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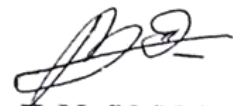
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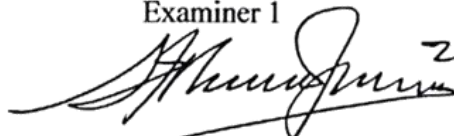
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ABSTRACT

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The objective of this research is to find the effectiveness of using DK Readers as alternative media to improve students' reading comprehension at eighth grade of MTs. Sunan Muria Kelet in the academic year of 2017/2018. The subject in this research were 40 students.

In this research, experimental research was used as a method. The research was conducted into two group. There are the experimental group and control group. The experimental group was students who taught through DK Readers, while the control group was students who were not taught through DK Readers. The data were gathered through the test, there were pre-test and post-test.

The result of this research showed that DK Readers gave significant improvement on students' reading comprehension. The result shows at the significant level 5% that the value of $t\text{-test} = 2.63$ is higher than $t_{\text{table}} = 2.02$. It means that the Alternative Hypothesis (H_a) is accepted and the Null Hypothesis (H_o) is rejected. In short, DK Readers as alternative media is effective to improve reading comprehension at eighth grade of MTs. Sunan Muria Kelet.

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini dilakukan untuk mengetahui keefektifan penggunaan DK Readers sebagai media alternatif untuk meningkatkan pemahaman siswa dalam membaca di kelas VIII (delapan) di MTs. Sunan Muria Kelet pada tahun ajar 2017/2018. Subjek penelitian ini mencapai 40 siswa.

Dalam penelitian ini, metode yang digunakan adalah penelitian eksperimen. Penelitian ini dilakukan pada dua kelas atau grup. Yaitu pada kelas eksperimen dan kelas kontrol. Kelas eksperimen adalah kelas dimana para siswa diajar menggunakan DK Readers, sedangkan kelas kontrol adalah kelas dimana para siswa diajar tidak menggunakan DK Readers. Data yang dikumpulkan melalui tes, yang mana tes tersebut adalah pre-test dan post-test.

Hasil dari penelitian ini ditunjukkan pada DK Readers yang memberikan perkembangan yang sangat signifikan pada kemampuan membaca siswa. Hasil yang ditunjukkan pada tabel signifikan 5% dengan nilai $t\text{-test} = 2.63$ lebih besar dari $t_{\text{table}} = 2.02$. Yang berarti Hipotesis Alternatif (H_a) diterima dan Hipotesis Nol (H_0) ditolak. Singkatnya, DK Readers sebagai media adalah efektif untuk meningkatkan kemampuan membaca siswa pada kelas VIII (delapan) di MTs. Sunan Muria Kelet.