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Abstract

Public speaking is a versatile skill that offers many benefits to a student's career. One way for students to develop public speaking skills is by attending conferences. A conference is a meeting to exchange opinions or research results. Conference activities allow students to develop their skills in public speaking. However, there are still many obstacles faced by students when doing public speaking at conferences. As a qualitative descriptive study, this research aims to identify students' difficulties in presenting at academic conferences and to identify how students prevent the problems when they conduct a presentation in conferences. From the results collected from six students, the problems they face vary, ranging from anxiety, technical problems, lack of preparation, to lack of time management. However, students have strategies to prevent problems when doing public speaking at conferences. The strategies that students apply are practicing presentations, making short notes, careful preparation, and asking for advice. In conclusion, in participating in conferences students have different problems that they face, but students can prevent these problems with strategies that students prepare to prevent their problems in public speaking in conferences.

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