

## ABSTRACT

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This final project is concerned with using hand puppets to teach written descriptive text to the eighth grade students of SMP N 2 Mayong. The objective of the study was to find out whether there was any significant difference in the achievement between the students who were taught using hand puppets and students who were taught using conventional technique. Conventional technique is the way a teacher gives the materials by explanation.

To achieve the objective, the researcher conducted an experimental research. The research design used was quasi experimental design. The population of the study was the eighth graders of SMP N 2 Mayong. The total number of the sample was 66 students, class VIII B as the experimental group and class VIII A as the control group. In conducting this experimental research, she used three steps: pre-test, treatment, and post-test. Before the experiment, I held the try-out test to get its validity and reliability of the instruments. The result of the test was then analyzed by using t-test formula.

In the pre- test, the result of the study showed that the means of the experimental group was 60.48 and the control group was 60.55. After they got the treatments, the result of the test showed that the experimental group performed better than the control group and showed a great progress. In this test, the mean score of the experimental group was 72.30; whereas the control group was 65.61.

The t-data or t-value obtained 4.399 and the t-table obtained 2.00. Since the t-value is higher than t-table, so the working hypothesis is refused. It means that there was a significance difference in achievement between the students who were taught by using hand puppets and those who were taught by using conventional technique in teaching written descriptive text. The result of this study showed that using hand puppets as a medium at teaching written descriptive text is very beneficial for the students.

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