

PREFACE

This research thesis is a final work to fulfill the requirements for *sarjana pendidikan* degree at English Education Department Faculty of Educational Sciences and Teacher' Training Siliwangi University titled "Investigating students' silence during synchronous virtual classroom: a case study". This research thesis is qualitative research using a descriptive case study approach. This paper aims to add insight into the factors affecting students' silence in the synchronous virtual classroom for readers and also for the writer. This research takes eight months from February to December 2021 then poured into a thesis consisting of 5 chapters.

Chapter one describes the background of the study, formulation of the problem, operational definitions, aim(s) of the research, significance of the study. Chapter two consists of a literature review that provides brief enlightenment about the theoretical framework of the study and study of the relevant research. Chapter three explains the research method. Chapter four is a research result and discussion. This chapter is about data analysis. Chapter five is a conclusion and suggestion. This chapter consists of conclusions from the research result and suggestions which are a follow-up to the research results.

In arranging this research thesis, the writer truly gets lots of challenges and obstacles but with help of many individuals, those obstacles could pass. The writer thanks all those who shared some of their knowledge so that the writer could finish this research thesis. Hopefully Allah replies and blesses you all. Then, the writer realized that this research thesis is still far from perfect. Therefore, the writer will look forward to constructive criticism and suggestions for the perfection of this research thesis.

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