

# AN ANALYSIS OF TEACHER STRATEGIES IN TEACHING READING AT THE FIRST YEARS STUDENTS OF SMK 2 GERUNG IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

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## ABSTRACT

This study is aimed to find out teachers strategies in teaching reading at SMK 2 Gerung West Lombok. It was conducted to get detailed information about the strategies used by teachers in teaching reading comprehension. This study employed a qualitative research design which is include as a case study using two data collection techniques; observation and interview. The object of this study was the teacher at the first year. Interviews was used to support the data gathered from classroom observation. All of the data were analyzed by using three major phases of analyses: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing and verification. This study revealed that the teachers used three strategies in teaching reading at SMK 2 Gerung West Lombok, the first is *Memorizing strategy* where the students must memorize five vocabularies every meeting. Secondly is *Question Answer Relationship* this strategy used by the teacher to know the students understand or not. The third strategy is *Game* this strategy used by the teacher to motivate students in teaching reading process.

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## INTRODUCTION

The strategies in teaching English are very important. Many students complaint about the difficulties in understanding one of reading skill which is very important in yielding creative, critical and smart for generation is reading skill. Reading is necessary when students undertake their study, especially at school level. They need good reading skill for acquiring knowledge and learning new information. However, in fact, most of students are usually very lazy to read. Therefore teacher needs to implement an attractive techniques or method in teaching English, especially when they are teaching about reading.

Teaching reading is not only suggesting the students to read but the teachers have to has strategies to motivate students and give the explanation to them because reading is one of step to get the success. There are many people have been succeeded because they always read and practically what they have read.

This study is objecting to find out the kinds of teacher strategies in teaching reading at the first years students of SMK 2 Gerung in Academic year 2015/2016. The subject of the study is English teacher who teach in SMK 2 Gerung in academic years 2016/2017 who will be selected as the sample of this study. The study is limited to find out teachers strategies in teaching reading especially at the first year student of SMK 2 Gerung.

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

### 2.1 Definition of Reading

Reading comprehension is the ability to read text, process it and understand its meaning. An individual's ability to comprehend text is influenced by their traits and skills, one of which is the ability to make inferences. If word recognition is difficult, students use too much of their processing capacity to read individual words, which interferes with their ability to comprehend what is read.

*Patel and Jain (2008:113-114) explains that*  
*“Reading is an important activity in live with which one can update his/her knowledge. Reading skill is an important tool for academic success. Reading is the most important activity in any language class. Reading is not only a source of information and a pleasurable activity but also as a means of consolidating and extending one’s knowledge of language. Reading is necessary to widen the mind, again and understanding of the foreign culture”.*

Harmer (2007:99) states reading is useful for language acquisition provide that student more or less understand what they read, the more they read the better they get it. Based on Grellet (2004:7) reading is a constant process of guessing, and what one brings to the next is often more important than what one finds in it, in reading, the student should be taught to use what they know to understand unknown elements, whether these are ideas or simple words. According to Day and Bamford (1998:12) reading is the construction of meaning from print or written message. It means the construction of meaning involves the reader connecting information from the written message with previous knowledge to arrive at meaning and understanding.

Based on some definitions of reading above the researcher concludes that reading is one of the basic skills of language learning it cannot be separated from other skills of language learning besides writing, speaking and listening. Those skills must be learnt by English language learners. Reading skill can help improve other language skills.

## **2.2 Principles of Reading**

According to Harmer (2007:201 – 202) the principles of reading are (1) teacher encourage students to read as often and as much as possible, (2) student need to be engaged with what they are reading, (3) teacher encourage student to respond to the content of a text and explore their feelings about it not just concentrate on its construction, (4) prediction is a major factor in reading, (5) teacher has to match the task to the topic when using intensive reading texts, (6) good teacher explores reading texts to the full.

