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# THE USE OF SCAFFOLDING STRATEGY IN TEACHING READING COMPREHENSION AT THE FIRST GRADE STUDENTSOF SMA N 4 MATARAM IN ACADEMIC YEAR2017/2018

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INFO ARTIKEL	ABSTRAK
Riwayat Artikel:	<b>Abstract:</b> Scaffolding is a teaching learning strategy in which the teacher and learners engage in a collaborative problem-solving activity with the support and guidance of the
Diterima: 03-02-2018 Disetujui: 12-03-2018	teacher to enable learners become increasingly independent. Scaffolding strategy can help students solved the task by their own and student can be understand the material. The purpose of this research is to know whether the use of scaffolding strategy is effective or not in teaching reading comprehension at the first grade students of SMA N 4 Mataram in
Kata Kunci:	academic year of 2017/2018. This study used Quasi Experimental Non-Equivalent Control Group Designs, the researcher was used pre-test and post-test. The sample of this research
ScaffoldingStrategy Reading Comprehension	were all students of the first grade at SMAN 4 Mataram that consist of 78 students, 39 students of experimental group and 39 students of control group. The experimental group was taught by scaffolding strategy in teaching reading comprehension and the control group was taught without scaffolding strategy in teaching reading comprehension. The techniques of collecting data in this research used pre-test and post-test. Based on the result, the means score of students experimental group was higher than control group. Whereas, the score of t-test was 2,70 and the score of t-table was 2,00 on the level of significance 0,05. this research shows that scaffolding strategy in teaching strategy in teaching reading comprehension at the first grade students of SMAN 4 Mataram in Academic Year 2017/2018 is effective. So, based on the hypothesis that the researcher discussed before, the Alternative Hypothesis (Ha) was accepted.

# A. INTRODUCTION

Reading is one of important skills in learning English, reading skills as a far of receptive skills is given the first priority in the language curriculum. It involves students interacting with visual input of language, which they need to process and understand. Ability in reading will help the students to comprehend the texts. By reading, they make sense what the writer means. They can also catch the information in the texts even the detail information of each paragraph. This has to be supported by other components, such as: vocabularies, structures, and many others to understand their meaning that can be a model to improve students' knowledge (Pollard,2008:44).

Reading has very important role in learning process because the skill of reading determine the success of students in learning many things particularly in daily life. For those reasons teacher should try to make reading interesting, enjoyable, and meaningful. In fact, there are often some phenomenon in the schools, in which many teachers who less an attention toward student in teaching to comprehending the text. It could be seen when the researcher conducted her teaching practice (PPL) in SMAN 4 Mataram. The teachers who less an attention toward students in teaching to comprehending the text. The teacher just give the text and ask student to repeat the teacher's reading without some preparation before so it make students difficult to understand the text what was conveyed in the reading text that was read by the teacher. In this condition the teacher did not build students'

background knowledge what the reading text initially that make they often missed the information of the texts.Teaching reading to English learners is exciting for Teacher who Have the ability to perform it. They have skill and competence to apply the appropriate teaching strategies and teaching method which can motivate the student to enjoy the printing material they distribute.

Based on the condition above, the researcher is interesting to conduct the research to the first grade students of SMA N 4 Mataram. Furthermore, the Researcher try to solve and improve the students' reading comprehension. From many choices of strategies in improving reading comprehension, the researcher choose scaffolding technique as an alternative strategy to help the students in reading comprehension in order to make students become active, enjoy, and comprehend. Bruner (1978 : 56) describes 'scaffolding' as cognitive support given by teachers to learners and help them to solve tasks that they would not be able working on their own. Students go on to describe this as a form of "vicarious consciousness" in which students are taken beyond themselves through participation in the consciousness of the teacher.

As with any teaching technique, scaffolds should complement instructional objectives. While we expect all of our students to grasp course content, each of them will not have the necessary knowledge or capability to initially perform as we have intended. Scaffolds can be used to support students when they begin to work on objectives that are more complex or difficult to complete.

There are some relevant previous studies that support this research. First, Ni putu eva yanti (2014) " Improving Reading Comprehension hrough Scaffolding Reading Experience Strategy of the eighth Grade Student of SMPN 1 Kuta Utara In Academic year 2013/2014. Showed that there was positive responses concerning the strategy applied in improving the subjects' reading comprehension. To sum up, the present classroom action study proved that SRE strategy could improve reading comprehension of the eighth grade students of SMPN 1 Kuta Utara in academic year 2013/2014. Moreover, the subjects also responded positively the implementation of SRE strategy.

