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The purposes of this research are to find out the differences score of students before and after the application of SSS method, and to find out the students perception of using SSS method in teaching reading. The subjects of this research were 26 students of the second grade of MTsN Indrapuri in the academic year of 2016/2017. This research used quantitative approach. The writer used two research instruments. There were tests and questionnaire. Based on the results of test the writer concludes that the mean score of post-test is higher than pre-test (61,15>28,46). While the result of t-test was 4,78, the critical value was 0.05 and degree of freedom (df)= N-1= 26-1= 25 is 2.03. The obtained t-score was 4,78. So the t-score was higher than t-table ( $t_{score}=4,78>t_{table}=2.03$ ). It means that there was a significant difference of achievement in the test result before and after applying this method. The result of the questionnaire proved that most of the students were interested in using SSS method.

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#### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### A. The Background of Study

The purpose of teaching English language at Junior Islamic High school is to develop the students' language skills. There are for major skill that should be mastered by student in learning English, namely listening, speaking, reading and writing. These four skill should be included by teacher in process of teaching and learning in class room (Harmer, 1983). One of the skills that cannot be neglected is reading skill because the success of their study depend on the greater part of their ability to read. Therefore, reading is essential not only to get information but also to comprehend the text. There are several texts that are commonly used in teaching reading namely, descriptive text, report text, recount text, and narrative text (Hyde, 1998).

Reading is a part of language skill. It is closely linked to other components that are speaking, writing, and listening. These language skills cannot be separated each other. The importance of reading is the comprehension of the text beside the knowledge of letters and punctuation and reader needs the skill to comprehend a reading. This emphasis intended to encourage students to enjoy reading and have a comprehension skill of reading (Helmar, Blair & Ruplay, 1961, p. 50). Being able to read English is very importance. Reading is a good way to develop and to understand English. The acquisition of the reading skill in the second language learning in

considered as a priority. This idea is supported by the fact that reading has become a part of students daily activities, students read many texts, magazine, academic books.

In English learning, reading is very important especially for students. It is also necessary to understand the material, newspapers, letters, etc. in order to know and to understand about what reading is. Described also by Nunan (1989), reading is as a complex cognitive process of decoding symbols in order to construct or derives meaning. In addition, reading is the most crucial thing in increasing some knowledge through print out materials. According to Jean Osborn (1995), comprehension occurs when the reader actives or constructs a schema that explains the events and objects describe in a text. Most students still have reading problems such as difficulty to understand the texts, low mastery of vocabulary, low speed of reading, and low habit of reading. These problems could result from many factors. They could derive from the teaching strategy, the students' intellectual competence themselves, or the students' socio and economic condition which force them to be lack of school facilities and eventually causes low interest of studying and low scores of English.

Reading is a complex process. It is a composite of many skills, habits, attitudes. It is an act, performance, or response that the reader makes to the printed pages. Unfortunately certain factor may prohibit making the response. The physical-physichological factors influence reading performance, such as general physical conditions, sex related correlates, visual and auditory

deficiencies and neurological in adequacies (Dechant, 1982, p. 84). Frank Smith describes that reading has four distinctive and fundamental characteristics as follows:

- 1. Reading is purposeful. Its nature is central, not simply because one normally reads for a reason. The person who has no purpose in reading can bring nothing to the reading, and the activity is bound to be meaningless.
- 2. Reading is selective because students normally only attend to what is relevant to students purpose.
- 3. Reading is anticipatory because students are rarely surprised by what we read-our purposes define students expectation.
- 4. Reading is based on comprehension because despite an ever present possibility of ambiguity, the act rarely leaves students confused (Frank, 1982, p. 3).

Based on researcher's as a teacher at Junior High School, the researcher faced some problems in teaching reading; *First*, the student had lack of vocabulary, it caused them had difficulties to identify the meaning of unfamiliar words. *Second*, the learning process of reading seemed boring. The teacher commonly explained and introduced some materials, asked the students to read some paragraphs in textbook, and pushed students to do exercises to measure their understanding, without tell them how to comprehend the text also. *The third*, the problem that student faced in learning reading is they can not translate the next based on the contextual sentences.

The understanding about the text generally is bad, because they do not know how to translate correctly.

Considering the problems, the researcher will do the research in MTsN Indrapuri, Aceh Besar. The researcher suggests a method that can be used in teaching reading. It is Start Simple Stories (SSS). SSS is start with simple stories method to created fun learning in mastering English as second language. It was started in japan. Many Japanese teachers, including Natsume Soseki, Matsumoto Toru and Maruyama Masao, used extensive reading as their method in teaching English. In this method students must read fiction books, such as Sidney Sheldon's novel by intensive reading, students were expected to have better understanding in English. Most of them found difficulties in the vocabulary. They had to translate every English sentence into Japanese word by word with extensive use of a dictionary. Also they could not read a book more than a thousand word in length in a reasonable time (Furukawa, 2006).

