ABSTRACT

CITRA NUR SYARIFAH TUSYADIAH, 2019. Thesis of English Department, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. *Improving Speaking Skill through Cooperative Learning Method Especially Think Pair Share Strategy on the Eight Grade Students' of SMP Pesantren Putri Yatama Mandiri.* Supervised by H. Bahrum Amin and M. Astrianto Setiadi.

The objective of this research to improve students' speaking ability using Think Pair Share Strategy of cooperative learning for the eighth grade students of SMP Pesantren Putri Yatama Mandiri. This research was a class room action research. The actions were implemented in two cycles based on the class schedule. The subject in this research was 27 students. The researcher used two instruments namely: speaking test and observation sheet. The data analyzed through quantitative analysis. The researcher observed speaking accuracy in terms of vocabulary and grammar and speaking fluency in terms of smoothness and self-confidence.

The findings of the research showed the use of Think Pair Share Strategy was able to improve students' speaking ability. The result of the students' mean score in speaking accuracy in term of vocabulary in cycle I was 6.59, cycle II was 7.97 it was improved 1.12. Grammar in cycle I was 6.59, cycle II was 7.73 it was improved 1.14. Speaking fluency in term of smoothness in cycle I was 7.10, cycle II was 8.22 it was improved 1.12, self confidence in cycle I was 6.62, cycle II was 8.54 it was improved 1.92.

Based on research using Think Pair Share Strategy gave the students more chances to speak in English. The students became more familiar in English. The students became confident to speak up English. They actively participated during the teaching and learning process. The use of classroom English helped the students to be more familiar with English. The vocabulary and grammar also helped them to enrich their vocabulary knowledge grammar and build their accuracy and fluency.

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