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(Walt Disney)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

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ABSTRACT

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Based on interview with English teacher and students in VII A of SMP Negeri 1 Gumukmas the most obvious problem in writing. The lack of vocabulary, the low master of grammar and their low interest in learning writing. Students have difficulties in the aspect of arising ideas, formulating ideas in written text. Considering the problem above researcher applied Problem Based Learning in teaching writing.

In this research the problem is "How can problem based learning improve the students' in writing descriptive texts ability at VII A class of SMPN 1 GUMUKMAS in the 2015/2015 academic year? The research objective was intended to find out how Problem Based Learning can improves in writing descriptive texts ability of VII A class students of SMP Negeri 1 Gumukmas in the 2015/2015 academic year.

The design of this research is classroom action research; the Research Subject in this research is VII A class of SMPN 1 GUMUKMAS in the 2015/2015 academic year. There were two kinds of data in this research, primary data were collected by using writing test and supporting data were collected by observation checklist and field notes.

The result of writing test in cycle one was showed that from 32 students, there were 15 of the students get score 75 and there were 17 students get score 75. It means that some of student not achieve target score. So, the action was continue to the target score. The result of writing test in cycle two was showed that from 32 students, there were 7 of the students get score 75 and there were 25 students get score 75 and the average score of students is 78. Its mean that the students achieve the target score. Therefore, it was not necessary to the next cycle.

Considering the above results, it can be concluded that teaching writing by using Problem Based Learning can improve the VII A class at SMP Negeri 1 Gumukmas in the 2015/2015 academic year.