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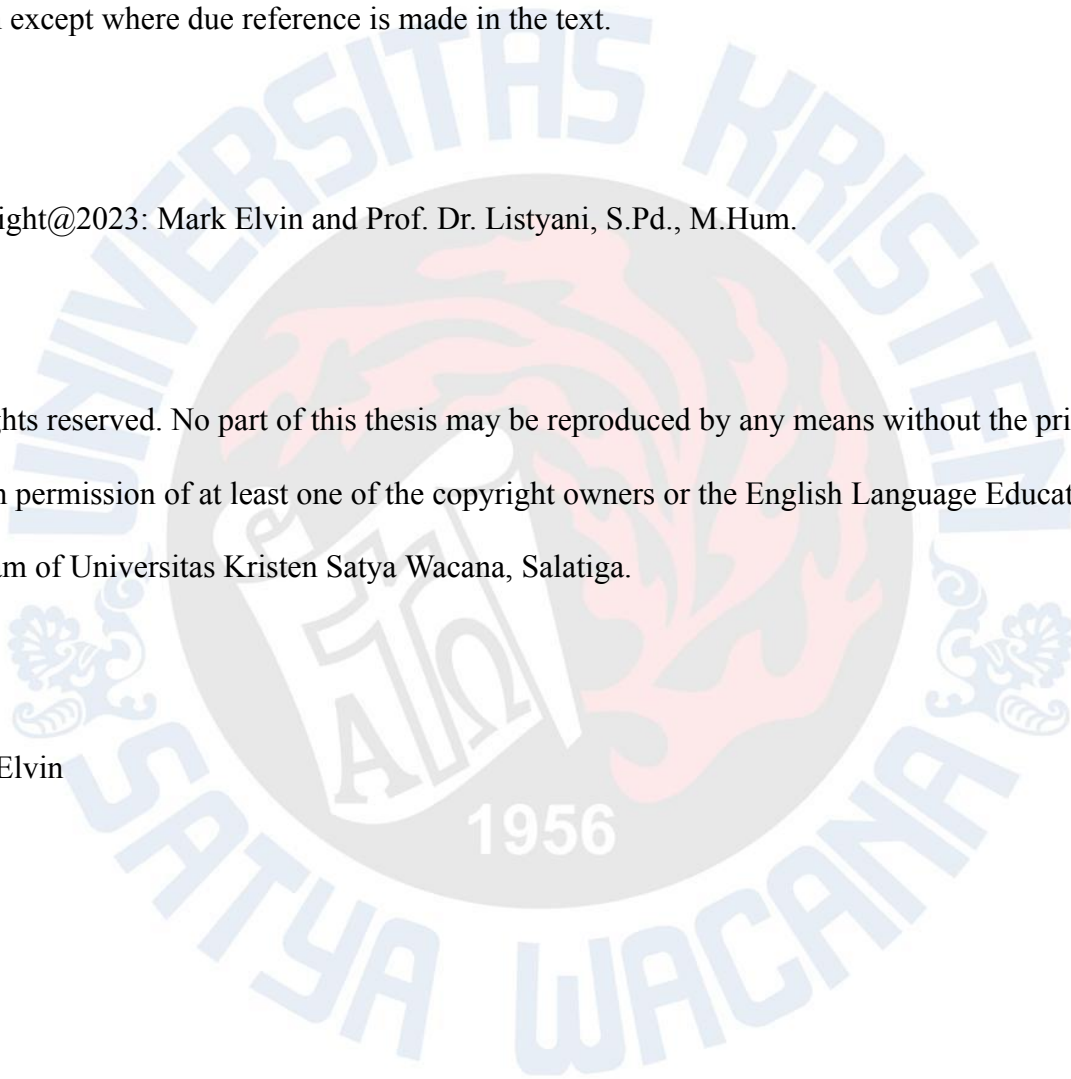


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ABSTRACT

Pronunciation is one of the main keys in mastering English speaking. Without correct pronunciation in speaking English, EFL students cannot communicate well and it will be hard for others to understand what they are saying. The study aimed to find out the strategies used by the English Language Education Program students from Bengkayang's strategies in improving their pronunciation skills at the Faculty of Language and Arts in Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, Salatiga. The participants of the study were twenty-one (21) students from batch 2019 who had taken the Pronunciation Practice class in Semester 1 of the 2021/2022 academic year. This study was conducted to answer one research question: What are Bengkayang students' strategies to improve their pronunciation skills?. There were 21 participants from Bengkayang EFL students batch 2019. They were chosen randomly to be the participants because they were all from Bengkayang, a province in Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia, who had various ways of pronouncing words. The researcher used a set of questionnaire questions which consisted of close-ended, open-ended and semi-structured interview questions to collect the data from the students. The findings showed that the strategies used by the students were watching online video(s), listening to songs in English, practicing with friends, and using an online application (ELSA). The students were familiar with the strategies used because those strategies were suggested by the teachers in the classroom. Eventually, this study hopes to provide information for teachers or other students outside Bengkayang who faced the same problem.

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