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This research entitled "I am Afraid to Speak English": Exploring EFL Students' Learning Experiences during Speaking Class at the Islamic Higher Education Institution. is submitted as on of compulsory fulfillments of requirements for bachelor degree (S-1) of English Education at Tarbiyah Faculty of State Islamic Institute of Kudus.

The background of this research is the presence of the students' speaking problems during speaking class. Through the experiences shared by participants, researcher can identify speaking problems, the causes and consequences of problems experienced by students. Researcher hope this research can contribute to analyzing the factors of speaking problems in the speaking class.

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