## **ABSTRACT**

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Reading is by far the most important of the four skills in a second language, particularly in English as second or foreign language. But related to the condition and situation right now, there are some students who still unable to read comprehensively. To face this common problem there must be some ways and solutions to improve the students' reading comprehension through the available teaching method, in this case the researcher used Extensive Reading Approach to improve reading comprehension."

In this research the problem is "How can the use of Extensive Reading to improving the students reading comprehension of eighth grade students at SMPN 01 Tegalsari Banyuwangi in the 2016/2017 academic year?" The purpose of this research is to students' reading comprehension by using extensive reading of eighth grade students at SMPN 01 Tegalsari Banyuwangi in the 2016/2017 academic year.

The design of the research is Classroom Action Research which uses test as the instrument of the research. The population of the eighth grade students is 36. The result of reading test data in cycle 1 was showed that from 20 students, who have scored  $\geq 70$  was 55%. It means the result did not achieved the target score. The researcher needs to revise plan or strategy in cycle 2. All activities done with the partner both defining difficult word and discussion. in cycle 2 there were 28 students of the students who scored  $\geq 70$  was 77,77% . It means the target score in reading test achieved the target score. The action was stopped because requirement 75% students reading test could achieved the target scored.

It can be concluded by using extensive reading can improve the students' reading comprehension at SMPN 01 Tegalsari Banyuwangi in the 2016/2017 academic year.