

ABSTRACT

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Analyzing qualitative data is very complex and challenging. Beginning researcher will find many problems in analyzing qualitative data. This research focuses on identifying students' difficulties in analyzing qualitative data, causes of difficulties in analyzing qualitative data and the solutions to overcome the difficulties in analyzing qualitative data. The researcher determines this research by qualitative method using descriptive approach. The subjects of this research are the students at eighth semester of English Teacher Education Department in UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya academic years 2011/2012. Additionally, the researcher uses interview as the technique to collect the data. The result of this research shows that there are 7 difficulties in analyzing qualitative data. Those difficulties are difficult to code the data, difficult to classify the data, difficult to find the format of display data, difficult to reduce the data, difficult to find the theory to support the finding and difficult to make sure the validity of findings. There are 6 causes that make students difficulty in analyzing qualitative data. Those causes are lack of reading sources dealing with qualitative research, lack of practicing in analyzing qualitative data, lack of understanding context of the data, difficult to find the theory to support the finding, difficult to find the theory to classify the data and topic of the thesis is new in Indonesia. There are 4 solutions that can be used by the students to overcome these difficulties in analyzing qualitative data. Those solutions are reread the data to get more understanding, read some sources to find further information, consult to the thesis advisors and discuss with partners.