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Selanjutnya juga ada Penerapan Strategi Pembelajaran *Learning Start with A Question* (LSQ) Terhadap Hasil Belajar dan Motivasi Belajar Siswa di SMPN 3 Beutong oleh *Basmi, Qurrratu Aini, dan Mauizah Hasanah*; Tartib Al-Nuzul dalam Diskursus Para Ulama oleh *Muhammad Fadhillah dan Mulyazir*; Pengaruh Metode *Role Playing* Terhadap Hasil Belajar Siswa pada Materi Indera Penglihatan dan Alat Optik di SMPN 3 Seunagan oleh *Rita Muslarita dan Mauizah Hasanah*; Respon Siswa

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IMPLEMENTING DIRECT METHOD BY USING GAMES TO IMPROVE EFL STUDENTS' READING COMPREHENSION

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Abstrak: Keterampilan membaca adalah salah satu aspek dari bahasa asing yang perlu dikuasai oleh siswa. Oleh karena itu diperlukan metode yang tepat untuk meningkatkan keterampilan membaca siswa, terutama pemahaman membaca. Peneliti melakukan penelitian dengan menggunakan *Direct Method* untuk meningkatkan pemahaman membaca. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui apakah *Direct Method* dengan menggunakan *games* dapat meningkatkan pemahaman membaca siswa. Sampel dari penelitian ini adalah siswa XI MAN Sibreh yang terdiri dari 25 siswa. Penelitian ini dilaksanakan dalam empat pertemuan. Dalam pengumpulan data, peneliti menggunakan pre-test dan post-test sebagai instrumen penelitian. *Pre-test* diberikan pada pertemuan pertama sedangkan *post-test* diberikan pada pertemuan terakhir. Setelah menganalisis data, *t-score* yang diperoleh adalah 3,92. Ini menunjukkan bahwa ada perbedaan yang signifikan antara *pre-test* dan *post-test*. Selain itu, nilai kritis t untuk tingkat kebebasan adalah 2,06 pada tingkat signifikansi 5% (0,05). Dengan demikian, *t-score* (3,92) lebih tinggi dari *t-table* (2,06). Karena itu, hipotesis diterima.

Kata Kunci: *Direct Method*, *Games*, pemahaman membaca,

Abstract: Reading skill is one of the aspects of the foreign language which need to be master by the students. Thus it needed an appropriate method to improve the students' reading skills, especially reading comprehension. Therefore, the researchers conducted the study by using the Direct Method to improve reading comprehension. The purpose of this study was to find out whether the Direct Method by using games can improve the students' reading comprehension. The sample was taken from the XI students of MAN Sibreh consisted of 25 students. The experiment was conducted in four meetings. In collecting the data, this study used pre-test and post-test as the research instruments. The pre-test was given in the first meeting while the post-test was given in the last meeting. After analyzing the data, the obtained t-score is 3,92. It indicates that there are significant differences between pre-test and post-test. Moreover, the critical value of t for the degree of freedom was 2,06 at the level significance of 5% (0,05). Thus, the t-score (3,92) is higher than the t-table (2,06). Therefore, the hypothesis is accepted.

Keywords: *Direct Method*, *games*, reading comprehension

A. INTRODUCTION

Teachers play great roles in transferring knowledge and educating to the students. The teachers' methods used in teaching have a great impact on the students' motivation and achievement in learning. Moreover, English teachers should have interesting techniques or methods for playing their roles in order to motivate the students in learning English deeply.

Some English teachers complain that their students often get difficulties to understand the English text that they already read. Sometimes they only know a little part of the text. The

other difficulty is most of the students are not able to answer the reading comprehension questions. Moreover, when the students find difficulty in understanding the text, they are going to be lazy and bored in reading the text. To overcome the problems, therefore, the teachers have to try to implement an appropriate method or technique to attract the students' interest in reading the text. Not only an appropriate method or technique, but the teacher also must prepare good materials and suitable for their level.

In addition, reading offers to access the information, aspiration, ideas, and actions of both in the past, present, and future. Through reading, someone extends his/her environment from home and community to the world as a whole (Hendry and Dechant, 1961). Because of the students' difficulties in comprehending the text, it is hard for them to gain the information given in the text. Therefore, it is important to use an appropriate technique or method to increase the students' reading comprehension.

In this case, the researchers conducted pre-experimental research by applying the Direct Method by using games. The purpose of this study was to know how effective this method to improve EFL students' reading comprehension.

In applying the Direct Method, the teacher should use the target language and should not translate the words to the native language (Batool, Anosh, Batool, Iqbal, 2017). It means that the students are actively engaged in using the target language in the teaching-learning process (Mart, 2013). In addition, Mart (2013) also argued that by applying the Direct Method, the students enable to understand the target language and help them to use the target language with enjoyment. Moreover, the basic principle of this method is dealing with the meaning of the words through the use of realia, pictures, pantomime (gestures) or authentic materials (Larsen-Freeman & Anderson, 2011).

