

THE INFLUENCE OF USING SENSORY IMAGES ON STUDENTS' READING COMPREHENSION AT EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS OF SMP AL-WASHLIYAH

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ABSTRACT

RINI ROSYIDAH: THE INFLUENCE OF USING SENSORY IMAGES ON STUDENTS' READING **COMPREHENSION** EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS OF SMP AL-WASHLIYAH

In the process of teaching and learning English, especially in reading comprehension at eighth grade students of SMP Al-Washliyah, the learner get some problems in comprehending a text. One of the problem is the students are difficult to comprehend a text direckly and the existence of many unfamiliar words makes them difficult to comprehend a text easily. Using some strategy to improve students' reading comprehension will solve students' problem in reading comprehension. In this research, the writer want to know is there any positive and significant influence of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension.

According to Moreillon (2007:39) sensory images are strategy to develop students' reading comprehension. This strategy based on five sense (see, hear, smell, touch, and taste). In this strategy, the use of students' sensory experiences is very important to help the students in comprehending a text. By application of sensory images for teaching reading comprehension, the students can explore they sensory experience to strengthen they reading comprehension.

The writer uses the quantitative approach in this research. The writer takes 55 samples from 156 of population. In collecting the data, the writer uses some technique namely, observation, interview, and test. To analyze the data, the writer uses the formula of product moment. To get a trusted and valid result, the writer used test instrument. They are validity, reliability, the capacity of distinctive feature and the difficulty index.

In observation, the result is good, the students enjoy with application of sensory images on teaching reading comprehension. In test, the result is good, because the average score that get by students is 82.38. In interview, the result is that there are some problems in process of teaching and learning. One of the problems is the facilities to support the process of teaching and learning is not enough.

After the data have been analyzed, the writer get the result of the application of using sensory images (X variable) in the average of 82.38 and the result of students' reading comprehension (Y variable) in the average of 69.2. Finally the influence of X on Y variable shows 32%. The conclusion is there is positive and influence of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension. studying reading comprehension must use students' centre strategy to get good result.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Problem

Language is one of the forms of communication. The people in the world know the importance of language. Language is used not only in oral but also in writing as a means of communication to express ideas and feeling among human being and also to learn the culture as well. When we communicate we use the language to accomplish some functions, such as: arguing, persuading, or promoting.

There are so many languages which exist in this world such as Germany, Indonesian, Arabic, French, Chinese, English, and ext. Each of these languages has different forms and uses. An international language is needed in this global era that well-comprehended by all over countries with their own different languages is needed in this global era right now.

One of the international languages is English. English as international language is studied all over the world. It is important language because all over the world need it for the second language which is used in terms of technology, business, politic and education.

In Indonesia, English should be taught in every educational step, from elementary up to high school; even English had been chosen as a major in



colleges. In those educational steps, teachers teach the four basic skills that indeed required in order the students communicate well in using English.

To improve any language, we must master language skills. There are four language skills, namely: listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Reading is one of the four language skills constitutes as a process to obtain much information's and to get meaning from written materials.

The writer quotes definition of reading from Oxford Advanced. Learner's Dictionary of Current English (Hornby, 1995: 699) "Reading to be descended from the word read, that means (used in the simple tenses or with can be able) look at and (be able to) understand (something written or printed)". Meanwhile reading is a process is an act of one who reads.

The explanation about the purpose of reading comes from Westwood (2001:10) explain that "Understanding information in the text is, of course, the whole purpose of reading." So, reading without comprehending is nothing value or the purpose of reading process fail.

Based on the explanation above it is clearly that reading is thinking and understanding and getting at the meaning behind a text. With reading, we can get much information of books, newspaper, magazine, and etc. But to get information of a text, we must comprehend content of a text and it's not easy to do.

Westwood in his book Reading and Learning Difficulties (2001: 10) explain that:



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To understand text, a reader must be able to identify words rapidly, know the meaning of almost all of the words and be able to combine units of meaning into a coherent message. Understanding of text results from an interaction between word identification, prior knowledge and the effective use of cognitive strategies

Based on explanation above, it is clearly that to comprehend a text is not easy to do and many factors that influences of comprehending a text. Not only the students' background knowledge to know the meaning of all most the words but also the reader can understand a text based on the result of many factors, such as identification, prior knowledge and the effective of cognitive strategy.

In fact, the writers found students' problems in comprehend an English text. These problems writer found based on her experience at *SMP Al-Washliyah*. There are some problems in comprehending a text. These problems make students difficult to comprehend a text.

- 1. The students are difficult to comprehend atext direckly without some strategy to strengthen their general information which relate to a text.
- 2. The existence of many unfamiliar words which the students never see, taste, heard, or smell about in a text, makes them difficult to comprehend a text.

