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**Keyword:** Grammar Proficiency, Game-Based Learning, EFL, Grammar

### **ABSTRAK**

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Kemahiran tata bahasa merupakan salah satu komponen penting dalam penguasaan bahasa Inggris, namun pembelajaran tata bahasa sering kali menjadi monoton apabila hanya menggunakan metode konvensional. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menguji efektivitas Game-Based Learning (GBL) dalam meningkatkan kemampuan tata bahasa siswa dibandingkan dengan metode konvensional. Penelitian dilaksanakan di SMPN Maur pada siswa kelas VII dengan melibatkan 35 siswa di kelas eksperimen dan 34 siswa di kelas kontrol. Data dikumpulkan melalui pre-test dan post-test untuk mengukur pencapaian tata bahasa siswa. Hasil pre-test menunjukkan bahwa kedua kelompok memiliki kemampuan awal yang relatif sama, dengan nilai rata-rata kelas eksperimen sebesar 26,23 dan kelas kontrol 23,65. Namun setelah perlakuan, hasil post-test memperlihatkan peningkatan signifikan pada kelas eksperimen dengan nilai rata-rata 56,97, sedangkan kelas kontrol hanya mencapai 30,24. Uji Mann-Whitney U mengonfirmasi bahwa perbedaan antara kedua kelompok signifikan secara statistik, yang menunjukkan bahwa penerapan GBL lebih efektif dalam meningkatkan kemampuan tata bahasa dibandingkan metode konvensional. Temuan ini mengindikasikan bahwa pembelajaran berbasis permainan mampu menciptakan suasana belajar yang interaktif dan menyenangkan, serta direkomendasikan sebagai alternatif strategi pengajaran dalam pembelajaran bahasa Inggris.

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