Second, Rosmawar Tanjung "Improving Students' Seading Comprehension of Narrative Text through Scaffolding Strategy at Grade X of SMAN 1 TUKKA, TANAPULI TENGAH, PADANG "showed that almost all of students were interested to scaffolding strategy and most students could understand the test easier.

Considering those reasons, the researcher uses this strategy in teaching reading comprehension. Furthermore, the researcher is very interested in conducting the research entitled "The use of scaffolding in teaching reading comprehension at the first grade students of SMA N 4 Mataram in Academic Year 2017/2018".

#### **Purpose of The Study**

The specific purposes of the study based on research question as followed to knew whether the use of scaffolding strategy is effective or not in teaching reading comprehension at the first grade students of SMA N 4 Mataram in academic year of 2017/2018

#### Significant of The Study

The result of this study is intended to gave contribution in teaching English both theoretically and practically.

- 1. Theoretically
  - a. As a teaching technique reference in teaching learning process
  - b. As a reference to the other researcher who wants study scaffolding more intensively in teaching reading comprehension.
- 2. Practically
  - a. The result of this study is expected to help the teachers to solve the problems in teaching and learning of reading comprehension
  - b. Make students are more enjoyable to comprehend reading text.

# Scope and Limitation of The Study

In order to investigated more deeply, the researcher limited on the subject and object of the study.

- 1. The participant of this study is limited to the first grade student SMAN 4 Mataram in academic year of 2017/2018
- The object reading descriptive text about people, place, animals and thing. (Bahasa Inggris : buku guru / Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan. --Jakarta: Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, 2014. Untuk SMA/SMK kelas X dan www.sekolahbahasainggris.com).

3. The use of Scaffolding strategy scema building in teaching reading comprehension

# **B. RESEARCH METHOD**

This chapter covers research method that used in this study, there were research design, population and sample, instrument, the method of data collecting, and the techniques of data analysis.

# 1. Research Design

This research design of this study was Quasi Experimental Design where there was no randomization between control group and experimental group or called as nonequivalent control group design because the researcher cannot manipulated all of the student as sample (Sugiono, 2013:166). In addition, this method was the most appropriate method to knew effective or not the use of scaffolding in teaching reading comprehension. Therefore, the data from the pre-test and post test calculation to investigate the use of scaffolding application in this research.

# 2. Population and Sample a. Population

The population in this study was the first grade students of SMA N 4 Mataram in academic year 2017/2018. Arikunto (2013:173) says that population is the whole subject of a research. Furthermore, the researcher states that Population was the total number of the subjects of an investigation. The population in this research was the whole student of X SMA N 4 Mataram which consists of 312 student they were science class 156 students and social class 156 students.

# b. Sample

Arikunto (2013:174) states that sample is a smaller part of the population that taken as an object of a research. In this study, the researcher used cluster random sampling. Cluster rondom sampling is sampling which is used to determine if the object of the sample of the source of data is very wide so the researcher only took the sample based on the area population which has determined (Sugiyono (2016: 121). In SMA N 4 Mataram there were 8 classes at first grade which consist of 4 IPA class and 4 IPS class. The researcherl took 2 IPS class, especially in X IPS 2 and X IPS 1. X IPS 2 (39 students) as experiment group and X IPS 1 (39 students) as control group so the total sample number was 78 students.

# 3. Research Instrument

In this research, the researcher used a test as an instrument of collect the data. Test is a set of questions that are used for measuring the ability, knowledge, talent or skill of individual or a group (Arikunto, 2013:30). An instrument was important element to find out the result of research, so the researcher had to prepare the instrument well. The form of the test is objective test which was Consist of 25 questions descriptive text about people, place, animal and thing (Bahasa Inggris : buku guru / Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan. -- Jakarta: Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, 2014. Untuk SMA/SMK kelas Х dan www.sekolahbahasainggris.com). Each question gave

4 scores, so the total of the score becomes 100 (Hundred).

#### 4. The Data Collecting Method

In this research used a test as an instrument of collect the data, and the data was collected by giving a pre-test and a post-test to the experimental group.

#### a. Pre-test

At the first meeting the researcher gave the students set of reading test which aimed to know the students' initial proficiency in adding before the treatment gave. The result of the test count for the data compare with the result of the post-test. The students were given reading comprehension test in multiple choices item which consist of 25 questions descriptive text about people, place, animal, and thing. This test aimed in the testing the students reading comprehension.

#### **b**.Treatment

In this step the researcher provided the different treatment to the two classes. In experimental class the researcher utilized "scaffolding" as medium in teaching reading comprehension and In control class the researcher without involving scaffolding as the medium in teaching reading comprehension. Hopefully these two different treatments would be able to make difference in student's ability in reading comprehension.

