

ABSTRACT

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Writing is one of important skills in learning English. But in doing writing there is long process needed to construct sentences and generating ideas that make students feel difficult. Beside the students have problems in grammatical, vocabulary, organization, and mechanic. To face this common problem there must be some ways and solution to improve the student's writing ability through the available method. Therefore it is important to do the research entitled "Improving the VIII F students' skill in writing descriptive text by using The Power of Two strategy"

In this research, the problem is "How can the use of The Power of Two strategy improve the VIII F students' descriptive writing ability at SMPN 1 Jambesari Darussholah in 2015/2016 academic year?". The aim of this research is to find out how the use of The Power of Two strategy can improve the VIII F students' descriptive writing ability at SMPN 1 Jambesari Darussholah in 2015/2016 academic year.

The study research is Classroom Action Research (CAR). The research covered four stages of activities, they are planning of the action, implementing of the action, observing of the action, and reflecting of the action. The subject of the research is VIII F class because their writing score still low which consist of 26 students and to obtain the research data instrument used test and observation. The aspects of scoring writing test are grammar, vocabulary, organization, and mechanic. The data was analyzed using this formula:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

The result of the data analysis showed that the students' average score in cycle one is 78. The result of the students' average score in cycle two is 83. Beside 69.17% were active students in the class in cycle one and 88.45% were active students in the class in cycle two.

Based on the result it can be concluded that the use of The Power of Two strategy is able to improve the students' writing ability in writing a descriptive text at SMPN 1 Jambesari Darussholah in 2015/2016 academic year.