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Currently developing English language skills can be done through any media, be it social media, application, even through friendships that have cultural differences. Based on this phenomenon, researchers are interested in finding out what abilities can be developed through this friendship.

This study describes how college students develop their English language skills through intercultural friendship. The design of this study was qualitative using interviews and documentation as data sources. The object of this research is to find out what English language skills the college students have developed through this friendship.

The results showed that the students experienced an increase in their English proficiency such as speaking fluently because they often had conversations with them, as well as listening to how they spoke. And some others feel they are more confident in speaking because of this friendship. Therefore, with this research, other students can make more friends with foreigners in order to develop their English language skills.

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Saat ini mengembangkan kemampuan berbahasa inggris bisa dilakukan melalui media apapun, entah itu media sosial, media aplikasi, bahkan melalui pertemanan yang memiliki perbedaan budaya. Berdasarkan fenomena tersebut, peneliti tertarik untuk mencari tau kemampuan apa saja yang dapat dikembangkan melalui pertemanan tersebut.

Penelitian ini mendeskripsikan tentang bagaimana para mahasiswa mengembangkan kemampuan berbahasa inggris mereka melalui pertemanan antar budaya. Desain penelitian ini adalah kualitatif dengan menggunakan interview dan dokumentasi sebagai sumber data. Objek dari penelitian ini adalah mengetahui apa saja kemampuan berbahasa inggris para mahasiswa perkuliahan yang mengalami perkembangan melalui pertemanan ini.

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