IMPROVING STUDENTS' COMPREHENSION OF SHORT STORY BY USING VIDEO AT SEMESTER VI OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OF STKIP MUHAMMADIYAH SUNGAI PENUH

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ABSTRAK

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Pemahaman membaca merupakan suatu suatu proses pemahaman makna yang ditemukan pada teks. Di STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh ditemukan bahwa mahasiswa semester VI mempunyai masalah memahami cerita pendek, mereka mengalami kesulitan dalam memahami cerita pendek, kurang motivasi, dan kurang bahan bacaan yang tersedia di perpustakaan.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menguji seberapa jauh video bisa meningkatkan pemahaman cerita pendek dan menjelaskan faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi peningkatan pemahaman cerita pendek pada mahasiswa semester VI STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh.

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian tindakan kelas. Subjek penelitian ini adalah mahasiswa semester VI STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh. Adapun instrumen dari penelitian ini adalah tes pemahaman membaca cerita pendek, lembar pengamatan untuk dosen dan mahasiswa, catatan lapangan, dan wawancara yang digunakan untuk melihat peningkatan pemahaman cerita pendek yang dimiliki mahasiswa. Penelitian ini dilakukan selama delapan kali pertemuan yang terdiri dari dua siklus, masing masing siklus terdiri dari empat kali pertemuan yang meliputi tahapan-tahapan perencanaan, tindakan, observasi, dan refleksi.

Pada akhir siklus pertama, hasil tes pemahan membaca cerita pendek mahasiswa masih rendah. Pada siklus kedua, masalah tersebut bisa diatasi dengan memberikan perhatian terhadap media dan strategi yang digunakan serta mendampingi mahasiswa dalam meningkatkan pemahaman nya terhadap cerita pendek. Disimpulkan bahwa video dapat meningkatkan pemahaman cerita pendek pada mahasiswa. Peningkatan tersebut dipengaruhi oleh beberapa faktor, yakni materi, media, aktivitas di kelas, pengelolaan kelas, dan pendekatan yang dilakukan oleh dosen. Dengan demikian, dapat disimpulkan bahwa penggunaan video mampu meningkatkan pemahaman cerita pendek pada mahasiswa semester VI STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh dengan baik.

Kata kunci : Pemahaman Cerita Pendek, Video, Penelitian Tindakan Kelas

ABSTRACT

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Comprehension is a process of constructing meaning from the text. In STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh was found that the semester VI students had a problem in comprehension of short story. They had lack understanding to comprehend the short story, low motivation, and they had lack of books to read available in library.

The purpose of this research was to test how far video better improve students' comprehension of short story and what factors improved of students' comprehension of short story at semester VI of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh.

The research was a classroom action research. The participants of this research were the semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh students. The instruments used to collect the data were comprehension of short story test, observation sheet, field notes and interview which were used to see the improvement of comprehension of short story. The research was conducted for eight meetings. Consisted of two cycles, each cycle consisted of 4 meetings involving, planning, acting, observing and reflecting.

In cycle I, students' comprehension result was still low. In cycle 2, this problem was solved by paying more attention to the media, technique, and guides the students to improve their comprehension of short story. Thus, it could be concluded that video could improve students' comprehension of short story. The improvement was influenced by several factors, such as the material, media, classroom activity, classroom management, and teacher approach. Therefore, it was concluded that using video can better improve the students' comprehension of short story at the semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh.

Key words: Comprehension of Short Story, Video, Classroom Action Research

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

Fiction is a supreme resource for observing not any language but also life itself. Then, it is universal. It means the idea of fiction relates to the human experience in daily life. Short story is a kind of fiction that people use to read. It is a form of short fictional narrative prose. Most stories are set in present day, but settings of place vary from rural to urban and exotic to mundane. Readers are often fascinated by the author's ideas about love, losses, broken heart, anger, sadness, successes, failures, incomes, and various occupations. Short story is reflected an imaginative sense from the author. In short, the authors' life and experience may influence their works. Either it is the bad or good experiences.

College or university students learn some short stories through Prose courses. STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh is a college of education, also has Prose as a course. Based on STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh curriculum, Prose is purposed to make students able to comprehend the elements in the stories. It is taught in the sixth semester. It is considered that after graduated the students are expected to be teachers. Prose is needed to help them in teaching narrative at schools. This course provides students to read with a guide to understanding, enjoying, and studying short stories in order they can access to information about them. The students are assumed to be able to comprehend short stories, since they have passed Introduction to Literature.

