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## ABSTRACT

Learning and mastering English will not be possible if from the beginning we do not have a strong determination. After having a strong determination, all you need to do is find the right English learning strategy. The students used different learning strategies in learning English as a foreign language. This study is designed to find out types of English language learning strategies are used by the students and the factors influencing the choice of learning strategy. On the basis of the nature of the data, a qualitative approach is appropriate to this study. Data were obtained by questionnaire and interview. The result of the analysis revealed that the students used three types of strategies in learning English. The types of strategies are cognitive, metacognitive and social/affective strategies. The more dominant strategy that is used by the students is social/ affective strategy. While the

## INTRODUCTION

Mastery of foreign languages is important in this modern day of globalization. Mastering a foreign language means expanding opportunities to be able to interact and get information from other parts of the world and the opportunity to gain more knowledge.

As one of foreign languages in Indonesia, English is studied as a compulsory subject at schools. English is the first foreign language in Indonesia among other foreign languages based on some considerations that it is a worldwide language. In today's development, English has become the language of worldwide communication, the language of science information, modern technology trade, and politics, and used almost in all fields. This is the basic reason for English to be given to begin with need to be consider among other foreign languages.

Learning and mastering English will not be possible if from the beginning we do not have a strong determination. After having a strong determination, all you need to do is find the right English learning strategy. Learning strategy is one among various aspects needed by learners to master English. Learning strategies have been at the center of attention and play an important role in the teaching-learning process. Learning a foreign language effectively means using adequate learning strategies. There are two sorts of learning strategies, they are direct strategies and indirect strategies. Direct strategies

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