

ABSTRACT

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Reading comprehension is a very basic skill that students must master because it is such a bridge that connects the incoming written knowledge or information and mind's capability to master it. However, reading comprehension is considered a major problem of students worldwide especially for EFL learners who study English in another non-native English country. Therefore, it is important to conduct a research entitled "The difficulties of reading descriptive text for tenth grade students in SMA santivit songkhla school in 2021/2022."

The research used a qualitative descriptive. The instruments used in this research were interview and questionnaires to 15 Thai students.

The researcher found that most students had difficulties in defining and differentiating sentences correctly. Findings from document: students get a score with an average score those were of 5 then students have their own learning strategies to get better scores so that there is an increase in reading descriptive text scores. Finding from interview: Q1 -Q2 : Only 2 students answer it is easy and enjoy the activity while 3 students answered it is hard. Q3 : eyes tired, lack of understanding , pattern and rules, less vocabulary and do not know English. Q4: Only 1 student answered easy, the others said lack of vocabulary, too many types of text, do not pay attention and pronunciation. Q5 : 2 students using google and google translate, the other answered that studying with friends, read carefully and having small group for reading class.

The conclusion of this research that firstly, Students find it is difficult to concentrate while reading text, understanding the meaning and underline important words. concentrating and scanning in reading help students comprehend the text quickly. Last but not least, the effective strategy students use is by reading is using internet, by using the internet it helps students to find more information in specific way.