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Masalah yang dihadapi siswa adalah rendahnya keterampilan menulis mereka. Hal ini disebabkan kurang berlatih menulis teks bahasa Inggris dan motivasi yang rendah dalam menulis. Penelitian ini dilaksanakan untuk meningkatkan motivasi siswa dalam menulis, dalam hal ini menulis teks berbahasa Inggris. Penelitian ini diharapkan mampu meningkatkan keterampilan menulis siswa.

Data dikumpulkan melalui observasi, wawancara, dan dokumentasi. Data kualitatif diperoleh melalui partisispasi siswa dalam pelajaran menulis. Observasi dilakukan terhadap kemampuan siswa dalam mengerjakan tugas, partisipasi dalam diskusi kelompok dan membuat karangan. Data didukung oleh wawancara informal setelah pelajaran menulis selesai. Wawancara dilakukan untuk mengetahui masalah yang dihadapi siswa selama penggunakan komik dalam pembelajaran menulis. Data kuantitatif diperoleh melalui hasil latihan dan postes.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa penggunaan komik dalam pembelajaran menulis mampu memberikan beberapa aspek positif. Pertama, pengaruh terhadap faktor afektif siswa seperti motivasi dan rasa percaya diri. Pengaruh kedua adalah perubahan perilaku siswa terhadap proses belajar mengajar. Pengaruh ketiga adalah partisipasi aktif siswa dalam pelajaran menulis. Dan yang terakhir adalah adanya peningkatan terhadap keterampilan menulis siswa, terutama adanya peningkatan nilai menulis bahasa Inggris.

Penelitian ini mengimplikasikan bahwa penggunaan komik dapat menjadi teknik alternative untuk meningkatkan keterampilan menulis siswa. Oleh karena itu, direkomendasikan kepada guru bahasa Inggris untuk mengaplikasikannya di kelas. Juga direkomendasikan kepada pihak sekolah untuk mensosialisasikan hasil penelitian ini karena hasil penelitian ini berguna terutama untuk mata pelajaran bahasa Inggris. Dan bagi peneliti selanjutnya supaya mengembangkan aspek keterampilan menulis yang belum dikembangkan dalam penelitian ini.

Kata kunci: peningkatan, keterampilan menulis, peta kata, komik

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The students' problem was lack of writing skill. It is caused by the lack of writing English texts and less motivation of writing. The research is carried out to arouse the students' motivation to write, in this case, writing English texts. Hopefully, they can improve their writing skill.

The data were collected through observation, interview and documentation. The qualitative data were collected through the students' participation in writing class. The observation is on the students' ability to do the exercises, join the group discussion and making composition. The data were supported by the informal interview after the writing class has been finished. It is carried out to find out the students' problems during the use of comic books in the writing class. The quantitative data were obtained through the result of exercises and the post-test.

The findings show that the use of comic books in writing class gives some positive aspects. The first effect is on the students' affective factors such as motivation and self confident. The second effect is the change of the students' attitude toward the teaching learning process. The third effect is on the active participation during the writing class. The last but not the least is the improvement on writing skill, especially the writing score.

The research finding implies that the use of comic books can be an alternative technique to promote the students' writing skill. Therefore, it is recommended that the English teachers apply it. It is also recommended that the institution socialize the findings since it is useful for English subject. The last is for the other researcher to develop the aspect of writing skill which has not been developed in the research.

Keywords: improving, writing skill, word-map, comic strips

MOTTO

This country doesn't need 'smart people', but it needs those who were honest, brave, and "funny" (a satire by a film of Deddy Mizwar: *Alangkah Lucunya Negeri Ini)*

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