Based on the explanation above the researcher is interested in conducting a research on:

"The Implementation of Start Simple Stories (SSS) Method to Improve Students' Reading Comprehension (An Experimental on Second Grade of MTsN Indrapuri)"

#### **B.** Research Question

Concerning the background of study above, there are two research questions formulated as the following:

- 1. To what sense does Start Simple Stories (SSS) improve students' Reading Comprehension?
- 2. How is the students' perception toward the application of Start Simpe Stories (SSS) method to improve their Reading Comprehension?

# C. The Aim of Study

- 1. To find out whether Start Simple Stories (SSS) could improve the students' reading comprehension or not.
- 2. To investigate the students perceptions in improving reading comprehension using Start Simple Storiess (SSS).

# D. Significant of study

There are two significants of this research in theory and practice:

# 1. Theoretically

- a. It is useful for English learners to add new information toward the way to improve reading achievement
- b. It is useful for English teachers to find a new theory to increase students' interest, motivation and skills in reading.

# 2. Practically

#### 1. The School.

The results of this research are expected to useful in school especially in MTsN Indrapuri. It can be apply in the classroom. Therefore, it can improve student in reading ability.

#### 2. The Teacher

The result of this research is to provide the useful of information for English teacher to use this method in their classroom. It might become to guide the teacher to be more creative in teaching English.

#### 3. The Student

The researcher are expected can improve student ability in reading comprehension. Therefore, they can get better in reading achievement, then it also to broaden student's knowledge about Start Simple Stories (SSS).

#### 4. The researcher

The researcher can get new knowledge about the other reading strategy and new experience in teaching reading comprehension by using Start Simple Stories (SSS).

#### E. Terminology

In this thesis, there are several terms which need further explanation in order to help readers better understand this thesis. They are:

#### 1. Implementation

Implementation is a tool, utensil, or other piece of equipment used in (Oxford, 2010). Implementation is the carrying out, or practice of a plan, a method, or any design, idea, model, specification, standard or policy for doing something. As such, implementation is the action that must follow any preliminary thinking in order for something to actually happen.

#### 2. Start Simple Stories (SSS)

According to Furukawa (2006, p. 19), Start Simple Stories is a type of method of teaching reading method to introduce students to the English language text reading using a variety of picture short stories. Learner starts studying picture books with a few words on a page. Then, it should be increased with many words on page. SSS is started with simple stories method to create fun learning in mastering English as foreign language.

#### 3. Improving

The word improving means to make more productive (Danbury, 2004). Some theories give the definition about improve as the activities to raise more desirable or more excellent quality or condition or to increase the productivity or value of land or property (http://www. 20 Thefreedictionary.com). Improve is to make batter in quality or to make more productive (Danbury, 2004, p. 287). Improve is make or become better (Hornby, 1974, p. 427).

#### 4. Reading comprehension

Reading is complex cognitive process of decoding symbols in order to construct of derive meaning and typically and individual activity, although on occasion a person will read out loud for the benefit of other listener (Hyde, 1998). According to Reading is one of the important skills which have to be learned by the students in order to master English well. Reading is also included into receptive skill besides listening. Receptive skill is the way in which people extract meaning from the discourse they see or hear (Harmer, 2001, p. 199). Reading is interaction with language that has been coded into printed. It means the students to do the communicative about the written and information. And Suzanne pointed out that "our reading is based on comprehension because our needs to understand drive our desire to read". If someone reads a text but he does not comprehend the meaning of it. It means that he does not read but only spells out the words.

According to Dechant (1982), comprehension includes the correct association of meanings with word symbols, the selection of the correct meaning suggested by the context, the organization and retention of meanings, the ability to reason one's way through smaller idea segments, and ability to grasp the meaning of a larger unitary idea.

# F. Hypothesis

Mahsun (2002, p. 10) states in *Metode Penelitian Bahasa* that hypothesis is a tentative answer to a problem that is made through a research formulated based on existing knowledge and logic, and whose validity is tested through research. Hypothesis is a temporary answer to research

questions, the truth remains to be tested empirically. Based on the statement above, the researcher makes the following hypothesis:

- a.  $H_{a:}$  Using SSS method can improve students' reading ability in comprehending stories.
- b.  $H_{O:}$  Using SSS method can not improve students' reading ability in comprehending stories.

#### **CHAPTER II**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### A. Reading Comprehension

#### 1. Definition of Reading

Many experts define reading with different meaning. According to Urquhart in Grabe (2009) "Reading is the process of receiving and interpreting information encoded in language from the medium of print".