#### c. Post-test

The next procedure is post-test this test being conducted after pre-test and treatment is given to the student. The result of the test counted for the data. In this research the researcher given post test questions in multiple choices item which consist of 25 questions descriptive text about people, place, animal, and thing. Finally the result of this test showed us student capability after the different treatment given. The classification of student score was as the following table:

 TABLE 1

 TABLE OF READING SCORE

INDEE OF READING SCORE						
No	Qualification	Degree	Qualitative			
1	Excellent	80-100	А			
2	Good	70-79	В			
3	Fail	60-69	С			
4	Poor	50-59	D			
5	Complete poor	0-49	Е			

(Hatch and Farhady, 1982;82)

- Table above means:
  - 1. Excellent (4)
    - Those students who were able to answer the test items between 80-100 correctly
    - Good (3) Those students who were able to answer the test items between 70-79 correctly
    - 3. Fail (2) Those students who were able to answer the test items between 60-69 correctly
    - Poor (1) Those students who were able to answer the test items between 50-59 correctly
    - 5. Complete poor

Those students who were able to answer the test items between 0-50 correctly

Then the researcher analyzed the students result to find out their ability through their reading test result.

#### 5. The Data Analysis Method

In this part, to obtain the students' score both groups, the researcher will process the score with the following steps:

- 1. The researcher calculated the means scores of both experimental and control group
- 2. The researcher drew standard deviation scores of two groups.
- 3. The researcher testing the significance of two deviations.

a. Mean score of experimental group:

$$M X = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

And Mean score of control group

$$M Y = \frac{\sum Y}{N}$$

Where:

group

M: The mean score of the two groups

X: The students' final score foR experimental

Y: The students' final score for control group

N: Is the number of sample

 $\Sigma$ : Is the sum of.....

b. Finding the standard deviation of two groups. The formula as To Find out the standard deviation of experimental group.

The formula is:

$$\sum x^2 = \sum x^2 - \frac{(X)^2}{Nx}$$

 $\sum x^2$  : The standard deviation for experimental group

N : The number of sample

N x : The sample of the experimental group Find out the standard deviation of control group The formula is:

$$\sum y^2 = \sum y^2 - \underbrace{(y)^2}_{Ny}$$

Where

 $\sum y^2$  : The standard deviation for control group

N : The number for sample

Ny : The sample of the control group

The last, in the testing the hypothesis of this research, the research will use the t-test.

$$T = \frac{MX - MY}{\sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{Nx} + \frac{1}{Ny}\right| \frac{\sum x^2 + \sum Y^2}{(Nx + Ny) - 2}}}$$

Where:

Mx: Mean score of control group

- My: Mean score of experimental group
- $N \;$  : Total numbers of the subject
- x : The deviation of control group

y : The deviation of experimental group

- a) If t-test < t-table in the significance of 0,05 (p=0,01), Ho is rejected. It means that the experimental groups have higher skill in speaking than control groups.
- b) If t-test > t-table in the significance level of 0,05 (p=0,01), Ho is accepted. It means that the control

groups have lower skill in speaking than experimental groups. (Arikunto, 2010: 354)

# C. DISCUSSION AND DATA INTERPRETATION

In this chapter, the researcher would like to present the description of the data obtained. The population of this study was the first students of SMAN 4 Mataram in academic year 2017/2018. The sample was chosen by using cluster sampling techniques, so the sample in this study was divided into two classes, they are X IPS 2 and X IPS 1. X IPS 2 as the experimental group ( 39 students) and X IPS 1 as the control group (39 students), the total number of the sample was 78 students.

#### 1. Computation of Means Score

The students' individual scores both experimental and control groups can be seen on the following tables. They has description briefly based on the student achievement in pre-test and post-test.

 TABLE 2

 THE DEVIATION SCORE OF EXPERIMENTAL GROUP

	RESPONDENT	Final Score					
NO				X=X2-	**?		
		X1	X2	X1	X <sup>2</sup>		
1	AFA	48	72	24	576		
2	AF	52	72	20	400		
3	AR	56	84	28	784		
4	ADH	48	64	16	256		
5	AFA	60	92	32	1024		
6	DA	68	92	24	576		
7	FNC	56	80	24	576		
8	IGH	52	72	20	400		
9	IGAAS	72	84	12	144		
10	IWP	52	100	48	2304		
11	IWS	44	72	28	784		
12	IWPN	44	68	24	576		
13	IBMED	68	92	24	576		
14	II	72	100	28	784		
15	KAS	56	84	28	784		
16	KI	56	80	24	576		
17	KYDP	72	96	24	576		
18	MAPW	68	88	20	400		
19	NKAU	72	76	4	16		
20	NKS	40	68	28	784		
21	NLASU	76	76	0	0		
22	NLPAA	52	92	40	1600		
23	NMAS	76	100	24	576		
24	NMDS	72	96	24	576		
25	NTD	56	88	32	1024		
26	NY	56	92	36	1296		
27	NPU	44	72	28	784		
28	NSA	40	68	28	784		
29	RSD	40	68	28	784		
30	RSS	48	72	24	576		

