

## ABSTRACT

**Endang Pratiwi. STUDY OF TEACHING ENGLISH FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PACITAN IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023.** S1-Thesis. English Education Department. STKIP PGRI Pacitan 2023.

The research aimed to know the implementation of the Merdeka Curriculum for teaching English in Elementary Schools in Pacitan and to know the teacher's obstacles in implementing the Merdeka Curriculum in teaching English.

The researcher used a descriptive qualitative research design. The data were taken from March 20 to May 8, 2023. There were 35 respondents in this study who volunteered to recognize the teaching of English in the Merdeka Curriculum. The data were collected by questionnaire and documentation. The questionnaire consisted of 5 questions in the form of open-ended and 4 questions in the form of closed-ended. The steps in analyzing data consisted of: 1) processing and preparing the data for analysis, 2) reading the entire data, 3) coding the data, 4) applying the coding process to describe the setting, 5) presenting the data description in narrative form, and then 6) interpreting the data.

The results of the study showed that Elementary schools in Pacitan, in general, implemented English language learning in the Merdeka Curriculum, by implementing these methods: 1) lecture method, 2) singing method, 3) contextual method, 4) storytelling method, and 5) assignment method. However, in practice, the implementation of the Merdeka Curriculum posed challenges for many teachers. These challenges were as follows: 1) the unavailability of English teachers. From the data obtained, 60% of elementary schools did not have English teachers, while only 40% had them, 2) increased workload for teachers, 3) lack of teacher competence, 4) students' lagging English language proficiency, and 5) inadequate facilities. As a result, the implementation of the Merdeka Curriculum in English language learning at the Elementary School level was generally carried out but was not yet optimal.

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