Some problems that students found in reading a text make the students difficult to get much information from a text. This is based on the result of the students' assignment. In table below, show the result of the students' assignment is less or not fulfill competency standard. (See table 1.1)



Table 1.1
The Students' Score Test in English Lesson at Eighth Grade of SMP Al-Washliyahin 2011 Years

Class	Score	Daily Test
8A	Average	73
	high score	85
	low score	60
8B	Average	63
	high score	85
	low score	60
8C	Average	73
	high score	85
	low score	60
8D	Average	60
	high score	85
	low score	60

Sources: The students' score at eight grade of SMP Al-Washliyah.

Using some strategy to improve students' reading comprehension will solve students' problem in reading comprehension. According to the Zimmermann and Hutchins (2003) in Moreillon's book (2007:11) there are seven reading comprehension strategies: Activating or building background knowledge, using sensory images, questioning, making predictions and inferences, determining main ideas, using fix-up options, and the last synthesizing. There are summary about the seven strategies below.

 Activating or building background knowledge: This strategy can be taught by making text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections before, during, and after reading.



2. Using sensory images: This strategy helps students utilize all their senses as they read texts support their comprehension.3. Questioning: This strategy, questioning is a key to learning.

- 4. Making predictions and inferences: In this strategy, predicting, and inferring before, during, and after reading are comprehension strategies that can appeal to readers' sense of adventure and challenge.
- Determining main ideas: in this strategy, sorting out what is important in the deluge of information is key to making sense and using information to generate knowledge.
- 6. Using fix-up options: Fix-up options are only as effective as readers' ability to monitor their own understanding of texts. Educators and students can share the many ways they realize when they have lost track of the meaning of something they are reading.
- 7. And the last synthesizing: In this strategy, classroom teachers and teacherlibrarians who codesign, coteach, and coassess instruction that helps students see the connections among reading comprehension strategies and information literacy can help learners become more strategic readers who use these skills effectively over their lifetimes.

There are so many strategies to help students' reading comprehension. But in writing this research, the writer use Sensory Images or other name is Guided Imagery as strategy to help students' reading comprehension. Sensory images are strategy to develop students' reading comprehension. This strategy



based on five senses. In this strategy, the use of sensory experiences of the students is very important to help the students in comprehending a text. The sensory experiences of the students consist of our five senses, see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. Using sensory experience not only make students more enjoy. But also remember and comprehend what they read. And the unique this strategy is the reader can feel the place where the story takes place. This strategy like make a movie in their mind.

Moreillons in his book (2007: 39) also explains the effectiveness using sensory images in reading comprehension. One reason is because most powerful memories are attached to sensory experiences. And in fact, we first learn anything use our sense. Our skin responds to temperature, our eyes to light, our ears to the sound, and our nose to the scent.

Based on the statement above, the writer is interested to do research about using of sensory images on students' reading comprehension. So the writer takes the title "The Influences of Using Sensory Images on Students' Reading Comprehension at the Eight Grade Students of *SMP Al-Washliyah*."

B. The Identification of the Problem

The identification of the problem in this thesis is classified into the following sections:

1. The Field of the Research

The field of the research in this thesis is reading comprehension.



2. The Kinds of the Research

The kinds of problem is to know the students' mastery in reading comprehension.

3. The Main Problem of the Research

The main problem of this thesis is about the influences of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension.

C. The Limitation of the Problem

A clear limitation is important in any scientific observation since it will function as the line of the analysis. In conducting this research, the writer has limited the problem. In this case, the writer chooses *SMP Al-Washliyah*, and takes eight grades as objects of the research. But to limit the research, the researcher just takes 35% from all population of eight grade of *SMP Al-Washliyah*.

In this research, the writer just focus in reading skill, especially in students' reading comprehension and the using sensory images strategy to help students' reading comprehension. And to limit the research, the writer just uses descriptive text to comprehend of students by using sensory images strategy. To know the using sensory images is influence or not to students' reading comprehension. The writer takes a title "The Influences of Using Sensory Images on Students' Reading Comprehension".



D. The Questions of the Research

Based on the background of the problem above, the writer takes the questions of the research as follows

- 1. How is the application of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension?
- 2. How is the students' mastery in reading comprehension?
- 3. Is there any positive and significant influence of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension?

E. The Aims of the Research

The aims of the research in writing this thesis are as follows:

- To know the application of using sensory images on students reading comprehension.
- 2. To know the students' mastery reading comprehension
- 3. To know the positive and significant influence of using sensory images on students' reading comprehension.

F. The Usefulness of the Research

The usefulness of this research in writing this thesis is to make the students easier in learning English, especially in comprehend a text by using sensory images strategy. Using sensory image will make the students use their sensory experiences in seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling. It will



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strengthen their comprehension. If the students can comprehend a reading easily, they can get much information and knowledge through reading.

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