Reading is a verbal process interrelated with thinking and with all other communication abilities such as listening, speaking, and writing. Specifically, reading is the process of reconstructing from the printed patterns on the page of the ideas and information intended by the author. Dallman (1972, p. 22) said that reading is one of basic communicative skills which plays significant role in learning a language. Quant (1997) says "without comprehension, words are only a series of liseless symbols. They do not communicate; they do not learning; and they add nothing useful to the students' life. When a learner understans and interacts with written and printed language, however, the language can summarize the knowledge of world; fulfill many of his or her effective needs". Knowing the great role comprehension in the reading process, the teachers should have in mind that their reading programmed should be aimed toward furthering students, comprehension abillities.

Reading is a selective process, involving partial use of available minimal language cues (graphic, semantic, and syntactic). Reading always involves an

interaction between the researcher and reader. It is the culminating act of the communication process, initiated by the thoughts of the researcher and expressed through the symbol on the page (Dechant (1982, p. 5).

Reading comprehension is an understanding text that is read or the process of constructing meaning from text. Comprehension is a construction process because it involves all of the elements of the reading process, working together as a text iss read to create representation of the text in the reader's mind. As Sadoski (2004, p. 67) explained that comprehension is understand something, getting its meaning, comprehension is the reconstruction of the author's message the author constructs a message and encodes it in printed language, and the reader decodes the printed language and reconstructs the message. In order to make clear about reading comprehension, the researcher quoted some definitions of reading comprehension by some experts.

According to Dechant (1982) comprehension includes the correct association of meanings with word symbols, the selection of the correct meaning suggested by the context, the organization and retention of meanings, the ability to reason one's way through smaller idea segments, and ability to grasp the meaning of a larger unitary idea. Harmer (1985) said that reading comprehension is an exercice domined by the eyes and the brain, the eyes receive the message and the brain has to work out the significance of these messages. It means reading comprehension involves the ability to derive and understand message from the printed text. Language activity trough reading is nonsense without understanding what has been read. A reader would attempt to receive expression of idea as well

as possible when the passage is read. Thus, reading comprehension means one's act or an effort to comprehend reading.

Comprehension includes the correct association of meanings with word symbols, the selection of the correct meaning suggested by the context, the organization and retention of meanings, the ability to reason one's way through smaller idea segments, and ability to grasp the meaning of a larger unitary idea (Dechant, 1982, p. 311). Underlying comprehension are two general mental abilities: the ability to remember word meanings (word knowledge) and the ability to reason with verbal concepts, and hence with words (Dechant, 1982, p. 312).

While, Grellet (1981, p. 8) said Reading Comprehension is an active skill. It constantly involves guessing, predicting, checking, and asking the questions. It means when one reads, he or she should be able to predict the purpose of the and assimilate to his own experience. The reader's background of knowledge, of course, it is important to make them easy understand the researcher's message.

Reading comprehension as a process involves actively constructing meaning among the parts of the text and between the text and personal experience (Neil, 1992). He states that comprehension and retention are increased by strategies for integrating text with personal knowledge and experience. In his view, text is a blueprint for creating meaning. Though reader's schemata play an important role that leads one to comprehend the text, the text itself is much crucial affecting comprehension. That is why some academicians usually emphasize text rather than backgroud knowledge because they want readers to be able to reproduce important facts and ideas from text (Neil, 1992).

#### 2. The Scope of Reading

By reading, the students can increase their knowledge. The students will get more information that students did not know before. But people do not have the same reasons to read somthing. Some people read to get information and the others read for pleasure such as reading a magazine, a story book, etc. The important point is that, if the students read whatever sources students will get a new knowledge about something.

According to Mahmoed (1992, p. 103-104), there are at least five main purposes for comprehensive reading. They are:

# a. Reading for Specific Information

Reading for specific information is a common form of reading used to discover specific or limited information. Reading for this purpose involves looking for specific information and finding it quickly. Looking up a word in the dictionary or a number in the telephone book is the example of reading for specific information.

# b. Reading for Application

Reading for application is used to accomplish a special task. This type of reading may consist of reading a cake recipe or following instruction to make or fix something.

#### c. Reading for Pleasure and Entertainment

Individuals read for many pleasurable reasons. This includes reading popular magazines, newspapers, novels, and other similar material. It is a slower form of reading, which allows the reader to envision the scenery and contemplate the background and characters with enjoyment and appreciation. This form of reading calls for total involvement of the reader.

#### d. Reading for Ideas

This type of reading requires paying special attention to main ideas, concepts and the nature of the presented information. The reader 25 skims through major topics, headings, illustrations, and conclusions in order to obtain a general idea of the content. Reading for idea is enhanced through familiarity with the overall field of study, related topics, facts, and discussions.

#### e. Reading for Understanding

Reading for understanding requires comprehension of the relationship between the information introduced and overall knowledge of the subject. It requires understanding the relationship of topics to sentences, paragraphs, and the main ideas.

