

## **The Effect of Using Wattpad Application to Improving Student's Reading Comprehension of Recount Text at Tenth Grade Students of Senior High School Number 11 Jambi**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Many students are more captivated by reading through the internet and application media than reading a book, one example of reading application the Wattpad application, this application is an electronic book in the form of an application, on Wattpad there are many things that can be read in the Wattpad application. This study employed a true experiment design, using quantitatively approved pre-test and post-test. Genuine experiment with pre- and post-tests This study's type of research design is group design. Or in Indonesian known as true experiment, is the most rigorous and powerful experimental design because in true experiment research the research subject is randomly selected. Before providing treatment, the exam should determine the kids" reading comprehension. In the pre-test experimental group, the researcher obtained 36 sample scores with means of 55, 35, 63, and 40. In the post-test score following treatment, the researcher obtained 36 sample scores with means of 75, 35, 90, and 35. Based on the theory of reading using the Wattpad application it can help students to improve their reading skill and students can read understand a content of the story text.

**Key words:** *Reading Comprehension, Wattpad Application*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The method of learning English is a that has generated a lot of debate in the educational community. this is due to the fact that pupils' abilities can be improved by learning the English language. Each kid in the educational system has a unique chance to succeed both academically and socially. The ability to comprehend and gain knowledge during the learning process aids pupils in developing their skills, particularly their ability to learn English.

One of the languages taught in schools is English. Students who are proficient in these areas will be able to increase their understanding of the language. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening are the four talents listed above. Reading skills are a very influential skill in improving students' abilities and knowledge by reading will get a variety of useful knowledge, Writing ability is the skill or way to explore the idea we have and the ideas that arise in

the mind where the writing we make can benefit many people and ourselves, Speaking skills are one of the skills that help a person to improve thinking patterns and courage in conveying things, listening skills are skills to open up points of view or make oneself to be active in listening to various materials and expressions from anywhere.

When learning English, students are asked to have these four skills to enable students to comprehend the lesson and conductively and can add knowledge and insight to the student. However, there are still a lot of students that have difficulties when studying English, such as problems in reading. Reading is a really crucial process in education because we can understand and obtain a lot of knowledge, reading is useful anywhere and anything we can read such as reading from books or reading from the internet and reading from applications such as the Wattpad application.

Many students are more captivated by reading through the internet and application media than reading a book, one example of reading application the wattpad application, this application is an electronic book in the form of an application, on wattpad there are many things that can be read in the wattpad application. With this application, students' interest in reading can increase, there are novels and narratives as well as entering fiction and events and various other readings.

Wattpad application is among the reading learning media that can student's pupils get better students' abilities. The wattpad application is included in electronic books where nowadays reading enthusiasts prefer to read through electronic media such as wattpad, so that wattpad can help at the time of reading the book interest and students' ability to read. The wattpad application can play an important role as a medium for learning to achieve good and maximum learning outcomes, with that the process of creating the proposal I wrote focuses on the impact of using the wattpad application to improve student readers' understanding of recount text in twelfth grade students.

The majority of students prefer reading on electronic devices to reading books. One instructional tool that can encourage students' interest in reading is the Wattpad application. The novel is a lengthy narrative that adheres to standard practice and frequently takes the shape of a series of stories. It depicts fictional characters and events. The novel functions similarly to a short tale. Both of them work on producing narrative fiction. inherent characteristics between them, such as plot, character, setting are comparable. Samardjo & Sumardjo (Handayani, 2017). Hence, novels are one of the strategies that students can use to boost their interest in reading. Because of this, the significance one of the benefits of using the Wattpad application as a reading and learning

tool most key elements in achieving learning objectives, by reading carefully and optimally.

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

### Definitions of Reading

Dalman (2014) states "reading is an activity or cognitive processes that seek to find a variety of information that found in writing. This means reading is process for understand the content of the text being read. Therefore, reading is not just seeing a collection of letters that have formed a work, a group of words, a sentence, a paragraph, and discourse only, but more that reading is an activity understand the lambing/signs/writing that are meaningful so that the massage is delivered author acceptable to the reader.

Reading is not the activity of looking at written symbols solely. An assortment of abilities needs to be deployed by a reader that he may be able to understand the material he is reading. The reader should strive to the emblems he saw became meaningful symbols Him. Thus, Nurhadi (2016) states reading is the process of processing convey information critically-creatively that the reader undertakes to gain understanding through about that reading, which is followed by an assessment of the circumstances, the value, function, and impact of that reading." According to Widyastuti (2017) "reading is an activity that involves auditive elements (hearing) and visual (observational). The ability to read begins when the child is happy explore books by holding or flipping through language books in the main communication tool for children to express desires and the need."