Based on researcher's teaching experience in Prose class at STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh, it is found that students face some difficulties in reading comprehension of short story. From the latest result of Prose final test, there were only 6% who have the score 75, based on the STKIP Muhammadiyah's scoring the students got B+. About 24% were having minimum standard around 50-70 (D or B), and around 70% students had the score under 50 that was mean the students got E. From the test result above, it concluded that the students have problem in comprehending the story.

The problems of this research come from the students. There are some problems in students reading comprehension of short story. The first problem is the students' lack understanding in reading. They do not understand what the texts are about. When the lecturer asked them several questions based on the text, they still need more understanding to catch what the main point is being asked. That is why some of them just keep silence during the class.

The second problem is students' low motivation. When they had something in their mind, they actually tend to keep silence. It made them unable to response the story given. Thus, the process to comprehend the story is not running well by that condition. In addition, it may come from their psychological aspect. Some of the students are shy to share their opinion orally because other students will laugh if they make mistake.

The third problem is the lack of books to read. The books available in library are not more than 500 hundred. For fiction, they only have 150 books, and about 50 books are in English. This problem cannot support the students to enrich

their knowledge in comprehending short story, and make them have no interest in reading. Even though there are many e-books available on internet, but some of them do not know how to use it. They just wait for the lecturer who gives them the text, and though being asked to finds it, they still cannot do it well.

To solve the problems, the lecturer should do more about how to teach the students to comprehend the short story. It should consider the technique and the media that can be applied to improve the students' comprehension of short story. One way that can be used to improve the students' reading comprehension of short story is the use of media. It can help students more interested in learning process in the classroom.

In this era, one of the most useful media in teaching reading is video. Video is one of many media that available. The video technique focuses on the process of exposing the students to the example of situations and how to use particular expressions. Teaching using video technique was chosen because videos are defined as texts combining different modalities, such as words, images, sounds, and/or music (Gee and Hayes 2011:111). Furthermore, Harmer (2001) states video as teaching aid has several benefits, such as: students can see the language being used, not only that but also the expression and gesture; cross-cultural awareness, through video, especially authentic video, students can see another culture being displayed in the video; the last is that motivation. It is useful because it provides good model to be used in teaching and learning process. There is a lot of video that can be used in teaching. The teacher should use appropriate

media to each material to make students feel enjoy in classroom. It is used video, picture, or combines them as media.

There have been some researchers' findings out that video can better improve students' English abilities. In Writing (Dormauli, 2008), in Speaking (Andriati, 2008; Hutriani, 2012), in Grammar (Mohammed, 2013), in ELT (Lialikhova, 2014), in EFL classrooms (Hadijah, 2017). In this research, it was found video could better improve the students' abilities in English. However, this method is not used for Prose subject that related to Literature. That is why a research with the title *Improving Students' Comprehension of Short Story by Using Video at Semester VI of English Department STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh* is conducted.

B. Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above, some problems in teaching reading comprehension of short story in Prose subject at STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh are identified. The teaching of the comprehension of short story is not successful because of some problems. First, the students have a lack understanding in reading the story. Thus, their comprehending in reading was poor. Secondly, the students have low motivation. When they had something in their mind, they actually tend to keep silent. The last is limited books to read.

C. Focus of the Research

Based on the problems above, it is focused of the problem on how to improve students' comprehension of short story in Prose subject. This problem is solved by implementing video.

D. Formulation of the Problem

The formulation of the problem of this research can be formulated as follows: students` low comprehension of short story can be improved by implementing video.

E. Research Question

The problems of the research can be formulated as follows:

- 2.1 To what extent can video improve students` comprehension of short story at semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh?
- 2.2 What are the factors that have improved students' comprehension of short story at semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh through video?

F. Purpose of the Research

The purposes of the research are as follows:

- To explain how far video can improve students' comprehension of short story at semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh.
- To explain the factors that improve the students` comprehension of short story at semester VI of the English Department of STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh.

G. Significance of the Research

In this research, it is expected that the research paper has benefits both theoretically and practically.

1. Theorical significance

- a. The research result can be useful input in reading comprehension especially for teaching Prose.
- b. The finding of the research can be used as the reference for those who want to conduct a research in English teaching learning process.
- c. This research is also expected to be helpful as an input for administrators to provide facilities for Prose class.