Furthermore, reading can increase students vocabularies because in a book which students read have a lot of words in each paper. Tarigan (1989) said the purpose of reading are to get the information, to know the content of the reading text and to understand the meaning of the words in the text.

#### 3. Principles of Reading

In accordance to Harmer (2001, p. 70), there are some principles behind the teaching of reading:

- 1. Reading is not a passive skill. Reading is an incredibly active occupation. To do it successfully, students have to understand what the words mean.
- 2. Students need to be engaged with what they are reading. As with everything else in lessons, students who are not engaged with the reading text, not actively interested in what they are doing, are less likely to benefit.
- 3. Students should be encouraged to respond to the content of a reading text, not just to the language. It is important to study reading texts for the way they use language, the number of paragraphs they contain and how many times they use relative clauses.
- 4. Prediction is a major factor in reading. When students read texts in their own language, students frequently have a good idea of the content before students actually read.
- 5. Match the task to the topic. Once a decision has been taken about what reading text the students are going to read, students need to choose good reading tasks, the right kind of questions, engaging and useful puzzle, etc.
- 6. Good teachers exploit reading texts to the full. They integrate the reading text into interesting class sequences, using the topic for discussion and further tasks, using the language for study and later activation.

#### 4. Levels of Reading

Reading is the ability to comprehend, not simply to recognize, letters, forms, and symbols. Reading may prove to be almost useless without comprehension. There are three levels of reading comprehension, these are:

- a. Literal Reading is the ability to follow directions and understand exact words, meanings, and characters.
- b. Aesthetic Reading is the ability to appreciate artistically the style and overall quality of what is being read.
- c. Critical Reading consists of making factual distinctions between common ideas, facts, and opinion. This capability is needed for valid interpretation and analysis.

Total comprehension requires reading at all of the above levels. Thus, to comprehend a chapter in a textbook well, one must have ability to read at all levels (Mahmoud, 1992, p. 102-103).

#### 5. The Purpose of Reading

Reading printed words has different purposes. Reader can know and satisfy within if they read the information, as they need. It means that, the reader will have expectation of what they are going to read before them actually to do so.

The purposes of reading comprehension according to Grabe and Stoller (2002, p. 13), have been classified into four purposes. They are:

#### 1. To search for simple information and to skim

It is common reading comprehension. Here the readers can the text to find out a specific piece of information or specific word. Meanwhile, reading to skim in the strategy to form general idea using bacis reading comprehension and guesses to information point.

#### 2. To learn form text

It happens in academic and professional context. It also requires remembering the main idea and the supporting idea, making a relation with their reader's knowledge. The activity could bring stronger inference because it is to help remember information.

# 3. To Integrate information, write and critique text

This skill needs critical evalution where the reader integrate and decide the information that she/he wants. Then it involves abilities such as composing, selecting, and making critique from the material.

# 4. For general comprehension

It can be done by fluent readers very fast and automatically in the processing word, and effective coordination in many process of the text.

Briefly, the purpose of reading comprehension is varies. The reader has some purposes to achieve it. Based on those purposes, it is also necessary to look kinds of reading in which there is a relationship about the kinds of reading.

#### **B. Start Simple Stories (SSS)**

# 1. The Definition of Start Simple Stories (SSS)

Start Simple Stories (SSS) is a type of method of teaching reading method to introduce students to the English language text reading using a variety of picture short stories. Learner starts studying picture books with a few words on a page. Then, it should be increased with many words on page (Furukawa, 2006). There are three features of Start Simple Stories (SSS) method in the classroom;

- 1. This method is started with simple stories and gradually increase the level.
- 2. Learners should not read book not only at home, but also in the classroom.
- 3. Teachers must record the titles students read. It means total the number of the books that are read by students must be recorded.

#### 2. Procedure of Start Simple Stories (SSS) method

There are three steps to mastery in understanding of reading by using Start Simple Stories method, The procedures of Start Simple Stories (SSS) method are as follows:

- a. Ask students to read a text, (in this case is a narrative text).
- b. Divide the class into subgroups and ask them to share their items with each other.
- c. Then students must read the text and teacher helped students to show the picture.

- d. No dictionaries while reading. Learners must guess the meaning each vocabulary. They are not allowed to look up the meaning of the word from dictionary.
- e. Skip over difficult word, they should skip the word and continue to read, because it can take longer time to translate the word.
- f. Stop reading when it is boring or too difficult. Readers must stop to read when they feel boring. If they force themselves to continue reading. They will be lost understanding the text.
- g. Reconvene the entire class and ask representative from each subgroup to share their choices with other students.
- h. After presenting their result in front of the class, students must do assignment. Its function was to help them to get more understanding about the material (Furukawa, 2006).

