

ABSTRACT

THE EFFECTIVENES OF SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION TO IMPROVE READING COMPREHENSION ACHIEVEMENT (the Case of the Seventh Grade Students of SMP N 3 Beringin in Academic Years 2017/2018)

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Small group discussion technique is a technique which is used in schools to improve students' reading comprehension. The purpose of this study is to know whether small group discussion techniques could improve the students' reading comprehension in seventh graders of SMP N3 Beringin in Academic Year 2017/2018. This study used quasi experimental design. This study took VII-A as the experimental class and VII-B as the control class. This study proceeded in some step done some steps, they were try out, pre-test, treatments, and post test. This study analyzed the data by using independent sample t-test formula. The pre-test results of experimental and control class were 62.57 and 57.67. It proved that the students' ability before the treatment was poor. The post result showed that the experimental class got higher score than the control class $77.57 > 69.37$. The result showed that sig. (2-tailed) 0.001 was less than 0.05. It means that the treatment improves students' reading comprehension and H_0 was rejected and H_1 was accepted. Based on the result above, it can be concluded that small group discussion techniques could improve students' reading comprehension to the Seventh graders of SMP N3 Beringin in the Academic Year 2017/2018.

Keywords: Small group discussion Techniques, Reading, Junior High School

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Small group discussion adalah salah satu teknik yang digunakan di sekolah untuk meningkatkan pemahaman siswa dalam membaca. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui apakah *Small group discussion* teknik dapat meningkatkan pemahaman siswa dalam membaca di kelas VII SMP N3 Bringin Tahun Ajaran 2017/2018. Penelitian ini menggunakan desain eksperimen kuasi. Penelitian ini mengambil VII-A sebagai kelas eksperimen dan VII-B sebagai kelas kontrol. Penelitian ini telah dilakukan dengan beberapa langkah seperti *try out*, *pre-test*, *treatment*, dan *post-test*. Penelitian ini menganalisis data dengan menggunakan rumus sample t-test independent. Hasil pre-test dari eksperimen dan kelas kontrol adalah 62.57 dan 57.67. ini membuktikan bahwa kemampuan siswa sebelum diberikan *treatment* masih lemah. Hasil penelitian di *post-test* menunjukkan bahwa kelas eksperimen mendapat nilai lebih besar dibandingkan kelas kontrol $77.57 > 69.37$. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa sig. (2-tailed) 0.001 kurang dari 0.05. Ini berarti bahwa *treatment* meningkatkan pemahaman siswa dalam membaca dan H_0 ditolak dan H_1 diterima. Berdasarkan hasil di atas, dapat disimpulkan bahwa *Small group discussion* teknik dapat meningkatkan pemahaman siswa dalam membaca untuk siswa kelas sebelas di SMP N3 Bringin di Tahun Akademik 2017/2018.

Kata kunci: Small group discussion Teknik, Membaca, SMP