

ABSTRACT

Ira Kusuma Wardani. 2023. “ Teaching Reading Comprehension by using Word Splash Strategy to the Eighth Grade Students of SMP Negeri 7 OKU ”. **Thesis**, English Education Study Program, Sarjana Degree (S1), Faculty of Teacher Training and Education. Baturaja University. Advisor I: Dr. Yentri Anggeraini, M.Pd., Advisor II: Neti Lastri, M.Pd.

The objective of this study was to find out the effectiveness of teaching reading comprehension by using the word splash strategy in class VIII students of SMP Negeri 7 OKU. The design used in this study was pre-experimental. The total population of this study was 197 students from seven classes, the writer used cluster random samples in taking the samples. Class VIII.6 was taken as sample which consisted of 27 students. The Pre-Test and Post-Test were used as the techniques for collection the data. The instrument in this study is multiple choice. Based on the results of the Pre-Test, the mean score of the Pre-Test was 58.52. The results of the Post-Test the mean score of Post-Test was 76.30. Based on statistical analysis, the writer found that the value of Sig.=0.000 less than the value of significance level ($\alpha=0.05$ and Df=26). This shows that the alternative hypothesis was accepted, it means that was significantly increase in learning to read using the word splash strategy in class VIII students of SMP Negeri 7 OKU.

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