#### C. The Implementation of Start Simple Stories (SSS) in Reading

Teaching reading by using Start Simple Stories (SSS) is one of the methods that use by the researcher in this research. The researcher used Start Simple Stories (SSS) as the media of teaching reading. In teaching reading, the researcher take the material of reading is about narrative texts.

Start Simple Stories (SSS) is unique which make students focus on the reading text without care about dictionary, difficult word and just stop reading when the learners feels boring and too difficult, besides SSS is simple method that means it is not difficult to apply this method in the class, after that SSS also fun

extensive reading method which the learners start with pictures that describe the text to understand the point of the reading text.

In this case, the researcher discussed about one types of the text which is narrative text. Narrative text in one of genre that focus on telling stories either fiction or nonfiction. According to Wyrick (1996, p. 335), there are two kind of these stories that most often used. First, the extended narrative. It is a long episode that by itself to illustrates or support an essay's thesis. And the second one is the brief narrative. It is a shorter incident that is often used in body paragraph. Narrative text is a story with complication or problematic events and it tries to find the resolution to solve the problems. An important part of narrative text is the narrative mode, the set of methods used to communicate the narrative through a process narration.

According to Pratyasto (2011, p. 32), narrative is type of text that is proposed to amuse and deal with actual and vicarious experience in the different ways; narrative also deals with problematic events which lead to a crisis or turning points of some kind, which in turn find a resolution.

#### **CHAPTER III**

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### A. Research Design

In this research the researcher used quantitative research. According to Creswell (2012), in quantitative research there are three design: experimental, correlation and survey. The researcher used experimental design. Experimental is a procedure for testing a hypothesis by setting up a situation in which the strength of the relationship between variables can be tasted. Also it establishes possible cause and effect between independent and dependent variables. The kind of experimental is Pre Experimental with one group pretest/post-test design. The researcher conducted the experimental teaching at MTsN Indrapuri. The object of this research was the second year students of junior high school. In this experimental teaching, the researcher took one class as participant who is dived to experimental. In the experimental class, the researcher taught reading by using SSS method. The researcher did the experimental teaching to find whether the students' reading comprehension improved or not by using SSS method. The researcher uses some techniques for collecting data.

#### **B.** Population and sample

#### 1. Population

Best and Kahn (2006, p. 13) say that population is any group of individuals that has one or more characteristics in common and that are of

interest to the researcher. Population of this research was all of the second year students at MTsN Indrapuri 2016-2017. There was one class for the second grade, namely: class II-2 was 28 students.

# 2. Sample

The researcher applied purposive sampling technique. The researcher only choose one class that is class II-2 as experimental class.

# C. Technique of Data Collection

In gaining data needed in the research, the researcher conducted experimental teaching, test, and questionnaire.

# 1. Experimental Treatment

The researcher conducted an experimental teaching for three meetings, including the meeting for pre-test and post-test. The researcher applied the implementation of Start Simple Stories (SSS) to improve students' reading comprehension.

#### 2. Test

The pre-test and post-test was conducted in this study, which the pretest was given before experimental and post-test was given after the experimental teaching. In analyzing the data that were collected from the test, the researcher used some statistical analysis formulas. Moreover, the researcher gave posttest to know how far is the improvement of students' reading comprehension about text after applying this method.

#### 3. Questionnaire

Questionnaire is a number of written questions used to get information from respondent. Questionnaire was given in the last meeting in order to investigate student's perception about using SSS method in reading.

#### D. Data collection Procedure

# 1. Teaching Experiment

In collecting the data, the researcher conducted the data in three meetings.

#### 1. The First Meeting

For the first meeting, the researcher began the class by introducing herself along with the explanation about the research including the title. Before starting the pre-test, the researcher checked the attendance list and continued by giving the pre-test for the student by giving them a story and asked them to read the story. The purpose of this pre-test was to know their ability in comprehending the reading text before the researcher applied the treatment.

#### 2. The Second Meeting

For the second meeting, the researcher will teach the student by using Start Simple Stories (SSS) method, and asked them to come in front of the class to take a summary about the text.

#### 3. The third meeting

For the third meeting, the researcher gave them post-test and asked them to answer the question. Then, the researcher distributed the questionnaire to the student.

#### 2. Test

The researcher used test as the instrument to find out how SSS method improves students' reading comprehension at MTsN Indrapuri. Postlethwaite (2005, p. 36) defines test as an instrument or procedure that proposes a sequence of tasks to obtain students' response. In this case, there are two tests, pre-test and post-test. The pre-test was administered in order to know the subjects' pre-existing ability of reading comprehension, while the post-test was administered in the end of session to identify the improvement of the implementation of SSS method to improve students' reading comprehension.

#### 3. Questionnaire

There are ten questions offer to the students which are related to the use of SSS method in reading class. The questionnaire will be designed the four usual degrees (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree) in the questioner may it will be easier for student to pick up the answer given and they will answer in the classroom.

