ABSTRACT

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This study aims to explore students' experiences in the English Education Study

Program at Universitas Jambi (class of 2021), focusing on the causes of speaking

anxiety during presentations and the strategies used to overcome it. This research

employs a qualitative case study approach, involving six participants who were

interviewed using semi-structured methods in person and via Zoom meetings. The

findings reveal that presentation-related speaking anxiety is influenced by two main

factors: internal and external. Additionally, students adopt various methods to

overcome their anxiety, either individually or by utilizing support from their

environment.

Keywords: Speaking Anxiety, Academic Presentation, EFL Students, Language

Anxiety, Overcoming Speaking Anxiety.

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