

ABSTRACT

NURUL AOLIYAH ROSTAM, 2018. The English Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, University of Muhammadiyah Makassar. Thesis: *Retelling Story through Picture Series to Improve Students' Speaking Skill*. Guided by Nurdevi Bte. Abdul and Muh. Arief Muhsin.

The objective of this research was to find out the significant of the improving the students' speaking skill to focus on pronunciation and vocabulary by Story Telling through Picture Series strategy at the Second Year of SMAN 4 Jeneponto and was to find out the significant of the improving students' speaking skill to focus on effectiveness with Story Telling through Picture Series strategy at the second year of SMAN 4 Jeneponto.

The researcher used Classroom Action Research (C.A.R). The researcher conducted two cycles, where each cycle consisted of four meetings. It employed speaking test as an instrument. The number subjects of the research were 31 students in class XI MIA 2. The researcher took data real from the school to know the students' speaking skill.

The result of the students' speaking test in cycle I and cycle II had significantly different scores. There was a better improvement at the end of the action of the second cycle. The research findings indicated that by applying Story Telling through Picture Series strategy could improve students' speaking skill and after evaluation in cycle I and cycle II, the mean scores improve from 6.3 in the first cycle to 7 in the second one which was categorized average. The students' speaking skill at the second year of SMAN 4 Jeneponto was in a low level before the test in the first cycle and the position of the students' speaking skill moved into a high level after the test in the second cycle. From these findings, the researcher made conclusion that by applying the Story Telling through Picture Series strategy was one of effective and interesting speaking teaching strategy that could improve the students' speaking skill in case of pronunciation, vocabulary, and effectiveness at the class XI MIA 2 of SMAN 4 Jeneponto.

Keywords: Speaking Skill, Retelling Story, Picture Series.