Then form Safi'ie(1999) it is said that literal understanding is the ability to understand what the author writes and conveys in his book or writing. Where this literal understanding not only understand in

terms of reading text, but also understand the meaning word, sentence, understanding paragraph or understanding reading context.

As for ways to improve that the ability to read literal comprehension. It is enough to ask questions such as who, when, where, why and what. Still according to Shafie in reading comprehension there is also such a thing as interpretive understanding. Where interpretive reading is proceeded by literal comprehension. The form of literal understanding itself take the form of drawing conclusions, being able to understand the causation that occurs, being able to make generalizations. This includes the ability to make comparisons and find new relationships contained in the reading. In general, shafie also defines reading comprehensions as the process of reading to understand and receive the content of reading through written language. Of course, the context of the reading is an informative reading, which is complete with fact, opinions, ideas and subjective expressions of author.

Reading is the expressions or sounding of a series of symbols – symbols of writing material that he sees from letters to words, then into phrases, sentence and so on (Kholid A. H and Lilis S 1997). Reading is a series of letters that are sounded so that they have meaning. Based on some of the understandings above, it can be concluded that reading is an activity of sounding a series of symbols-symbols in the form of letters connected into words that have their own meaning.

Linse (2005) defines reading as "a set of skills that involves making sense and deriving meaning from the printed word. In order to read, we must be able to decode (sound out) the printed word and also comprehend what we read."

### **The Purpose of Reading**

Reading is one of the demands in the of modern society. Through reading activities, we can know and master various things. The purpose of reading according to Nurhadi (1987) that the purpose of reading will affects the acquisition of reading comprehension. If the stronger a person's purpose in reading, the higher the person's ability to understand his reading.

The purpose of reading according to Blanton et al and Irwin (Farida Rahim, 2008) is as follows : 1) Fun, 2) Perfect certain strategies, 3) Use certain strategies, 4) Update knowledge about a topic, 5) Associate new information that he already knows, 6) Obtain information oral or written reports, 7) Confirm or reject predictions, 8) Display an experiment or apply an information obtained from a text in some other way and learn about the structure of the text, answering specific questions. Nurhadi (1987) argues that the purpose of reading is distinguished in general and in particular. In general, among other, 1) obtaining information, 2) gaining understanding, and 3) obtaining pleasure.

In particular, the purpose of reading is (1) obtaining factual information, (2) obtaining information about something special and problematic, (3) providing a critical assessment of a person's writing (4) obtaining emotional enjoyment, and (5) filling free time.

### **Wattpad Application**

Wattpad is an online platform that allows its users to read and write stories. Founded by Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen, the platform aims to create a reading community, as well as remove barriers between readers and writers. In January 2021, Naver Corporation announced that it would acquire Wattpad. The acquisition was finally completed in May 2021. Until November 2021, Wattpad monthly users reached more

than 90 million users. Wattpad was developed in 2006, as a result of a collaboration between Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen. The company is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario.

According to Melanie Ramdarshan Bold in her journal entitled "The Return of the Social Author: Negotiating Authority and Influence on Wattpad" (2018), states that Wattpad is the latest example of how a new generation of influential and innovative authors entered the publishing arena. Meanwhile, according to Dewi Purnama Sari in her journal entitled "The Effects of Short Story through Wattpad on Reading Comprehension Achievement of Non-English Major Students of Bina Darma University" (2017: 1), it is stated that one of the technologies that promote literature is Wattpad.

Sabado, Aloha Julianne and Uy, Denise Nicole in her journal entitled "Effects of Wattpad on Modern Phillipine Literature" (2016:3), said that the Wattpad app has paved the way for self-publishing because of this. Many people argue that online authors are inferior to authors who publish in general. Since usually online writers are younger and most students publish their stories, many work online and for free. So based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that Wattpad is a multi-platform website application or service for online writers and paves the way as a technology that promotes literature as well as innovative influences to get to the publishing stage.

Besides that, kardiansyah (2019) says that wattpad as a social place where writers can share various from of stories they have written and the way to publish the stories by using modern style. So, wattpad applications is a place or container provided for writers to channel their ideas through an article freely and it can read by people all over the world.

