

## ABSTRACT

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The objective of this study is to find “how snowball throwing method can improve students' speaking proficiency for seven grade at SMP plus Darul Hikmah Jenggawah in 2015/2016 academic year”. Classroom action research is used in this study. The subject of this study was seven grade students consisting of 30 students. The research instrument that had been used is the test namely speaking test which had been trial the validity and reliability of test and also the checklist paper for observation in the teaching and learning activity.

The implementation of snowball throwing method is an appropriate way to develop students speaking proficiency for seven grade students at SMP plus Drarul Hikmah Jenggawah. It has been proven by the result in cycle two that the students have achieve the criteria success determined by the researcher that is 70% of students who get score 70 or more.

This research was carried out in two cycles. The result showed that there were some improvements in the students' speaking skills. The material used in this study was descriptive text. The activities done during teaching learning process provided them with the classroom interaction and discussion. The implementation of this method is chosen based on several reasons in order to overcome the problem of students' in speaking. Firstly, snowball throwing method gives the students a fun in the activity. Secondly, this method gives them a chance to give and answer a question. Thirdly, there will be challenging during this action. Fourthly, they have more courage to speak to their own friends rather than their own teacher. Finally, students can improve their speaking ability while they are doing this activity using snowball throwing method.