

**TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP IN ENGLISH CLASSES AND ITS
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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to explore the perceptions of teachers and students regarding the teacher-student relationship in English classes and its relation to students' learning engagement and enjoyment at SMP Negeri 1 Kediri, Tabanan. Using qualitative research, data were collected from two English teachers and eighth-grade students through open-ended questionnaires as the main instrument. The findings indicate that both teachers and the students valued closeness, positive communication, and emotional support as the center of a healthy teacher-student relationship. A positive relationship encouraged students to participate more actively and enjoy the learning process, while conflict and negative interactions led to disengagement and tension. The study concludes that a supportive teacher-student relationship is a significant factor in fostering students' engagement and enjoyment in English language learning.

Keywords: Teacher-student relationship, Students' engagement, Students' Enjoyment

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengeksplorasi persepsi guru dan siswa tentang hubungan guru-siswa di kelas Bahasa Inggris serta kaitannya dengan keterlibatan dan kesenangan belajar siswa di SMP Negeri 1 Kediri, Tabanan. Dengan menggunakan penelitian kualitatif, data dikumpulkan dari dua guru Bahasa Inggris dan siswa kelas delapan melalui *open-ended questionnaire* sebagai instrument utama. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa, baik guru maupun siswa menilai kedekatan, komunikasi positif, dan dukungan emosional sebagai factor utama dari hubungan guru-siswa yang sehat. Hubungan yang positif mendorong siswa untuk lebih aktif berpartisipasi dan menikmati proses belajar, sementara konflik dan interaksi negatif menyebabkan ketidakantusiasan dan ketegangan. Penelitian ini menyimpulkan bahwa hubungan guru-siswa yang mendukung merupakan faktor penting dalam meningkatkan keterlibatan dan kesenangan siswa dalam belajar Bahasa Inggris.

Kata kunci: Hubungan guru dan siswa, Keterlibatan siswa, Kesenangan siswa