

## ABSTRAK

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Pembelajaran daring dianggap sebagai terobosan atau paradigma baru di masa pandemi Covid-19 karena terjadi secara tiba-tiba. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi tantangan siswa dalam pembelajaran bahasa Inggris online selama pandemi Covid-19 di sebuah sekolah menengah pertama. Penelitian ini menggunakan studi kasus deskriptif sebagai desain penelitian. Penelitian ini dilakukan di sebuah sekolah menengah pertama di Cilacap, Jawa Tengah, khususnya di kelas 9. Tiga orang siswa dilibatkan untuk menjadi partisipan penelitian. Penelitian ini menggunakan wawancara semi-terstruktur online melalui WhatsApp kepada semua partisipan. Data penelitian dianalisis dengan menggunakan teknik analisis tematik. Hasil analisis mengungkapkan tiga tema yang muncul tentang tantangan yang dihadapi siswa dalam pembelajaran daring. Mereka adalah beban digital siswa, lingkungan belajar dan ketidaktertarikan dalam proses pembelajaran.

**Kata Kunci:** Tantangan Siswa, Pembelajaran Daring, Pandemi Covid-19

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Online learning is considered a breakthrough or new paradigm during the Covid-19 pandemic because it happened abruptly. This present study aims at identifying the students' challenges in online English learning during the Covid-19 pandemic at a junior high school. This study used a descriptive case study as the research design. This research was conducted at a junior high school in Cilacap, Central Java, especially in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Three of the students were involved to be the research participants. This research deployed online semi-structured interviews through WhatsApp with all of the participants. Research data were analyzed using the thematic analysis technique. The analysis results revealed three emergent themes about the challenges faced by students in online learning. They are students' digital burdens, the learning environment, and the uninteresting learning process.

**Keywords: Students' Challenges, Online Learning, Covid-19 Pandemic**