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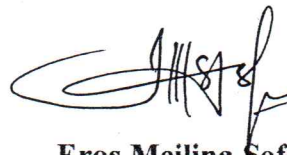
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Membaca merupakan komponen kemampuan linguistik yang sangat penting dalam proses pembelajaran. Menurut hasil survei pendahuluan yang dilakukan pada tanggal 14 di SMA Pemalang, terdapat kesulitan dalam pembelajaran bahasa Indonesia, dan diketahui bahwa siswa kelas 10 masih memiliki kemampuan membaca pemahaman yang kurang baik. Siswa belum memiliki kesempatan untuk mengidentifikasi tema, merumuskan pertanyaan, atau menarik kesimpulan dari bacaan dalam kegiatan pembelajaran. Selain itu, siswa menganggap media kurang menarik. Ada beberapa manfaat membaca pemahaman, termasuk pengembangan kepercayaan diri akademik yang lebih tinggi, peningkatan keterampilan menulis, peningkatan kemampuan membaca secara keseluruhan, pengembangan pemikiran kritis dan keterampilan analitis, mendorong stimulasi dan pertumbuhan mental, meningkatkan keterampilan memecahkan masalah, meningkatkan empati dan pemahaman, meningkatkan daya ingat dan daya ingat, meningkatkan konsentrasi dan fokus. Temuan penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa peneliti menggunakan aplikasi Wattpad dengan benar dan cermat. Dengan bantuan media ini, ia dapat meningkatkan proses belajar-mengajar sekaligus mendorong dan memotivasi siswa untuk membaca bahasa Inggris. Dia menggunakannya untuk mengajar pemahaman bacaan bahasa Inggris. Banyak hal yang ditawarkan dan disediakan oleh Wattpad, termasuk bahan bacaan untuk siswa dalam berbagai genre. Temuan penelitian ini menyiratkan bahwa Wattpad dapat membantu siswa merasa nyaman dan percaya diri saat berbagi pekerjaan mereka sebagai metode pengajaran pemahaman bacaan. Temuan juga mengungkapkan bahwa ada perbedaan antara nilai siswa pre-test dan post-test. Bahkan jika beberapa siswa mengalami kesulitan dalam menggunakan Wattpad, siswa lain dapat membimbing dan meningkatkan nilai mereka. Hasil survei menunjukkan bahwa siswa khususnya menyukai belajar membaca sambil menggunakan teknologi.

Kata kunci: Pemahaman membaca, Wattpad, Level membaca.

Abstract

Reading is a very important component of linguistic ability in the learning process. According to the results of a preliminary survey conducted on the 14th at Senior High School in Pematang, there were difficulties in learning Indonesian, and it was found that grade 10 students still had poor reading comprehension skills. Students do not have the opportunity to identify themes, formulate questions, or draw conclusions from readings in learning activities. In addition, students consider the media less attractive. There are several benefits to reading comprehension, including developing higher academic self-confidence, improving writing skills, improving overall reading ability, developing critical thinking and analytical skills, encouraging stimulation and mental growth, improving problem-solving skills, increasing empathy and comprehension, increasing power memory and memory, improve concentration and focus. The findings of this study indicate that researchers use the Wattpad application correctly and carefully. With the help of this media, he can improve the teaching-learning process as well as encourage and motivate students to read English. He uses it to teach English reading comprehension. Wattpad has a lot to offer and provide, including reading material for students in a variety of genres. The findings of this study imply that Wattpad can help students feel comfortable and confident when sharing their work as a method of teaching reading comprehension. The findings also revealed that there was a difference between students' pre-test and post-test scores. Even if some students have difficulty using Wattpad, other students can guide them and improve their grades. The survey results show that students especially like learning to read while using technology.

Keywords: Reading Comprehension, Wattpad, Reading Level.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Based on research entitled Most Littered Nation in the World 2016, Indonesia is ranked 64th out of 72 related countries reading interest (Rintaningrum, 2019). This low level should get the attention of all Indonesian people. Indonesia is developing country, then the quality of human resources in Indonesia must be improved. We can increase the quality of human resources in Indonesia, one of which is by improving the level of reading interest in Indonesia.

Reading comprehension is the ability to read and understand written text (Elizabeth, 2022). There are several benefits of reading comprehension, including development of higher academic self-confidence, improved writing skills, improving the overall reading ability, developing critical thinking and analytical skills, promoting mental stimulation and growth, improved problem-solving skills, increasing empathy and understanding, improving memory and recall, enhancing concentration and focus.

Reading is one of the most essential language skills, and its definitions have changed over time. According to Mikeladze (2014), who referenced Smith (1994), reading is defined as the process by which a reader derives meaning. The text, the author, and the reader are all participants in this process. It entails actively interpreting what has been written. Reading is, thus, the capacity to comprehend written or printed symbols. Meaning that the

reader employs symbols to store information in his or her memory, which is then used to build a coherent, complete understanding of the writer's message.

