ABSTRACT

NUR HIDAYAH. 2018 Thesis of English Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. *"Improving Reading Comprehension of Descriptive Text by Using Pictorial Poster"at SMP Negeri 1 Minasate'ne* Under the supervision of Nunung Anugrawati and Ratu Yulianti Natsir.

This research aimed to find out the way to improve students' reading comprehension by using Pictorial Poster as Media The research was conducted at The Second Grade of SMP Negeri 1 Minasate'ne. This research used a pre-experiment method by using reading test.The procedure of data collection covered pretest, treatment and posttest. Total sample of this research was 22 students the researcher taught about the pictorial poster in each treatment of descriptive text in the class.

The result of the research shown there were In pre-test the students'mean score of main idea in pre-test 21,3 to post-test 41 the mean score of supporting details pre-test is $X1 = 18,7$ and the mean score of post-test was $X2 = 32,2$. From the result we find that the improvement of the students' completeness score also by looking the score of t-test of main idea 4.83 and supporting details 10.98 was greater than t-table value 2.080.

Based on the result above, it can be concluded that the reading comprehension of the second grade SMP Negeri 1 Minasate'ne had improvement by using pictorial poster of descriptive text.

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