

ABSTRACT

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Google Translate is one of the machine translators often used by the Senior High School students in Tasikmalaya to translate text either word to word, sentences, and even paragraph text, especially in learning English. This study aims for determining the benefits and weaknesses of Google translate by Senior High School students in learning English. Data were obtained in this research through interviews with 2 students at a high school in Tasikmalaya as a representative of students who frequently use Google Translate. This research used a qualitative design analyzed thematically (Braun & Clarke, 2006). The results showed there are 3 benefits of using Google Translate by the senior high school student in English learning. First, the system is easy to operate because the Google Translate application is practical and instant. Second, it helps in English Language Learning, where Google Translate has many features that make the translation process easier. Then, improve language skills, Students feel that using Google Translate helps in increasing vocabulary so that their skills in English also improve. On the other hand, there are two weaknesses in using Google Translate, the first is weaknesses in a language context, that is, not all words in the source language can be translated properly by Google Translate into the target language. Second, the weakness is related to the internet connection, because Google Translate still requires an internet connection to translate. Therefore, it is suggested that students are better in using the Google Translate application to assist in the translation process. In that way, the students can use Google Translate to help their learning process.

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