

PREFACE

This thesis is entitled "English Speaking Among EFL Students in Modern Islamic Boarding School: Focusing on Challenges and Solutions". It is submitted to the English Education Department, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Teachers' Training, Siliwangi University, as partial fulfillment of the Research proposal. This research proposal is filled with background information, literature review, and methodology. Background information provides context regarding the challenges and solutions of EFL students in speaking English at Pondok Modern Islamic Boarding School, a gap, formulation of the problems, significance of the research, and research aims. The literature review provides a brief discussion about the nature of speaking, modern Islamic boarding schools, challenges in speaking activities, and solutions for English speaking. The research design used in this study is a case study. Furthermore, the data was collected through semi-structured interviews which were analyzed by thematic analysis.

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The writer realizes that this research proposal is still far from being perfect. The writer then expects such suggestions and constructive criticism from the readers to improve this research proposal. Hopefully, this research will be useful and kind both for the writer and the readers.

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