Furthermore, Larsen-Freeman & Anderson (2011) also stated that another principle that the teacher must focus on is reading. It must be taught at the beginning of the learning process. To improve the students' reading skills, it should be taught together with speaking. Therefore, the teacher should use realia or pictures to help the students understand the meaning of the word. Besides that, the teacher can also demonstrate the meaning of that word by a gesture or pantomime and cannot translate it to the native language. By applying this method by using games (gesture), hopefully, the students can achieve the learning objective which makes them be able to comprehend the reading materials well and to avoid the misunderstanding.

B. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In conducting the study, the researchers used a pre-experimental design. The design used one group pre-test-post-test. It meant that the researchers only used one class as the sample of this study. The other reason was there was only one class for second-year students, therefore the sample of this was the total number of XI students consisted of 25 students.

The research was carried out in four meetings. The first meeting was for the pre-test, the second and the third meeting was for implementing the Direct Method and the last meeting was for the post-test. In implementing the Direct Method, the researchers used pictures and gestures as games in the teaching-learning process.

Moreover, the research instruments of this study were pre-test and post-test. The tests were in the form of a reading comprehension test. The tests consisted of 10 questions. The researcher asked the students to answer the question based on the text given.

After collecting the data, the researchers calculated the mean and standard deviation scores for both pre and post-test. After gaining the score, the researcher analyzed the t-score to answer the research hypothesis.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Result of Study

After the pre-test and post-test were given to the students, the results were tabulated. The simple and suitable statistical formula by Arikunto (2002) was used to prove the hypothesis; means, variance, standard deviation and t-score. The result of means and standard deviation of both pre-test and post-test were followed.

Table 1. Means and Standard Deviation of Pre-test and Post-test

Test	Score	
	Means	Standard Deviation
Pre-test	63,6	10,34
Post-test	74,6	9,47

Based on the data above, it can be seen that the mean score of pre-test was 63,6 while the mean score of post-test was 74,6. After calculating the means and standard deviation scores, the researchers calculated the t-score. The obtained t-score was 3,92. Moreover, the critical value of the t-table for the degree of freedom of 25 sample is 2,06.

2. Discussion

This study was conducted in four meetings. In the first meeting, the students were asked to answer the questions about the text. The test consisted of 10 questions about reading

comprehension. The test was done in 45 minutes. In the next two meetings, the researchers applied the Direct Method in the teaching-learning process. Here, the students were asked to read the text. If the students were difficult to understand the words in the text, the meaning of the words was explained in the target language, not using the native language. Sometimes, it made the students were difficult to understand, especially for them who have low ability, because they need to associate the meaning with their native language. Therefore, the researchers used picture and gesture to help them. In addition, the communication is the purpose of language learning in the Direct Method (Larsen-Freeman & Anderson, 2011) thus the students should learn how to ask and answer the question. Moreover, the obstacles that were faced were it spent long time making the students understand the difficult words. So, it can be one of the disadvantages of the Direct Method. The other disadvantage that was drawn by Batool, et.al (2017) is Direct Method is useful in the early stage but unsuitable for a higher stage. Moreover, this method is also expensive because the used aids are high-cost aids.

Nevertheless, the Direct Method also has advantages. In this study, to minimize the cost of the aid, the researchers used gestures and expressions as well as pictures. Another advantage is all the students involved in activities. They communicated with each other by using the target language. Sometimes they used gestures or expressions to express their idea if their interlocutors did not understand what they talked about. Based on the researchers' experience while implanting the Direct Method, the students were more active to understand the given text. For the last meeting, the researchers gave the post-test to the students. The test also consisted of 10 questions.

After gaining all the data from the pre-test and post-test, it was found that the mean score of the post-test (74,6) was higher than the pre-test (63,6). Moreover, the t-score was 3,92. This indicated that there was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test. The critical value of t-table for the degree of freedom of 25 samples is 2,06 at the level significance level of 5% (0,05). To prove the hypothesis, it needed to compare the t-score and t-table. Based on the data t-score is higher than t-table, it means that the alternative hypothesis is accepted and the null hypothesis is rejected. The t-score of the implementation of the Direct Method is higher than the t-table, it shows that the researchers' hypothesis is accepted. It can be concluded that by applying the Direct Method, the students' reading comprehension improve.

D. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Based on the researchers' experience when conducted the research, it can be concluded that the Direct Method is one method that can be used to improve the students' reading comprehension. In this method, the students engage in all activity by using the target language. They comprehend the text through communication. It means that their communication skills improve as well as their reading skills.

Moreover, the researchers' suggestion to the English teachers who implement this method to use pictures and gesture as games to make the students interested in the teaching-learning process. The pictures and gestures help the teacher to minimize the using of native language.

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