### **The Purpose Wattpad**

Wattpad's includes online-based self-publishing applications where it has been described earlier in (Bold,2016:2). Through Wattpad, both new and old writers can carry out self-publishing activities, namely from the beginning of creating informational content, creating covers, editing, publication, promotion, and sales all can be done by yourself online (Tim Studies and the Ministry of Tourism of creative economy, 2015), so that wattpad utilization allows as an online based self-publishing application in distribution of information.

Further, Wattpad is made into as a newer distribution of information and modern, when compared the distribution of information previously that was still done traditionally. In addition, Wattpad's, can distribute information directly to the user without requires a distributor, so it is very quick to do. When compared to the process of traditional distribution of information, which will take a long time.

Moreover, remembering today's society is called society information where everyone can freely search, accessing, and creating informational content without bound by time and place.

### **Recount Text**

Recount text is a type of text in English that contains the story of an action or activity of the author or characters in the story. The activity or action in question is the expressed through recount text, usually the purpose of recount text is to entertain the reader, as well as provide information. Thus, recount text is a text that retells events that have been occurs by using a clear description of the time of the past.

Recount text is a text that telling about a record of events, events, actions, and activities. Recount text tells an experience, event, and event that occurred in the past, for

example, the experience of meeting idols, vacation experiences, biographies of a person and historical events. According to the Minister of Education and Culture Number 37 of 2018 concerning Content Competencies and Basic Competencies in which the curriculum aims to master four competencies, namely competence in spiritual attitudes, social attitudes, knowledge, and skills. In this learning in order to achieve the objectives of the curriculum, the development of this competency as a learning objective that will be implemented in the learning model in the classroom. Thus, a fun and interesting learning model with varied learning activities is needed.

## METHODOLOGY

Quantitative research design is a way to obtain a series or collection of numbers is used to represent the data acquired, which is used to gain information or solve problems. Quantitative research can give an idea of the population in general. In quantitative research, what is highlighted is the relationship between research variables and the testing of previously formulated hypotheses. Although the description that also contains narrative or is descriptive as correlational research (relationships) its focus lies in the explanation of the relationships between variables.

According to Creswell (2014) quantitative research is an approach for testing objective theories by examining the relationship among variables. These variables, in turn, can be measured, typically on instruments, so that numbered data can be analyzed using statistical procedures. Matthews & Ross (2010) state that quantitative research methods are basically applied to the collection of data that is structured and which could be represented numerically.

This study employed a true experiment design, using quantitatively approved pre-test and post-test. Genuine experiment with pre- and post-tests This study's type of research design is group design. Or in Indonesian known as true experiment, is the most rigorous and powerful experimental design because in true experiment research the research subject is randomly selected. The purpose of this Random assignment is so that threats to internal validity do not arise. The existence of random assignments is expected so that members of the experimental group and comparison groups are not affected by their status so that the experimental results are not affected by the Hawthorne effect and the John Herry Effect.

Both effects were side effects caused by members of the control group being aware of their status so there was an extra effort on their part to match the experimental group's result.

## FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

This research uses teaching media using the wattpad applications, students are asked to read some of the stories that have been provided in the wattpad application. The test given to this student reading the ability both before and after the treatment. in this case, it this case, it is intended to determine how powerful the application of wattpad is on students reading interest. And this test has the impact of has been examined in more detail students reading interest.

In this study, there were 35 pupils in the control class and 36 in the experiment class. Students' pre- and post-test scores from the experiment class were used in this study. Students' responses to multiple-choice questions without any intervention serve as the study's first test. Before providing treatment, the exam should determine the kids' reading comprehension. In the pre-test

experimental group, the researcher obtained 36 sample scores with means of 55, 35, 63, and 40. In the post-test score following treatment, the researcher obtained 36 sample scores with means of 75, 35, 90, and 35.

## CONCLUSIONS

Based on the theory of reading using the wattpad application it can help students to improve their reading skill and students can read understand a content of the story text. By using wattpad application, students can read better and students can understand the material that has been made by teacher, and students can open the reading application wherever they are. And this can also encourage teachers to utilize technology and education in the teaching and learnig process in schools. Teacher can use other reading applications to become a medium for students learning by using reading applications and utilizing existing technology that can make it easier for teachers and students in the teaching and learning process.

The result of this study showed an increase in students reading comprehension in using the wattpad application, which during this study students were given pre-test, treatmen, post-test. It can be concluded that this wattpad application can also help teachers in the learning process, the conclusion of this study shows the influence of the wattpad application on students reading comprehension.

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