## **2.3 Techniques in Reading**

According to Patel and Jain (2008:116-125) the types of reading are:

### **1. Intensive Reading**

Intensive reading is related to further in language learning under the teacher’s guidance. Intensive reading will provide a basis for explaining difficulties or structure and for extending knowledge of vocabulary and idioms. Intensive reading material will be the basis for classroom activity. It will not only be read but will be discussed in detail in the target language, sometimes analyzed and used as a basis for writing exercises. Intensive reading is text reading or passage reading. In this reading the learner reads the text to get knowledge or analysis. The goal of this reading is to read shorted text. This reading is done to carry out to get specific information.

### **2. Extensive Reading**

Extensive reading is used to obtain a general understanding of a subject and includes reading longer text for pleasure. The reader wants to know about something. The reader doesn’t care about specific or important information after reading. Usually people read for to keep them updated.

### **3. Reading Aloud**

According to Elizabeth (2004:286 – 288) reading aloud means reading a book by producing sounds audible to other. Reading aloud by the teacher can help the students in the improvement of their listening ability. Reading aloud is useful at specific moment alone. Reading aloud prevents the students from learning to understand the meaning of a sentence even when they may not know one word in the sentence.

### **4. Silent Reading**

Elizabeth (2004:287-288) states that silent reading means reading something without produce sounds, audible to other. Silent reading is very important skill in teaching of English. This reading should be employed to increase reading ability among learners. Silent reading is done to acquire a lot of information. Silent reading must be based on students selected text. It helps them read with speed, ease and fluency. It aids comprehension and expands the student vocabulary.

### **5. Scanning Strategies**

Scanning is not a reading process in the true sense of the word. It is a searching that requires a reader to float over the material until he finds what needs. Then he stops and reads as much as necessary in order to answer his question (Ophelia H. Hancock).

### **6. Skimming Strategies**

Skimming refers to process of reading only main ideas within passage to get an overall impression of the content of the reading selection. Skimming is a strategy used to look for the 'gist' of what the author is saying without a lot of detail (reading skills for college students) this is used in one only wants a preview or an overview of the material. Skimming is also used after a person has already carefully studied and he needs to review the major ideas and concepts.

## **2.4 Teaching Reading**

### **1. Definition of Teaching Reading**

According to Harmer (2007-23) teaching is not an easy job, but it is necessary one and can be very rewarding when we see our students' progression and know that we helped to make it happy and enjoyable.

In teaching reading, the teachers responsibilities in helping learners achieve these goals is to motivate reading by selecting or creating appropriate tasks, to set up effective classroom procedure, to encourage critical reading, and to create supportive environment for practicing reading in the classroom. Teacher has to decide what the purpose in reading will be done.

### **2. Principles in Teaching Reading**

According to Anderson (1991) the principle of teaching reading; first, exploit the reader's background knowledge. Second, build a strong vocabulary base. Third, teach for comprehension. Fourth, work on increasing reading rate. Fifth, teach reading strategies. Sixth, encourage reader to transform strategies into skills, strive for continuous improvement as a reading teacher.

William (1986) also makes a very good list called 'top ten principles for teaching reading.' The principles are:

- a. In the absence of interesting texts, very little is possible. It is true that interest is important but it always happens that finding interesting texts for all students and preferably also for the teacher is very difficult. It is the teacher's task to use any aspect of the texts to arouse the student, interest.