The most crucial academic foundational skill is reading comprehension, and it has incalculable advantages. There is ample evidence that reading comprehension improves thinking abilities, writing insight, reading speed, and academic success across a variety of topics. (Mark B, 2023).

Rapidly advancing technology can be used as an alternative to searching for information, such as literary works. One of the literary work-increasing platform apps is Wattpad, which offers reading and writing services for things like tales, novels, poems, and soon. Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen originally released Wattpad in 2006 (Kardiansyah, 2019).

It offered reading material in 50 different languages from throughout the world. 23 million minutes are spent each month by all Wattpad users. When we access the internet, we are able to use this program. Additionally, Wattpad has made a tale available with a wide range of genres, and we may access virtually the entire story for free. (Miranda, 2021). Some titles of popular story in Wattpad are "Villainess Series 1: Bullying the male lead", this story is a historical fiction genre that has a readership of 1.28 million people. Another story title is "Ruyi" genre fiction which has a readership of 19.4 million which is the top 9 in historical dramas (Wattpad, March 2023). This benefit is the capacity to spread Wattpad's fame internationally, and the

community is always growing. All young people will benefit from Wattpad's rise since it will spark their enthusiasm in literacy work.

Through the Wattpad application, researcher hoped that students can enjoy reading time well. there is no impression of compulsion in the learning process. This application is also expected to give a distinct impression to students so that it does not feel monotonous and boring. when students feel happy, then the heart and mind will be wide open to understand the lesson and acquire a rich vocabulary. In addition, students are also familiar with this application, so the use of this learning media will also be easy to apply.

As a teacher, it is necessary to find the latest teaching materials to facilitating student enjoyment of the learning process and get the best results. Therefore, researchers are looking for an interesting method to attract students' reading interest in improving reading comprehension by using the Wattpad application that can be accessed by all students for free without buying physical books. So, the researcher chose an easy method so that students could also enjoy it. Therefore, the researcher conduct research entitled "Improving Student's Reading Comprehension Level Through Wattpad for Senior High School".

1.2 The Formulation of the Problem

The study provides two research question, as follows:

1. How is the student's reading comprehension practice?
2. How does reading Wattpad improve student's reading comprehension level?

By using this formula, the researcher can focus in a topic that and hopes to know more about the students' development in reading.

1.3 The purpose of Research

The purpose of the study is to determine the reading comprehension level after utilizing Wattpad as a learning media.

1.4 Operational Definition

To prevent misunderstandings about this study, the researcher offers the following definitions:

1. Wattpad: Wattpad is a social reading platform where users may read and write original stories. Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen, the project's inventors, claim that the website intends to break down boundaries between readers and authors and develop social communities centered on tales. (Kardiansyah, 2019)
2. Reading Comprehension: reading comprehension is a complex construct, consisting of several processes (Duke, 2015)
3. Reading level: The education level necessary for the average individual to comprehend your content is known as a reading level. (Hulya, 2017)

1.5 Significance of the Research

1. Theoretical use: this study will examine the use of Wattpad as a learning Media to increase Reading skill. This study can significantly advance people's knowledge of the educational process, particularly when it comes to teaching reading comprehension. In particular, language mastery is relevant to the theory of knowing or science.

2. Empirical use: this study will provide empirical insight how students' problem in learning English through reading Wattpad.
3. Practical use: this study will provide information for readers about the experience of learning reading through Wattpad. It can benefit students, teachers, school administrators, and other researchers. It can be employed by the student to go around obstacles in the learning process and ultimately improve competence and performance. The teacher can benefit from this research by discovering which media are most effective for teaching, particularly reading. It can be useful as feedback to the principal on how to improve the effectiveness of English instructors in teaching reading. This information can be used by other researchers who conduct additional research on reading.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

5.1. Summary of the Findings

Based on the result and discussion, several conclusions can be derived from the outcome and conversation. To start, the researcher briefly employs the Wattpad app while teaching reading comprehension. When using the Wattpad app for teaching and learning, there are specific procedures to follow. It requires work to explain and direct the kids so that they are knowledgeable of it and prepared to use it. The researcher may find it difficult to conduct this one. The use of Wattpad aids students in developing their reading comprehension.

Second, because of its characteristics, the Wattpad app can encourage students to read more actively. They become less bored and more beautiful as a result. Additionally, students are at ease and appreciate using the technology they are familiar with as a teaching tool. Utilizing technology in the classroom also enables students to use it to access the knowledge they need about a particular subject.

5.2. Recommendation

Based on the results of the study, the researchers provide the following suggestions:

- 1) The teacher must ask students to guess the meaning of the word from Wattpad. Monotone teaching makes students bored. Using Wattpad media in teaching reading can improve student learning. Wattpad get

enthusiasm and make it easier for students to learn English. Students learn words and pronunciation properly and correctly using Wattpad.

- 2) This research is on the effect of using Wattpad in teaching reading. There are many other research on how to teach words. This research is a study to solve problems in the classroom. If your research is similar, you can use this as a resource

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