

ABSTRACT

TEACHING SPEAKING THROUGH PICTURE SERIES MEDIA AT THE SECOND GRADE OF SMP NEGERI 4 NATAR

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The objective of this research is to find out whether there is an improvement in students' speaking ability after they are taught by using picture series at SMPN 4 Natar.

This research was conducted at the second-grade students of SMPN 4 Natar in the academic year 2020/2021. There were five classes in the second grade of SMPN 4 Natar. Each class consisted of 23 students. The researcher took class VIII D. This research used one group pretest-posttest design by giving the pre-test, treatments, and the post-test. The instrument used to get the data in this research was speaking tests. Speaking tests in the forms of pre-test and post-test were done to collect the data. Then, the t-test was used to test the hypothesis.

The result of the hypothesis test proves that using picture series can improve students' speaking ability. It can be seen from the mean score of the pre-test and post-test which was analyzed through SPSS 16.00. The mean score of the pre-test was 53.7 and it was improved to 70 in post-test and the gain was 16.3. The result of the t-test shows that the level of significance is $p < 0.05$ and the significant two-tail is $p=0.000$. It can be said that using picture series can improve students' speaking ability.

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