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*Life needs an effort, a consideration, and a responsibility*

*Everything we have done is always have an impact*

*Think twice before take an action*

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This study is aimed to know the vowels pronunciation skills by English department students. Pronunciation is very important in learning a language because pronunciation is always used to communicate in spoken language. As a teacher to be, English department students must be mastering the pronunciation well. But in fact there are many problems that are faced by the students in pronouncing English words. The different characteristic between native language and target language become the problem in the pronunciation. It needs to observe the development of students in pronunciation and the causes of error in pronunciation to solve this problem.

This study is kind of qualitative study which is using cross-sectional research to know the development of vowels pronunciation skills by the students of STAIN Kediri. The subject of the study is the English department students from all grades. Here the researcher using random sampling to define the subject of research. The instruments of this study are the researcher himself, pronunciation test and equipped with mp4 video quality from nokia N70. The pronunciation test is constructed by the sequences of words and this test covered all English vowels. To collect data, the researcher met with the subjects and then asks them to pronounce the sequences of the words. While listening the students' pronunciation, the researcher records their pronunciation by mp4 video quality from nokia N70.

Based on the research findings there are many students that could not pronounce English vowels correctly. Most of them make a mistake in the word that that orthographically different from phonemes. Sometimes they also miss in stressing words that make the short vowels become long vowels and vice versa. From the students' pronunciation, the grades of students' development are 1<sup>st</sup> junior students, 2<sup>nd</sup> sophomore students, 3<sup>rd</sup> senior students and 4<sup>th</sup> freshmen students. The students' errors are influenced by several factors. Those are inter-language transfer, letter to sound rule confusion and over generalization. The dominant causes that draw the student to error are letter to sound rule confusion.

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