31	RFZ	72	88	16	256
32	RA	36	64	28	784
33	SM	52	68	16	256
34	TU	44	68	24	576
35	AQ	68	88	20	400
36	IPAS	52	60	8	64
37	IM	56	72	16	256
38	RA	68	80	12	144
39	WI	60	80	20	400
	Σ	904	24032		

**TABLE 3**THE DEVIATION SCORE OF CONTROL GROUP

		Final Score					
NO	RESPONDENT			Y=Y2-	7		
		Y1	Y2	Y1	Y <sup>2</sup>		
1	ARR	48	80	32	1024		
2	AUAF	52	80	28	784		
3	AS	68	60	-8	64		
4	DNU	52	72	20	400		
5	DNTW	76	92	16	256		
6	DSG	36	72	36	1296		
7	DAF	64	64	0	0		
8	DH	52	72	20	400		
9	DNP	64	80	16	256		
10	DAA	60	68	8	64		
11	FA	52	68	16	256		
12	FR	60	88	28	784		
13	FH	40	80	40	1600		
14	HF	64	80	16	256		
15	IGAAN	60	60	0	0		
16	IKAP	40	72	32	1024		
17	INAAR	52	80	28	784		
18	INA	64	72	8	64		
19	IWD	52	76	24	576		
20	IAMP	28	40	12	144		
21	JE	44	80	36	1296		
22	LIH	64	64	0	0		
23	LPN	52	68	16	256		
24	MMS	68	76	8	64		
25	MSH	68	64	-4	16		
26	MD	40	72	32	1024		
27	NLKS	48	56	8	64		
28	NWAO	52	64	12	144		
29	NWJ	56	56	0	0		
30	NSK	76	80	4	16		
31	RP	52	84	32	1024		
32	UN	44	56	12	144		
33	BR	44	72	28	784		

34	DKR	76	92	16	256
35	IGWD	52	76	24	576
36	IGMRS	40	48	8	64
37	INBNW	40	60	20	400
38	NMSA	80	92	12	144
39	NNT	28	44	16	256
Σ				652	16560

After getting the score of deviation of pre-test and post-test, the main score of two groups can be computed it can be formulated as follos:

a. Mean score of experimental group:

 $MX = \frac{\Sigma X}{N}$ =  $\frac{904}{39}$ = 23,17 And b. Mean score of control group  $MY = \frac{\Sigma Y}{2}$ 

$$Y = \frac{\sum Y}{N}$$
$$= \frac{652}{39}$$
$$= 16,7$$

#### 2. Computation of Standard Deviation

As explained above, the mean score of each group is obtained by dividing the sum of deviation score with the number of sample in the groups, here is the evaluation

a. Standard deviation of experimental group

$$\sum x^2 = \sum x^2 - \frac{(x)^2}{Nx}$$
  
= 24.032 -  $\frac{(904)^2}{39}$   
= 24.032 -  $\frac{817.216}{39}$   
= 24.032 - 20.954  
= 3.078

b. Standard deviation of control group  $\nabla y^2 - \nabla y^2 - \frac{(y)^2}{2}$ 

$$\sum y^{2} - \sum y^{2} - \frac{1}{NX}$$
  
= 16.560 -  $\frac{(652)^{2}}{39}$   
= 16.560 -  $\frac{425.104}{39}$   
= 16.560 - 10.900, 10  
= 5.660

#### 3. Computation of t-test

The process of determining whether the experimental treatment is significance or not ,can be seen from the result of following formula.

t-test = 
$$\frac{MX - MY}{\sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{Nx} + \frac{1}{Ny}\right| \frac{\sum x^2 + \sum Y^2}{(Nx + Ny) - 2}}}$$
  
= 
$$\frac{23,17 - 16,7}{\sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{39} + \frac{1}{39}\right| \frac{3078 + 5660}{(39 + 39) - 2}}}$$
  
= 
$$\frac{6,47}{\sqrt{\left[0,025 + 0,025\right] \frac{8738}{76}}}$$
  
= 
$$\frac{6.47}{\sqrt{\left[0,05\right] 114,97}}$$
  
= 
$$\frac{6.47}{\sqrt{5,74}}$$

$$=\frac{6.47}{2,39}$$
  
= 2,70

The analysis of the data in this research is aimed to find the deviation mean score, t-test score was 2,70. Now, it is to be interpreted to find out if it is significant or not. Before the researcher check the table of distribution, the researcher has to define the degree of freedom (df) first by using this formula df = (Nx + Ny)-2.(39 + 39)-2 = 76.

