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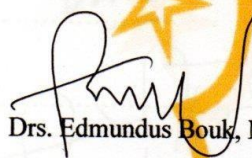
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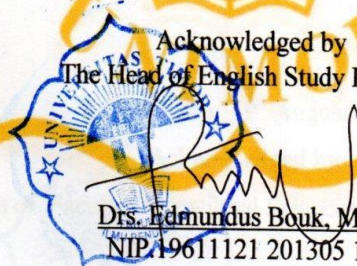
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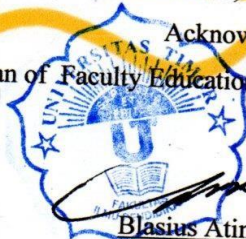
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THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS  
THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE  
BUT  
THE FOOLS DISPISE  
WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION

**(PROVERBS 1:7)**

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## ABSTRACT

Nautani, Ade Irma. 2021. This study entitled *Improving Reading Comprehension of the First Grade Students of SMP Negeri Nunbai through RAP Strategy*. Universitas Timor. Main Advisor (1) Drs. Anselmus Sahan, M. Pd , and Associate Advisor (2) Drs. Edmundus Bouk, M. Pd.

In this research focused on the strategy to help students in reading comprehension. This research is aim to answer the following problems: 1) RAP strategy effective to improve the students reading comprehension, 2) level is the students' mastery on improving reading comprehension categorized and 3) problem do the students face in improving reading comprehension. The data collected used in the form of qualitative and quantitative data. The qualitative data will related to the description of the process during the planning and observation. The quantitative data will related to the students' reading comprehension scores. This research focuses on the attempt to improve students' English reading comprehension skill in the first year student of SMP NEGERI NUNBAI by RAP strategy. It was conducted in team included English teacher and the students of first year students.

Based on the result researcher can conclude that pre-test and post-test on cycle I, students still get a low score because they have not used the good strategy to help them in understanding the meaning of the text. The mean score from pre-test of cycle 1 is 46,5 and post-test of cycle 1 is 50,1. In the cycle 2, researcher use RAP strategy to help students understanding the text entries so can answer the questions on post-test. The mean score from post-test of cycle 2 is 85,3. In cycle 2, the all of students passed the KKM.

They find difficulties in Pre-test, but their difficulties were slowly reduced in Post-test 1 and were totally resolved on Post-test 2. The data show that the students made 744 (or: 46.50%) right answers and 856 (or: 53.50%) on Pre-Test, 802 (or: 50%) right answers and 798 (or: 50%) wrong answers on Post-test 1 and 1,366 (or: 85%) right answers and 234 (or: 15%) wrong answers on Post-test 2. Their level of mastery was very high. It can be seen from the data that 16 students got very scores on the Post-test 2.

**Keywords: Study, Improving, Reading, Comprehension, Strategy.**



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