#### E. Technique of Analyzing Research Data

#### 1. Test

After assessing student's reading comprehension, the researcher analyzed the data by using T-test. According to Arikunto (2010) the data is collected by using the score from pretest and posttest. Heaton (2006, p. 306-308) also

explained that to test the hypothesis that use mean score of one group pretest and posttest design, the data was analyzed by using the following formula:

$$t_{\rm o} = \frac{M_{\rm D}}{S E_{\rm M_{\rm D}}}$$

to: Result of observation

M<sub>D</sub>: Mean of difference, the differences between the first variable and the second variable, by using following formula:

$$M_D = \frac{\sum D}{N}$$

 $\sum$  D: Total differences between the result of the first variable and the second variable

D: The result of the first variable is missing from the second variable, and from the following steps: D = X-Y

X: The first variable result

Y: Resulting second variable

N: Number of sample

 $SE_{MD}$ : Standard error of Mean of difference, by the formula:

$$SE_{MD = \frac{SD_D}{\sqrt{N-1}}}$$

SD<sub>D</sub>: The standard deviation of the differences between the first variable result and the second variable result, by the formula:

$$SD_D = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_D 2}{N}} - \left(\frac{\sum D}{N}\right)^2$$

After the result of t-test between pre test and post test is counted, the researcher compares them if there are any differences.

### 2. Questionnaire

According to Sudjono (2008), the result of questionnaire will be analyzed by using the following formula:

$$P = \frac{f}{N} x 100\%$$

Remarks:

P = Percentage

F =Number of students choose every choice of

Answer for each statement

N = Total number of student

100% = Constant Value

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. The Brief Description of MTsN Indrapuri

MTsN Indrapuri is one of Junior High School in Aceh Besar. The school was established in 1995. MTsN Indrapuri is located at Jl. Makam Tgk Chik Ditiro No.52, Pasar Indrapuri, Kec. Indrapuri, Kab. Aceh Besar.

MTsN Indrapuri was build on 1995. There are 22 permanent teachers, 23 honorarium teachers, staff 5 teachers, and the total teacher is 50 teachers in MTsN Indrapuri. Especially for English teachers it is have 3 teachers.

Moreover, it has 172 students, it consists of 60 male students and 112 female students. And for each class it consists of 6 classes, class VII it consists of 149 students, VIII it consists of 172 students and class IX it consists of 184 students. The total of students at MTsN Indrapuri is 505 students.

The school has good facilities that can support teaching learning process. It consist of classroom, principal room, teacher room, library, canteen, sport field, mosque, storeroom and toilets. It also has computer room and administration room. MTsN Indrapuri has the vision and mission, as following below:

- 1. The vision of MTsN Indrapuri is:
  - "superior in achievement, courteous in manners"
- 2. The mission of MTsN Indrapuri are:

- a) Improving the performance of teachers, employees, and student achievement based on faith and piety to Allah SWT.
- b) Increasing motivation to learn students with critical thinking, insight, and sensitive to the changing times.
- c) cultivate awareness and love for good mannered behavior in school, home and community.

The researcher conducted the research at MTsN Indrapuri from January  $15^{th} - 21^{th}$  2018 to find out the implementation of SSS method to improve students' reading comprehension. There are one class of the second year students as sample, there is VIII<sup>2</sup> which consisted 26 female student. The experimental was held in three meetings. The following instruments were used in the research; test that consist of pre-test and post-test in experiment class to get students' score before and after teaching learning process.

#### **B.** The Analysis of Test Result

The obtained data from both pre-test and post-test were statistically calculated in order to identify the mean of the scores and to analyze whether there was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test.

The first step of calculating the data is tabulating the result of both pre-test and post-test as in the following table.

**Table 4.1 Students' Pre-test and Post-test** 

No	Name	Score (pre-test)	score(post-test)
1.	AM	40	50
2.	AM	20	50
3.	AF	40	50
4.	AA	30	50
5.	AH	20	50
6.	BM	30	40
7.	FA	40	60
8.	F	20	40
9.	KA	20	50
10.	IS	30	60
11.	LA	30	50
12.	MA	20	50
13.	M	20	40
14.	MI	20	40
15.	NM	30	80
16.	NK	40	100
17.	NM	20	60
18.	RA	30	90
19.	RS	30	90
20.	SIA	20	60
21.	SI	30	60
22.	SM	30	70
23.	Z	30	60
24.	MU	30	60
25.	I	30	80
26.	MF	40	100
Total		740:26=28,46	1590:26=61,15

Based on the table presented above, it could be seen that the highest score for the pre-test was 40 and the lowest one was 20. Whereas, the highest score for post-test was 100 and the lowest one was 40. Although both pre-test and post-test have similar rate for the highest score, the different between the lowest score of each test is quite big.

