

ABSTRACT

Indriana Try Meliwardani, 2018. *The Use of Talking Chips Technique in Teaching Speaking at the Eighth Grade of SMPN 2 Sarudu.* The Faculty of Teachers Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University
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This research aimed to find out the improvement of the students' speaking skill by using Talking Chips Technique that focused on fluency by giving students activities related the technique in teaching the material.

The researcher applied pre-experimental method with one group pretest-posttest design, and collected the data by giving pre-test and post-test. The sample of the research was class VIII of SMPN 2 Sarudu which consisted of 30 students. The sample was taken by using purposive sampling technique. The research findings showed that the eighth grade students of SMPN 2 Sarudu had fairly score in pre-test. After treatment, their reading comprehension was significantly increase.

The findings of the research were the mean score of students fluency obtained by the students through pre-test was 6.4 and post-test was 8 with the t-test value is greater than t-table ($0.68 > 0.25$).

The Result of this research shows that the use of Talking Chips Technique in teaching speaking at the eighth grade students of SMPN 2 Sarudu the academic year of 2017/2018 can improve students' speaking ability.

Key Words: Talking Chips Technique, Speaking Ability, Teaching Speaking.