2. Practical significance

a. The research improves the writer is mastery of English.

b. The result of the study can help English lecturer teach using video to decrease the students' problem related to comprehension of short story by improving their reading competence and motivate them to be active in teaching learning process especially for short story.

H. Definition of the Key Terms

In order to avoid misunderstanding of the terms use in the study, the researcher defines the terms related to this study as follows:

- Short story is a fictional work depicting one characters' inner conflict or conflict with others, usually have one thematic focus. It usually consists of four pages in length (Madden, 2005).
- 2. Comprehension, on the other hand, is a process of negotiating understanding between the reader and the writer. (Sheng, 2000)
- Video is the most complex multimedia element because information presentation is more communicative and better than usual picture. (Supono in Hutriani, 2012)

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION, IMPLICATION, AND SUGGESTION

A. CONCLUSION

After applying video which was done in two cycles, by observing and analyzing the test result and observation during the process of teaching and learning, there is the improvement of students' comprehension of short story at semester VI STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh. It can be seen from the mean score of students' comprehension and observations that continuously increased in every process of teaching and learning. Based on the findings on the data collected of this research, it can be concluded that:

- The implementation of video can improve the students' comprehension of short story at semester VI at STKIP Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh in 2013/2014 academic years. The improvement is shown by the increasing of average score of the students in every cycle and the process of teaching and learning which were collected from the observation sheets, field notes, and interview.
- The improvement of students' comprehension of short story VI at STKIP
 Muhammadiyah Sungai Penuh by using video is influenced by the following factors.
 - a. Students' prior knowledge is the first factor that influences the changes of students' comprehension of short story. The students can be easier to generate and share their ideas more if they have prior knowledge of

- the materials/texts which are given. This can be activating the students' prior knowledge.
- b. The second factor is the teacher's approach. The students feel comfortable, enjoyable, and happy when the teacher approaches them and help them if they get difficulties in activity of video. The teacher often gives guidance when they have trouble in learning. Thus, they become more enjoyable, enthusiasm and be self-confident in practicing reading and answering the question.
- c. The third factor is teacher's media. The teacher's media gives the more opportunities to students in doing activities to comprehend the short story, thus make them more active and confident.
- d. The fourth factor that influences the changes of students' comprehension of short story is management of classroom. The teacher should be able to control and manage the class well. The successful of learning depends on how well the teacher can organize and manage the class, whether monitor group work, using the time, and students' involvement of video activities.
- e. The fifth factor that influences the change of students' comprehension of short story is classroom activities. The teacher teaches reading comprehension of short story through the procedures of video, most of them are active in doing the tasks. The video can maximize students' involvement in the classroom, the activities give them opportunity to

- comprehend the text easily step by step and build the students' confident in learning.
- f. The last factor that influences the changes of students' comprehension of short story is the teacher motivation. Motivation is given by the teacher to students is important, because it makes them have good self-confident to do the activities so it can be maximizing the students' involvement in classroom activities.

B. IMPLICATION

Applying video in teaching learning process gives some advantages both for teacher and the students. The teacher becomes more creative and the students become more motivated in learning English.

The implication of using video in teaching comprehension of short story can be chosen as a strategy to solve learning problems in reading short story. Thus, it is expected for English teacher can implement the video which is useful for the students in teaching and learning process. The result of this research can be considered by English teacher since it has been proved that video can improve the students' comprehension of short story. By using this strategy in comprehending the short story, the students are easier to catch the idea or get the gist of each paragraph. It can prepare the students easily to know the meaning of the difficult words using fix up strategies. Next, the students become creative and active in presenting and sharing their ideas to other group. Then, the students have good confident and motivation because video.

C. SUGGESTION

Based on the findings and conclusion of this research, the researcher would like to give some suggestions as follows:

- 1. It is suggested for the collage to facilitate the English teachers in implementing video in teaching Prose. This technique is suitable to promote the students with meaningful learning and train them to be creative reader, and to improve the quality of their reading.
- 2. The English teachers are suggested to use video in teaching Prose as their variation in doing the learning and teaching process, in order to create more attractive and challenging activities in Prose class.
- 3. It is also suggested for the students to apply all the activities in using video in order to help them improve their reading skill. Besides that, through video they can also experience the attractive reading activities.
- 4. It is recommended to other researchers to conduct other researches concerning the use of video in learning and teaching process, and the teaching of Prose.

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