

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

In this chapter, the writers discuss the method of the research that contains of research design, data and data source, technique of data collecting, and technique of analysing data.

3.1 Research Design

This study belongs to the domain of descriptive qualitative. The descriptive qualitative method is used to unfold the skripsi of Muria Kudus University students in different sections. This study is intended to describe the use of hedges in the English skripsi especially in the Review of Related Literature and Method of the Research Section.

3.2 Data and Data Source

The data of this research were the types of hedges in the Review of Related Literature and Method of the Research Section of the English Skripsi of the Students of English Education Department of Muria Kudus University. Meanwhile the data sources were the 10 English Skripsi from 2007 to 2011 in the Review of Related Literature Section and Method of the Research Section of English Education Department of Muria Kudus University.

3.3 Technique of Data Collecting

In this study, the data were collected through documents. In collecting the data, the writer used the following procedures: first, copying 10 Review of Related Literature Section and Method of the Research Section of the English

skripsi written by the English Education Department Students of Muria Kudus University form 2007 to 2011. After that the writers read those Review of Related Literature Section and Method of the Research Section.

3.4 Technique of Data Analysis

After collecting the data, the writers did analysis through the following steps:

1. Identifying the types of hedges used in the Review of Related Literature section and in the Method of the Research section of the English skripsi from 2007 to 2011.
2. Tabulating the types of hedges used in the Review of Related Literature section and in the Method of the Research section of the English skripsi from 2007 to 2011.

Table 3.1 Table Types of Hedges

No Data 1	Hedges	Types of Hedges						
		Aux Verb	Lex Verb	Adj, Adv	Appr ox	Intr Phr ase	If Clau se	Com Hedg es
1.	In this chapter the writer <i>will</i> explain some theories, which are related to the topic of the study.	V						
2.	Adjectival function, many prepositional phrases in noun phrases indicate a function in an original subject-verb-complement core.		V					
3.	This is <u>probably</u> because they are in dilemma.			V				
4.	Secondly, a preposition is a word that <i>usually</i> starts a phrase containing a noun or pronoun				V			
5.	<u>According to Frank (1972:171)</u> the preposition has the function of concerning a noun or pronoun to another word, usually a noun, verb or objective					V		
6.	<u>If</u> the main clause of the second							

	sentence keeps the present i.e. Ali says, the sub clause will be 'he will go to Jakarta'.						V	
7.	However, in certain informal usage, the object of the preposition <u>may appear</u> initial position in the clause, and the preposition in final position.							V

3. Calculating the percentage of types of hedges used in the Review of Related Literature and in the Method of the Research Section by using the formula:

$$\frac{n}{N} \times 100$$

Note:

n: the total number of each type of hedges.

N: the total number of all hedges.