- b. The primary activity of a reading lesson should be learner reading texts. This principle is very important to remind the teacher who often interrupts the student's reading activity and mixes it with other.
- c. Growth in language ability as an essential part of the development of reading ability. This means that knowledge of language is necessary for learning reading. Otherwise, the student will not develop. In fact, the development of reading abilities and that of language knowledge are inter-independent.
- d. Classroom procedure should reflect the purposeful, task-based, interactive nature of real reading. Teaching reading should encourage the students to have a purpose when reading a text and make dialogue with the writer through the text in order to achieve their purpose. The student should become active and positive readers.
- e. Teacher must learn to be quiet. Teacher interference too much will impede their learners' reading development by being dominant and by talking too much. This principle reminds the teachers who dominate the reading lesson by talking about the text to the students instead of asking them to read it.
- f. Exercise types should, as far as possible, approximate to cognitive reality. The main point here is a teacher should identify how an efficient reader uses different skills for different purposes of reading then she/he makes the students aware of and develop their reading skill.
- g. A learner will not become a proficient reader simply by attending a reading course or working through a reading textbook. The time available for reading in the classroom is very limited and not enough for developing the student reading skills, therefore, extensive must be encouraged.
- h. A reader contributes meaning to a text. The students have to be trained to use their relevant background knowledge efficiently when reading a text so that they do not only rely on the printed stimulate.
- i. Progress in reading requires learners to use their ears, as their eyes. This principle encourages the teacher to ask the student to manipulate the "Silent Supra Segmental" in the text in order to understand the text better. Therefore while the students are reading silently. It might be useful for them to listen to their teacher reading aloud or to the tape.
- j. Using a text does not necessarily equal teaching reading. This principle reminds the teacher that a text can be used for many purposes e.g., for teaching grammar or vocabulary.

## 2.5 Theory of Teaching and Learning

### 1. Theory of Teaching

Theory is a hypothesis of concept that generalize, it may cover a set of practice, heterogeneous classes learn better open-ended task than from closed ended ones or it can express a personal belief language learning is of intrinsic value (penny.1996:3).

According to Tomlinson (1998:3) most people think of teaching as the overt presentation of information by teacher to learners. The term "teaching" is used to refer anything done by materials developers or teacher to facilitate the learning of the language. The essence of teaching looked as a process that is process which is done by teacher in caused learning activity of student. Teacher has first role, indirect and create situation to learning process.

### 2. Theory of Learning

According to Mason and Khatyn (1990:18), learning is an external, social process which takes place during the interactions children have with adult. Based on

Tomlinson (1998:4) learning gist normally considered to be conscious process which consists of the committing to memory of information relevant to what is being learnt. Learning a language requires the operation of in capacity processed by all human being. The term ‘learning’ can be defined as the way of thought which the art of using skill and practice is given to learn it than it is learning (Patel and Jai,2008:36)

## 2.7 Strategies in Teaching Reading

There are some strategies in teaching reading comprehension according to Vacca (1999:53).

### 1. Monitoring Comprehension

To do monitoring comprehension teachers instruct the students to: **a)** Be aware of what they do understand. **b)** Identify what they do not understand. **c)** Use appropriate strategies to resolve problems in comprehension. This strategy can help the teacher to know where the paragraph or word that less understand by the students when the students are reading text and can help the students ability to monitoring their reading comprehension.

### 2. Recognizing Story Structure

Students learn to identify the categories of content (characters, setting, events, problem, and resolution). Often, students learn to recognize story structure through the use of story maps. Instruction in story structure improves students' comprehension.

### 3. Question Answer Relationship (QAR)

Vacca explains that the teacher helps students become aware of likely sources of information as they respond to question (1999). A reader draws on two broad information sources to answer question; information in the text and information inside the reader's head. The procedure QAR can be taught directly to students by reading teachers and can be reinforced by content area specialists.

The Question-Answer Relationship strategy (QAR) encourages students to learn how to answer questions better. Students are asked to indicate whether the information they used to answer questions about the text was textually explicit information (information that was directly stated in the text), textually implicit information (information that was implied in the text), or information entirely from the student's own background knowledge. There are four different types of questions:

a. "Right There"

Questions found right in the text that ask students to find the one right answer located in one place as a word or a sentence in the passage. Example:

*Question:* Who is Frog's friend?

*Answer:* Toad

b. "Think and Search"

Questions based on the recall of facts that can be found directly in the text. Answers are typically found in more than one place, thus requiring students to "think" and "search" through the passage to find the answer. Example:

*Question:* Why was Frog sad?