Then the researcher determined the range of pre-test presented above by using the following formula:

Source taken from: Prof. Drs. Anas Sudijono (Pengantar Statistik pendidikan)

$$t_{\rm o} = \frac{M_{\rm D}}{\rm S \, E_{\rm MD}}$$

t<sub>o</sub>: Result of observation

M<sub>D</sub>: Mean of difference, the differences between the first variable and the second variable, by using following formula:

$$M_D = \frac{\sum D}{N}$$

 $\Sigma$  D: Total differences between the result of the first variable and the second variable

D: The result of the first variable is missing from the second variable, and from the following steps: D = X-Y

X: The first variable result

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 $SE_{M_{\mbox{\scriptsize D}}}$ : Standard error of Mean of difference, by the formula:

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$$SD_D = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_D 2}{N}} - \left(\frac{\sum D}{N}\right)^2$$

Table 4.2 Total differences between pre test and post test

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No	Name	Score (pre)	score(post)	D = x-y	$y)^2$
1.	AM	40	50	-10	100
2.	AM	20	50	-30	900
3.	AF	40	50	-10	100
4.	AA	30	50	-20	400
5.	AH	20	50	-30	900
6.	BM	30	40	-10	100
7.	FA	40	60	-20	400
8.	F	20	40	-20	400
9.	KA	20	50	-30	900
10.	IS	30	60	-30	900
11.	LA	30	50	-20	400
12.	MA	20	50	-30	900
13.	M	20	40	-20	400
14.	MI	20	40	-20	400
15.	NM	30	80	-50	2.500
16.	NK	40	100	-60	3.600
17.	NM	20	60	-40	1.600
18.	RA	30	90	-60	1.600
19.	RS	30	90	-60	3.600
20.	SIA	20	60	-40	1.600
21.	SI	30	60	-30	900
22.	SM	30	70	-40	1.600
23.	Z	30	60	-30	900
24.	MU	30	60	-30	900
25.	I	30	80	-50	2.500
26.	MF	40	100	-60	3.600
					ΣD2=
Total		740:26=28,46	1590:26=61,15	$\Sigma D = -850$	32100

Based on the result of the test (t), in the previous table, the researcher obtained the following reports:

- 1. Total difference between the two answers ( $\Sigma D$ ) = -850
- 2. Total squares difference between the two answers ( $\Sigma D2$ ) = 32100
- 3. Number of sample = 26

To find out the average differences between the result of the two variables (MD), by the following steps:

$$M_D = \frac{\Sigma D}{N}$$
$$= \frac{-850}{26}$$
$$= -32,69$$

Then, the researcher figured out the standard deviation of the differences between the result of the two variables  $(SD_D)$ :

$$SD_D = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma D^2}{N} - \left(\frac{\Sigma D}{N}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{32100}{26} - \left(\frac{-850}{26}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1234,61 - (-32,69)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1234,61 - 65,38}$$

$$= \sqrt{1169,23} = 34,19$$

Then, the researcher figured out the standard error of (t<sub>0</sub>):

$$SE_{M_D} = \frac{SD_D}{\sqrt{N-1}} = \frac{34,19}{\sqrt{26-1}}$$

$$=\frac{34,19}{\sqrt{25}}=\frac{34,19}{5}=6,838$$

Then, the steps to figured out  $(t_0)$ :

to = 
$$\frac{MD}{SE}_{MD}$$
 =  $\frac{-32,69}{6,838}$  = -4,78

The --(minus) slope is not indicated as an algebraic slope. Therefore, the minus slope is ignored. Finally, the result shows that there is an significant degree of 4, 78" for this test.

#### C. Analysis of questionnaire

Questionnaire will be analyzed by using the following formula:

$$P = \frac{f}{N} x 100\%$$

Remarks:

P = Percentage

F =Number of students choose every choice of

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N = Total number of student

100% = Constant Value

The result of the questionnaires calculated in the tabulations which is the process of changing data collection instrument (questionnaire) to the tables of numbers (percentage).

