## **ABSTRACT**

## USING CHILDREN SHORT STORIES TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' READING COMPREHENSION AT SMA PERINTIS 2 BANDAR LAMPUNG

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The objective of this research is to find out students' reading comprehension by using children short stories (fable) as a material. This research was quantitative research using one-group pre-test and post-test design. The population of this research was the first grade students' of SMA Perintis 2 Bandar Lampung. The sample of this research was X.6 consisting of 32 students. The instrument of this research was reading test in the multiple choices form. The result showed that there was a significant effect of Children Short Stories (Fable) on reading comprehension. It is shown by the increase in students' scores where the post-test scores were higher than the pre-test scores. The average score of the pre-test 51.53 while the post-test is 74.81. The increase scores was 23.28. The researcher used Sig. (2- tailed) in SPSS 26 to do the calculation with the significant level of 0.05. The result showed the result are sig (2-tailed) is 0.000 which is lower than 0.005. It indicates that students' reading skills have significantly improved between the results of the pre-test and post-test.

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