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ABSTRAK

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Dalam Paper ini penulis membahas tentang meningkatkan kemampuan siswa dalam memahami bacaan dan menarik kembali minat siswa dalam membaca dengan menggunakan teknik Herringbone. Teknik ini bisa di gunakan pada siswa kelas 4 sampai kelas 12, namun dalam *Paper* ini penulis lebih memilih untuk menggunakan teknik ini pada siswa SMP karena berdasarkan pengamatan di lapangan banyak siswa SMP kurang tertarik dan merasa bosan belajar bahasa Inggris khususnya membaca, hal ini di sebabkan karena kemampuan membaca mereka yang rendah dan begitu banyak kosa kata baru yang menyebabkan mereka malas untuk membaca. Teknik Herringbone adalah proses membuat garis besar terstruktur yang di rancang untuk membantu siswa mengorganisasikan informasi penting dalam sebuah teks. Dalam teknik ini guru membagi siswa ke dalam beberapa kelompok, lalu guru memberikan sebuah teks, beberapa pertanyaan dan bagan berbentuk ikan, kemudian guru meminta siswa untuk bekerja dalam kelompok untuk menjawab pertanyaan dan menuliskan jawabannya pada bagan, kemudian siswa diminta mencari ide utama dari teks berdasarkan jawaban-jawaban yang telah mereka temukan. Teknik ini lebih tepat di tujukan pada siswa yang kemampuan belajarnya di bawah rata-rata sehingga siswa tersebut bisa memahami teks.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

English as an international language is learned by many people all over the world. In Indonesia, learning to read English starts at the fourth grade of elementary schools, and it continues at junior and senior high schools up to the higher education. There are four skills presented in teaching English. They are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Teaching reading is one among the processes of teaching English because reading is a part of English.

Basically, the purpose of reading is to comprehend what is read. It means that by reading a reader will get some information or knowledge. The students who like reading a lot will have more knowledge than the one who does not. Reading will provide the students with lots of information about the world that will give contribution for their success in study and in life in general. Because of the importance of reading, The National Department of Education includes English subject In Educational Curriculum. Furthermore reading skill is the key of success of National Examination. Ideally, the target of reading comprehension has been started clearly in curriculum of SMP.

Since English in Indonesia is a foreign language, most students at any levels of education get difficulty in reading English texts. Mardiana (1993) and Kweldju (2001) in Hamra and Syatriana (2010:2) stated that the ability of Indonesian students to read English texts was very low. The Indonesian

students need help in reading comprehension. For students, reading is a key to improve learning outcome in many fields of study. Reading is an inseparable part of any English course.

The goal of reading is understanding. It means that the students will be able to read the text with good fluency. Based on my experience, today the teachers feel it is difficult to teach reading because the students cannot make a good progress in reading and still fail in the exam. It happened because of some problems. First problem in reading for the student lack of ability in understanding a text. In reading, in order to understand the text the students should be able to decode text. According E.S.R.C (*Economic & Social Research Council*) in order to understand print, the reader should be able to decode text. Second problem is students' lack of vocabularies so they always find difficult words and it happens over. They feel too difficult to understand the content of the text itself.

Third problems is the technique in reading which was commonly used from the time to time was too simple and monotonous. For examples the teacher asks the students to read the text, and then if the students find difficult words they consult dictionary. And then the students use dictionary in order to understand the content of the text. Furthermore, the students only understood the meaning of the individual words without understanding the text. Then the students did repetition in reading, it means they read over to understand the text more, the also spent long time for one text. So that, the result of the

student's comprehension in studying still weak. This condition also made the students fail in reading.

Another problem that makes the students failed in reading is the material on the text given. The material presented to the students may not be appropriate with their level or ability and the words selection may be too difficult to be understood. Nevertheless, for some teachers, they do not pay attention in selecting the material.

Just like the discussion above reading has already been taught in junior high school by using many techniques, and all of them are intended to make the students understand what they read. But those techniques did not work well. Therefore, the writer proposes the use of herringbone technique to motivate and help the students improve their reading comprehension.

B. Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem, there are some problems in teaching reading comprehension that may cause failure. The problems are lack of ability in understanding text, fluency and also lack of vocabularies. It happens because the students do not use effective way in reading that makes them fail in their reading. The material that is given is not appropriate with their level and ability. So increasing comprehension in reading is very important. The teacher should apply the affective way in teaching reading. There are some techniques that have presented by some expert in increasing reading comprehension. All of them are present how to comprehend the text.

In this paper the writer discussed about teaching reading by using herringbone technique.

C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, the discussion of this paper is limited to the use of herringbone technique in teaching reading at junior high school. This technique is affective and interesting in teaching reading because it is simple and will help the students to understand what they read easier. This technique is very helpful because the students just focus on the simple questions and then they can conclude the main idea of the text from the answers. So they will understand and it can help them in doing their test.

D. Formulation of the Problem

In this paper, the problem is formulated as follows: "How can the teachers use the herringbone technique in teaching reading at junior high school?".

E. The Purpose of the Study

This paper tries to show some activities in teaching reading comprehension by using active reading task that may help develop students' ability in reading through "Herringbone Technique".