*Answer:* His friend was leaving.

c. "Author and You"

Questions require students to use what they already know, with what they have learned from reading the text. Example:

*Question:* How do think Frog felt when he found Toad?

*Answer:* I think that Frog felt happy because he had not seen Toad in a long time. I feel happy when I get to see my friend who lives far away.

d. "On Your Own"

Questions are answered based on students' prior knowledge and experiences. Reading the text may not be helpful to them when answering this type of question. Example:

*Question:* How would you feel if your best friend moved away?

*Answer:* I would feel very sad if my best friend moved away because I would miss her.

#### **4. Generating Questions**

By generating questions, students become aware of whether they can answer the questions and if they understand what they are reading. Students learn to ask themselves questions that require them to combine information from different segments of text. For example, students can be taught to ask main idea questions that relate to important information in a text. (Larson, 1989:21)

#### **5. Graphic and Semantic Organizers**

Graphic organizers illustrate concepts and relationships between concepts in a text or using diagrams. Graphic organizers are known by different names, such as maps, webs, graphs, charts, frames, or clusters. Graphic organizers can help students focus on a) text structure "differences between fiction and nonfiction" as they read. b) Provide students with tools they can use to examine and show relationships in a text. c) Help students to write well-organized summaries of a text.

#### **6. Summarizing Strategies**

Summarizing requires students to determine what is important in what they are reading and to put it into their own words. Instruction in summarizing helps students: a) Identify or generate main ideas b) Connect the main or central ideas c) Eliminate unnecessary information d) Remember what they read.

#### **7. Memorizing Strategies**

By memorizing, students are encouraged to study more and it can improve their English ability. La Garanderie (in Robin Brown, 1997: 157). States that memorization opens the future to the learning up.

#### **8. Game**

Game usually used by English teacher when the students feel bored about the material, as we all know in the class some students not interest with English study what else in the last study most of them do not like learning process. So the English teacher have to has game for their students in teaching reading, the teacher can use some games to increase their students motivate.

### **METHOD**

This research adapted qualitative research because the purpose of this research to find out the strategies of English teacher in teaching reading.

The population of this research was the teacher. There are two teachers who teach English in SMK 2 Gerung named Mr. Munal S.Pd, the teacher for first grade students and Mr. Padil M.Pd, the teacher for second and third grade students. Mr. Munal S.Pd becomes the sample for conducting this study.

The instrument of study is classroom observation and interview. The choice is made due to the reason to explore the characteristics and phenomenon of the single case.

In collecting the data, there are some procedures that have been done. They are came to school and give the information for doing research, asked the teacher about the schedule and where the class exactly will be started, came in the classroom and did the observation during learning process in the class, interviewed teacher about the strategies that used in teaching process, and analyzed the data through Miles and Huberman theories.

In this research, data analysis in this research can be broken down into four stages; they are coding, data reduction, data display, and drawing conclusion or interpretation. Those can be explained as follows, (Miles and Huberman, 1994: 10).

### **1. Data Reduction**

In this stage, the data is gotten from interview with the teacher. The result interview shows how the teacher used the strategies in teaching reading comprehension. In this step, the relevant data is reduced and the needed data is included.

### **2. Data Display**

In this research, essay will be used in displaying the data, because it is most common data display used in qualitative research.

### **3. Drawing Conclusion**

Here, the analysis began by seeing the data. Next, examined all entries with the same code and then merges these categories and finding the connection among the categories. Then, it continued to tell the stories and to make connection among stories. Finally, the conclusion is made based on the finding.

## **FINDING AND DISCUSSION**

### **1. Data From Observation**

Based on the research done on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, it was found many strategies were used to teach in reading. Those were question answer relationship, memorizing strategy and game.

