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This thesis is entitled "Teaching Reading Comprehension by Using Directed Activity Related to Text of SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir. The problem of this study was "it effective to teach descriptive reading text by using directed activity related to text to the Eighth Grade Students of SMP Negeri 4 Air sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir.?". The objective of this study was to find out whether or not it was effective to use directed activity teaching method to improve students descriptive Reading text Comprehension at SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir. This study used pre-experimental design. The population of this study was the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan, with the total number 56 students. The sample of this study was 28 students were taken selected through total sampling. The data obtained were analyzed by using matched t-test in Manual Calculating. The result of t-test calculating in the pretest of experimental class and posttest of experimental class paired sample t-test, it showed that the mean was 12.500, the standard deviation 11.263, the standard error mean was 2.128, the lower was 16.867, the upper was 8.133 of t-obtained was 5.873. It means that it was effective to teach reading comprehension by using directed activity related to text to the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir.

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### **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The chapter presents (1) background of the study, (2) problem of the study, (3) objective of the study, (4) significance of the study, and (5) hypotheses of the study

## A. Background of the Study

There are four skills that must be mastered by students (i.e. listening, speaking, reading, and writing). Reading is a skill should be mastered in learning English as foreign language. According to Weaver (2009) reading is a process to determine, what the reader's brain , emotions, and beliefs bring to reading. It means that reading is the reader's way in interpreting the printed words (p.10). According to Grellet (2004), reading is a constant process of guessing and what one brings to the is often more important than what one finds in it. In reading the students should be taught to use what they know to understand unknown elements, whether these are ideas or simple words (p.7).

According to Sadoski (2007), reading comprehension is the process in getting meaning of the texts. Further, reading comprehension was related closely to the cognitive competence of the readers, because this was produce comprehension. This idea also supported by Parera in Kahayanto (2005 p.9). According to Juel and Sandjaja (2005). Reading is the process of getting to know a few words and integrating them into words into sentences and reading structures. Therefore, after reading can make the essence of the reading. From the experts above, It can be concluded that reading is a process of understanding and taking the meaning of a word, ideas, concepts, and information that has been put forward by the author on the form of writing. Immediately reading can increase your knowledge. We can find reading material from many source, textbook, and magazine.

In fact in comprehending reading text students need to know the component of reading. Klinger (2007) suggests that the reader needs to attend four indicators of reading comprehension such as vocabulary, refers to knowing what the word mean in context. They have to know word meaning based on context from the text. Decoding is word reading it is the process of sounding out or analyzing individual letters and words (p.5). Fluency refers to accuracy and speed reading it is about the process in reading whit good pronunciation . spelling, intonation, and stress. World knowledge refers to have sufficient background knowledge to benefit from reading the text. Based on explanation stated reading comprehension is the ability to process text, understanding its meaning and to integrate with what the reader already knows. Ability to comprehend text is influence by readers skills and their ability to process information.

Furthermore, Brown (2004), there are some indicators of reading, specific of the text, specific topic and main idea, interpreting and identify the meaning of the word and sentence of the text, identify factual information, guess meaning of vocabulary, synonym and antonym, inference of the text. Analyze generic structure, social function of kind of the text. Understanding the elements of reading will help the reader better in comprehending the text (p.206). Generally, most of students have some problem in understanding and answering questions in reading text. The main factors which may determine literacy come from students related to reading experience, process, comprehension and supportive reading attitudes and behavior. On the world-wide scale, Indonesia students fail to make gains considerably in PIRLS reading literacy score between 2006 and 2011. Although there is progress, educators in the country are still deeply concerned about the lack of the score below 500, according to OECD (2010).

Based on the researcher interview with some students and English Teacher Problem by the Eighth-Grade Students of SMP 4 Negeri Air Sugihan, Ogan Komering Ilir in learning reading text are stated :

- 1. Students has difficulties to understand and answer about reading text
- 2. Students has difficulties to speak about English
- 3. Students lazy to read text in reading
- 4. Students just listen the teacher explanation and they do the task from teacher until time is up
- 5. Students lazy to memorize and practice every time to improve their English ability.

To overcome reading text problem stated, there was an effective method called Directed Activities Related to Text (DART). According to Vester (2008) DART is activity which get students to interact whit text. The purpose is to improving the student's reading comprehension and to make them to be critical readers it can be done by individual or groups (p.1). Therefore, Bridley (2005) insists that DART is the central value placed on exchanges by pupils in small group. Those paper were describe the application of DART method in teaching reading for junior high school. It can be used as information of the DART produce that can be applied by the teacher in teaching reading comprehension (p.97).

Based on the explanation stated, the researcher was interested in conducting a research with the title *"Teaching Reading Comprehension By Using Directed Activity Related to Text to The Eighth-Grade Students Of SMP 4 Negeri Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir..* 

#### 1. Limitation of the Problem

In this study the researcher limited the problem on teaching descriptive reading text by using directed activity related to the text to the Eighth-Grade Students of SMP Negeri Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir.

## **1.2 Formulation of problem**

In keeping with the background mentioned, the researcher formulated the question as follows: "was it effective to teach descriptive reading text by using directed activity related to text to the Eighth Grade Students of SMP Negeri 4 Air sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir.?"

## 2. Objective of the Study

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the objective of the study is to find out whether or not it was effective to use directed activity teaching method to improve students descriptive Reading text Comprehension at SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir..

### 3. Significance of the Study

The significant of the study might be useful for the following parties:

1). The researcher

By writing this research, the writer would enrich and enlarge her knowledge and she would get new experience in doing researcher especially about reading comprehension by using directed activity related to text to the Eighth Grade Students of SMP Negeri 4 Air sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir..

2). The students

The writer can motivates them to read more than they did before and encourage them to learn English by reading comprehension.

3). The other researchers

Other researchers would get an additional source for their similar topic and added their knowledge especially about the reading comprehension by using directed activity related to text to the eighth grade student of SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir..

## 4. Hypotheses of the Study

Creswell (2005) states that hypothesis testing are: (1). Identify a null and alternative hypothesis, (2). Set the level of significance or alpha level for rejecting the null hypothesis, (3). Collecting data, (4). Computer the sample statistic, typically using a computer program and (5). Make a decision about rejected or falling to reject the null hypothesis (186).

- (Ha): It was effective to teach descriptive Reading text Comprehension by using directed activity related to text (DART) to the eight student of SMP Negeri 4 Air Sugihan Ogan Komering Ilir.
- (H<sub>o</sub>): It was not effective to teach descriptive Reading text
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