The questionnaire was given by the researcher to the student of VIII<sup>2</sup> MTsN Indrapuri in order to obtain the necessary data in this research. The following below are student's responses toward the questionnaires given:

### **4.3** The Score of Questionnaire

No	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1.	I am interested to study reading by using SSS method	34,61%	65,38%	0%	0%
2.	Study Reading using SSS method make the time that I use more efficient.	34,61%	61,53%	3,84%	0%
	SSS method motivates me to				
3.	be active in reading English text	23,07%	73,07%	3,84%	0%
4.	Using SSS method in reading English text will give me a new knowledge	30,76%	69,23%	0%	0%
5.	Using SSS method in reading English text will increase my reading ability	26,92%	69,23%	3,84%	0%
6.	I do not find difficulty in understanding English text by using SSS method.	26,92%	50%	11,53%	11,53%
7.	I get many knowledge from using SSS method as reading method.	50%	38,46%	11,53%	0%
8.	I am happy to study reading by using another method than using SSS method	11,53%	15,38%	50%	23,07%
9.	using SSS method make me easier in comprehending reading text	30,76%	65,38%	3,34%	0%
10.	Study using SSS method makes me more spirit in study reading	42,30%	50%	7,69%	0%

Table 4.3 shows students' responses on the use of SSS method to improve students' reading comprehesion. Most of students agree that using SSS method will improve their reading comprehending for 55,76%. It can be seen in question 3 "SSS method motivates me to be active in reading English text", students answered 73,07% agree that SSS method can motivate them in reading English text. Most of students Strongly disagree that using another method than using SSS method. It can be seen in question 8 "i am happy to study reading by using another method than using SSS method", students answered 23, 07% strongly disagree and 50% disagree. It indicates that 73, 07% students like use SSS method than another method to improve their reading.

#### **D.** Hypothesis Testing

In this research, the researcher used t-score formula. After getting t-score, the researcher consulted the critical value on the table to check whether the difference was significant or not. Before the experiment was conducted, the level of significance to be used in the experimental had been divided. For this experiment, the researcher used 5% ( $\alpha$ =0.05) alpha level of significance as usually used in educational research. The number of sample in this experiment was 26. The degree of freedom (df) was N-1= 26-1= 25 is 2.03. The obtained t-score was 4,78. So the t-score was higher than t-table ( $t_{score}$  = 4,78>  $t_{table}$  = 2.03). It means the main alternative hypothesis (Ha) of this research is accepted (The Implementation of SSS method to Improve Students' Reading Comprehension), and main null hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>) is rejected (The Implementation of SSS method does not Improve

Students' Reading Comprehension). It can also be referred there was significant difference between pre-test and post-test scores. By using *t*-test, the researcher found that *t*-score indicated there was difference of students' score before and after being taught reading using SSS method.

#### E. Discussion

After analyzing all of the data that are collected from the experimental group by using statistical formula, it was found that this study supported the alternative hypothesis. Moreover, it was necessary to discuss the results of this research.

Based on the data obtained during the research, the researcher will answer the research questions:

After the researcher did the treatment and test, the research result showed that SSS method improve students' reading, by using SSS method they fell more easy to understand the reading text. According to the data, there is a significant score between and after the treatment. In pre-test the low score is 20 and the higher is 40 with the mean is 28, 46 while in post-test the low score is 40 and the higher score is 100 with the mean is 61, 15.

According to the data of questionnaire the researcher found that most of students were interested in learning reading using SSS method, and students said that SSS method help them increase their reading ability.

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

#### A. Conclusion

This study was conducted at MTsN Indrapuri. It took 26 students of the VIII<sup>2</sup> as the samples. The samples consist of 26 students. This experiment was taught by using SSS method to improve students' reading comprehension. After conducting the experiment by implementing it in teaching reading, it was found that the students' achievement in reading could be improved.

Based on the research results and discussions, the researcher concludes that the used SSS method helps students in reading's ability. It is proven by the improvement of students' reading. The mean score of post-test is higher than pretest (61, 15> 28, 46). It indicates that there is a significant difference in score between the two means. It can be concluded that the students get improvement in reading. While the result of t-test was 4, 78, the critical value was 0.05 and degree of freedom (df)= N-1=26-1=25 is 2.03. The obtained t-score was 4, 78. So the t-score was higher than t-table ( $t_{score}=4$ , 78>  $t_{table}=2.03$ ).

Students have positive respond on using SSS method in teaching reading which 100% of them said that study reading using SSS method is interested to them. Then 80, 55% felt that they do not find difficulty in understanding English text by using SSS method. And 100% of students agreed that they get many knowledge from using SSS method as reading method.

#### **B.** Suggestion

In this study, to support the success of teaching learning process and education, the researcher would like to give some suggestions to the teachers and researchers.

#### 1. Teachers

For the teacher, the researcher expects that the use of SSS method can help the students improve their reading ability. In order to make the reading class interesting, one of method that teachers can apply in teaching reading is SSS method. By using this method, the students will be motivated in learning without feeling bored. By using this method, the teacher can train the students in reading skill. In other words, the teacher should make all students involved in learning. One of many ways to make all students involved in teaching reading process is using SSS method.

#### 2. Students

For the students, the researcher expected that students can develop their reading ability. They have to practice more in reading in order to improve their ability. So, they can solve their problem in understand the English text.

#### 3. Reader

This study was expected to give useful information toward the readers about SSS method which used to improve student's reading ability. It could be used as reference of research which related to this study.

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