#### **a. Question Answer Relationship.**

T: If you like a story, I would like give you papers about story of malinkundang, I give you ten minutes to read this story and I give you question, if you find difficult word you can ask me. Gunawan what is the title of the story..?

S: Malinkundang.

T: How many paragraph and characters in the story..?

S: Five paragraphs and three characters, malinkundang, his mother and his wife.

The teacher gave the students one until two questions. So the students answered that question. This question was about the lesson that they had discussed. It was done by the teacher to know students understand or not understand about the material. It was done in the end of learning process. The teacher pointed out one of students to answer that question and they answered it by sitting and the chair.

#### **b. Memorizing Strategies**

T: Good morning students. How are you today...?

S: Good morning teacher, I'm fine thank you.

T: Today, I want you one by one come forward to memorize five vocabularies about the story.

S: Yes sir.

T: Okay. Rony Hardianto you the first, please memorize it for me.

S: Okay sir. Panorama is pemandangan, monkey is monyet, once upon a time is zamandahulukala, climb is memanjat, temple is pura.

All of the teachers, especially in first grade are using memorizing strategy. For example, in every meeting with English lesson, the students must memorize five vocabularies and those meaning individually related to the topic that they have discussed. It's done in the end of lesson.

#### **c. Game**

T: Okay now I will give you animals pictures and you will answer quickly if you don't know you can find in your dictionary.

S: Okay sir.

T: What the name of these pictures?

S: Crocodile, cat, dog, and snake.

T: Good answer. Can you spell it the first picture?

S: Yes sir," siarou di ae el and i, finish sir.

The English teacher applied game. For example, the teacher in front of the class showing the card that there is a picture and the students finding the answer about the picture. The student can open the dictionary if they do not know the answer. Game is conducted with the students in group. The teacher stands in front of the class and show piece of paper or the card that there is the picture. The students answer what is the picture about and how to spell it done quickly. The group that get higher score, will get reward, while the group have low score will get the punishment. This punishment is done in order to make the students more active.

## **2. Data From Interview**

### **a. Memorizing strategies**

*"This strategy help me in teaching reading comprehension in the class. Because with memorizing the words that I gave, the student always remember what already I give to them. And it also help me in process teaching and learning when there is difficult word the students not always ask me because the students have memorized five vocabularies per meeting".*

The statement above shows that the teacher not only taught the students in reading skill but in the others skills also such as: speaking and pronunciation. Moreover, the teacher is one of the dominant factor that influenced the students reading skill, because teacher's behavior and the way the designed their class would improve their reading ability directly to students.

### **b. Question answer relationship**

*"This strategies help me in teaching reading comprehension. With this strategy I able to know how far their students understand what he has gave to them. And in this stage the students not only read the passage but also really understand what the material of content".*

This strategy can improve students' reading ability by making them more active and read the text seriously. There are feedback between teacher and student in the class. The benefit for this strategy is students not only just as read the passage but also understanding what the content from that passage. It means by using this strategy push the students for asking about what that they don't be understood and the student becomes active.

### **c. Game**

*"This strategy can help me in teaching and learning process because in this strategy, without student realize I can include materials into this game. This game use by the teacher to interest student anxiety in learning reading comprehension".*

The statement above shows that the teacher uses this strategy to give student motivation when the students boring. This step uses by the teacher not only for have fun but for improve student ability in reading in the classroom. Teaching strategy to teach reading use game the teacher applying this strategy with aim gives understood in teaching reading comprehension to the students. Besides, the student able to understand reading comprehension's material and students also enjoy in follow teaching reading comprehension in the class. These strategies also help the teacher easy to explain the material.

## CONCLUSION

1. The teacher used various teaching strategies in teaching reading. They are memorizing, question answer relationship and game.
2. Those strategies are effective in teaching reading comprehension because can help student to comprehend the text. In short, those strategies give good contribution for teacher.
3. Students who have difficulty in reading will be easier in mastering reading comprehension. By using these strategies, the teacher more easily gives the material to the students.

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