

ABSTRACT

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The background of the study in this research is based on the phenomena that are some students' still faced some problems regarding on simple past tense understanding. There was only 12 of the 27 Students could reach the standard score requirements 72 of english subject including tense at SMP Nurul Jadid. Generally, they still frequently made some mistakes in applying simple past form.

The problem in this research is (1) How can the use of Numbered heads together technique could improve the eight grade student's on simple past tense understanding at SMP Nurul Jadid by sharing their difficulties with their group. (2) How can the use of Numbered Heads Together technique could improve the eight grade student's active participation on simple past tense at SMP Nurul Jadid by guiding them to think critically and creatively.

Based on the problem, the research objective is intended "To improve the students' understanding on Simple Past Tense at SMP Nurul Jadid in the academic year 2016/2017".

The design of the research is Classroom Action Research. This research covered four stages of activities, they are planning, implementing, observing, and reflecting. The research subject is VIII H clas. The instrument are used the test, and observation checklist. To calculate the students' simple past tense score. The data was analyzed by using mean formula.

Numbered Heads Together technique improved students' understanding on simple past tense in two cycles from the average of the students score is 69.4 into 71.48 in the second cycle. Finally, it could be concluded that the use of Numbered Heads Together could improve the VIII H students' understanding on simple past tense at SMP Nurul Jadid in the 2016/2017 by guiding them to think critically, criatively and sharing their difficulty with their group.