First Advisor: Ni Made Wersi Murtini, S.Pd., M.Pd., and The Second Advisor: Anak Agung putri Maharani, S.Pd., M.Pd.**

The aim of this study was to figure out the correlation between students' motivation and their writing ability of the eighth-grade students of SMP N 2 Denpasar in academic year 2022/2023. The design of this study was ex post facto research correlational study. There were two variables in the present research. The independent variable was motivation and the dependent variable was writing ability. The population of this study was the eighth-grade students of SMP N 2 Denpasar. The sample of this study were 88 students which were taken with random sampling method. Furthermore, the questionnaire and paragraph construction test were used as the research instrument. The research instruments were made in order to collect the required data. Then, the data were analyzed by using SPSS 25 version. There were two steps to analyze the data, namely prerequisite analysis and hypothesis testing. The hypothesis testing was conducted by applying Pearson Product Moment Correlation and t-test. Based on the finding, it was found that the correlation coefficient obtained is 0.666. It shows that there is a significant correlation between vocabulary mastery and writing ability of the eighth-grade students of SMP N 2 Denpasar in academic year 2022/2023.

**Keyword:** correlation, motivation, writing ability.



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