

## ABSTRACT

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This research is about *Communication Strategies Used by the Students of MEC English Syariah Banjarmasin*. The objectives of this research are to find out what type of communication strategies used by the students of MEC English Syariah Banjarmasin and the dominant type of communication strategies used by them. In this research, the researcher used descriptive qualitative method. The technique of collecting data were observation and interview. From observation, the data were taken from utterances and actions by the students of MEC English Syariah Banjarmasin. On the other hand, the researcher also did interview to ask the students about what type of communication strategies they used and what the dominant type they used.

The results showed that from five times observation and interview with twenty students of MEC English Syariah Banjarmasin, the researcher found nine (9) types communication strategies used by the students, those are: 1). Code switching, 2). Use of fillers, 3). Appeal for help, 4). Use of non-linguistic means, 5). Approximation, 6). Message abandonment, 7). Topic avoidance, 8). Circumlocution, and 9). Foreignizing. Besides it, the researcher found the dominant type of communication strategies used by the students is code switching.