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ABSTRACT

The objective of this action research study was to improve the speaking skills of the tenth grade students of the UJP (Unit Jasa Pariwisata) class at SMKN 7 Yogyakarta in the academic year of 2011/2012 through the use of cooperative learning.

This action research was conducted in two cycles involving cooperative learning methods such as two stray two stay, think-pair-share, numbered heads together, and inside outside circle as the main activities. Conducting role play, giving feedback, brushing up the materials, asking the students to bring a dictionary, giving a handout and reward were the complement of the main activities. The data were obtained by observing the teaching and learning process, interviewing the students and collaborators, holding discussions with the collaborators, giving questionnaires to the students, taking pictures, and recording the teaching and learning process. The instruments used in this research were observation guidelines, interview guidelines, and questionnaires. Data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing and verification were used to analyze the data.

The research results show that the students' speaking skills improved through the use of cooperative learning. The students made a good improvement in some aspects of speaking skills such as pronunciation, fluency, and interactive communication. They were more confident to speak English. They had more chances to speak up. They easily learnt the materials with a group. They actively participated during the teaching and learning process. They were more aware of the mistakes or errors made as they always gave feedback to others' performance. The various activities made the class atmosphere enjoyable. The students' motivation to bring a manual and electronic dictionary helped them learn the materials. The group work activities applied improved the students' understanding towards the materials and the teacher's classroom management.