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By writing, English learners were trained in organizing their ideas into a good written product that could convey the message they want to convey. Even though it was important, English language learners found writing not easy to do. Therefore, this research aimed to determine the effect of using Grammarly on personal recount text writing skills at SMKS YPSEI Palangka Raya.

This research used a quantitative research method with an experimental design. The type of experiment was a pre-experimental design with a one-group pre-test and post-test design. The population for this research was the students of tenth grade at SMKS YPSEI Palangka Raya for the academic year 2023/2024. The sample used was the students of class OTKP-TATA BOGA at SMKS YPSEI Palangka Raya for the academic year 2023/2024, totaling 16 students.

The research results obtained an average pre-test score of 65.63 and an average post-test score of 80.31. The t value from the paired sample test (t = -4.008) was below the average value. The critical t value is -2.131, and the significance value of the paired sample test (Sig. = 0.001) was below the α value of 0.05. so the average difference between the pre-test and post-test was statistically significant, with an average difference of -14.688 indicating a higher average post-test score compared to the pre-test. Thus, there was a significant effect of using *Grammarly* on improving the recount text writing ability of class X personal students at SMKS YPSEI Palangka Raya. Even though the research results proved that there was an effect of using free online *Grammarly* in improving students' writing skills, in fact, *Grammarly* only helped in terms of mechanics, vocabulary, and grammar, not in terms of organizational aspects of writing, and only had an indirect effect on the ability to write story content of personal recount text. In terms of using the *Grammarly* application itself, students still had difficulty using *Grammarly* without the support of other translation engines.

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