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#### **ABSTRACT**

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To comprehend the text well you must know the precise meaning of the word as it is being used. However, there are some difficulties that always appear while they read a text such as the lack of vocabulary, the difficulty to understand the meaning of the text given by the teacher, the students do not have good motivation to read

Therefore, to face this common problem there must be some ways and solutions to improve the students' reading comprehension achievement through the available teaching method, in this case the researcher used SMART (Self Monitoring Approach to Reading and Thinking) Strategy.

In this research, the problem which are investigated is to know whether there is significant difference of students' achievement in reading comprehension before and after being taught by using Self-Monitoring Approach to Reading and Thinking strategy. Based on the research problem, the hypothesis of this research is described as follow: Using SMART (self monitoring approach to reading and thinking) strategy has a significant effect on students' reading comprehension

The kind of this research is Experimental research. The research design is quasi experimental design nonrandomized pre-test and post-test control group design. This research was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, until May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The research instrument that had been used is objective test, consist of 20 multiple choices for pre-test and 20 multiple choices for post-test. To analyze the data, is used *t-test*.

After analyzing the data, the result of this research shows the value of t is 4.74 with significance level of 5% and 1% with the degree of freedom 49 were 1.67655 and 2.40489. it can be seen that the group which taught SMART (self monitoring approach to reading and thinking) strategy get better score than those who are not. So, the null hyphotesis (Ho) is rejected and the alternatif hyphotesis (Ha) is accepted. It can be concluded that using self monitoring approach to reading and thinking strategy has significant effect on the eight grade students' reading comprehension at MTS Baitul Arqam Balung in the 2015/2016 academic year.