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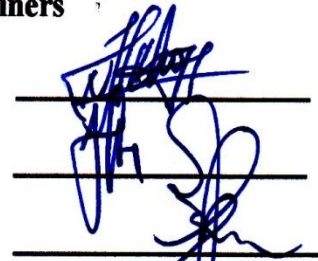
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ABSTRACT

Werdiningsih, Rahayu. 2018. The Effectiveness of Using RAFT Strategy to Improve Students' Writing in Descriptive Text (An Experimental Research of the Tenth Graders of SMKN 1 Demak in the Academic Year of 2018/2019). A Final Project, Submitted to The English Education Study Program, College of Languages and Communication Science Sultan Agung Islamic University. Advisor: Nani Hidayati, S.Pd, M.Pd.

The purpose of this research is to find out whether the use of RAFT Strategy to improve students' writing ability of the tenth graders of SMKN 1 Demak is more effective than another strategy or not. The method of this research was quasi experimental design because it did not use random sample. The sample of this research consisted of 36 students of class X MM 1 and 36 students of class X MM 3. Pre-test and post-test to the control group and experimental group were used to get the data. SPSS v.16.0 software program was used to analyze the research result. This research used three steps. They were: pre-test, treatment and post-test's mean scores. The result of the pre-test and post-test of experimental group were 76.11 and 86.11. While the result of pre-test and post-test's mean scores of control group were 72.32 and 73.89. The result of the analysis showed that there was a significant difference. It can be seen that sig (2 tailed) $0.000 < 0.05$ which reflects that there was a significant difference between the two means. Therefore, it was concluded that H_0 was rejected and H_1 was accepted which means that using RAFT strategy to improve students' writing ability of tenth graders is effective.

Keywords: *Writing Ability, RAFT Strategy, Descriptive Text.*

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Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan apakah penggunaan strategi RAFT untuk meningkatkan pemahaman membaca siswa pada kelas sepuluh SMKN 1 Demak lebih effective dari strategi-strategi lainnya atau tidak. Metode dari penelitian ini adalah quasi experimental design karena penulis tidak menggunakan metode acak saat menentukan sample. Sample dari penelitian ini terdiri dari 36 siswa dari kelas X MM 1 dan 36 siswa dari kelas X MM 3. Pretest dan post test di berikan kepada kelompok control dan kelompok experimental untuk memperoleh data. Aplikasi SPSS v.16.0 di gunakan untuk menganalisis data. Dalam penelitian ini menggunakan tiga tahap yaitu: pre test, tindakan, dan post test. Hasil nilai rata-rata pre test dan post test dari kelompok experimental adalah 76.11 dan 86.11. Sedangkan hasil nilai rata-rata pre test dan post test dari kelompok control adalah 72.32 and 73.89. Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa ada perbedaan yang signifikan. Hal ini dapat dilihat dari hasil sig (2 tailed) $0.000 < 0.05$ yang berarti bahwa H_0 ditolak dan H_1 diterima. Jadi penggunaan strategi RAFT untuk mengembangkan kemampuan menulis siswa pada kelas sepuluh adalah efektif.

Keywords: *Kemampuan Menulis, Strategi RAFT, Teks Deskriptif.*

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