ABSTRACT

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PICTURES STRIP STORY TO IMPROVE STUDENTS’ READING COMPREHENSION AT FIRST GRADE OF SMA N 1 AMBARAWA PRINGSEWU

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This study is aimed at (1) investigating whether there is any significant difference of students’ reading comprehension achievement after being taught by using picture strip story at the first grade of SMA N 1 Ambarawa Pringsewu. (2) finding out the aspects of reading comprehension achievement of the students that increased most after being taught by using picture strip story.

To achieve these goals, the researcher carried out quantitative study with one group Pre-test and Post-test Design because this research just needed one group or class to answer the research question. The population of this research was first grade students of SMA N 1 Ambarawa in 2015/2016 academic year. The sample of this research was one class taken randomly as the experimental class, that is class X IPS 2. In addition, the researcher took another class as try out class, that is, class X IPS 3. Each class consisted of 30 students. The instrument for collecting data in this research was reading test.

The data in form of score were analyzed statistically based on the calculation using t-test, the results of data analysis showed that the students’ mean score in the pre-test and post-test were 60.66 and 72.21. It means that there was increase of students’ score, 11.55. The results of hypothesis test showed that the significance value (2-tailed) was 0.000 in a level of (p<0.05). It could be concluded that H₁ was accepted: Thus, the null-hypothesis was rejected. Besides, picture strip story also increased the students’ reading comprehension in all aspects of reading comprehension. Moreover, picture strip story mostly increased the students’ reading comprehension in understanding vocabulary. The increase of understanding vocabulary aspect was 16%. It could be claimed that teaching reading by using picture strip story gave effect on students’ reading comprehension achievement.

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