Finally, comparing the result of *t-test* at the degrees of freedom (df) for 76 at the competence interval of 0,05 was 2,00 and 0,01 was 2,65, the comparison was done between t-test formula with t-table in which the result of t-test was 2,70 moreover the study indicates the degree of difference between two of mean score for both of the groups were significant enough at the two confidence levels. The critical value of t-table on the level of significance 0,05 was 2,00 and 0,01 was 2,65 it was found that t-test was higher than t-table (2,70>2,00>2,65). So, Alternative Hypothesis (Ha) In The Use Of Scaffolding Strategy In Teaching Reading Comprehension At The First Student Of SMAN 4 Mataram In Academic Year 2017/2018 was accepted.

4. The Classification of the Students' Score Experiment Group

Here is the table of rate percentage gained by Experimental group before and after given Treatment on test which is shown by table as follows:

#### **TABLE 4**

THE RATE PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENTS' SCORE EXPERIMENTAL GROUP BEFORE AND AFTER THE TREATMENT

	Classificatio		Frequency		Percentage	
No	n	Score	Pre-	Post-	Pre-	Post-
			test	test	test	test
1		80 to				
1	Excellent	100	0	21	0%	54%
2					20,5	
Z	Good	70 to 79	8	9	%	23%
3	Fail	60 to 69	7	9	18%	23%
4					38,5	
4	Poor	50 to59	15	0	%	0%
5	Complete					
э	Poor	0 to 49	9	0	23%	0%
						100
Total			39	39	100%	%

Based on the table above shows that before and after the treatment given, the firstly, before the treatment given, most of the students were in "Excellent" with percentage 0 %, some of the students were in "Good" with percentage 20,5 %, students were in "Fail" with percentage 18 %, students were in "Poor" with percentage 38,5 %, and students were in "Complete poor" with percentage 23%. Lastly, after the treatment given, most of students were in "Excellent" with percentage 54 %, some of the students were in "Good" with percentage 23 %, some of the students were in "Fail" with percentage 23 % also, students were in "Poor" with percentage 0 %, and students were in "Complete Poor" with percentage 0 %.

The researcher has done in the research, it was applied Scaffolding Strategy in Teaching Reading Comprehension at the first grade students of SMAN 4 Mataram in class X IPS, they are class X IPS 2 (Experimental group) and X IPS 1 (Control group). Based on the data collecting method that was explained above, this research was divided into three steps. Firstly, the researcher gave pre-test to the student to know the ability of the students' before they get treatment by using scaffolding strategy. Secondly, the researcher gave the student treatment by using scaffolding strategy, after they were taught by using scaffolding strategy, they were can understood the material and also can solved the task by their own. Last, the researcher gave them post-test after they got treatment.

The student's reading comprehension skill after they were taught by using scaffolding strategy is better than before being taught using scaffolding strategy. It showed by the t-test was higher than ttable (2,70>2,00>2,65). It means that there is significant scores at the first grade students of SMAN 4 Mataram before using scaffolding strategy and after using scaffolding strategy.

Based on the result of analysis of the deviation score of pre-test and post-test, continued the calculation the computation of the means scores, then we can see which group obtained the better scores after the treatment. For the experimental group the mean scores is 23,17 and for the control group is 16,70, it show that the score of experimental group was higher than control group.

To check the significant was effective or not of the treatment, the researcher analyzed by using t-test formula. The result of the t-test was 2,70. Then, the researcher checked the critical value on the t-table of significant level 0,05% was 2,00 and 0,01% was 2,65. From the result, it was found that t-test was higher than t-table (2,70>2,00>2,65). It means that there was significant was effective of using scaffolding strategy in teaching reading comprehension.

Teaching reading comprehension using scaffolding strategy makes student can be understand the material and can solved the task by their own, it is because scaffolding strategy can be used to support student when they begin to work on objectives that are more complex or difficult to complete and student could minimize the level of frustration in doing the task. Scaffolding is a teaching learning strategy in which the teacher and learners engage in a collaborative problem-solving activity with the support and guidance of the teacher to enable learners become increasingly independent (Richards and Schmidt, 2002:466).

Based on the result above, the researcher concludes that used scaffolding strategy in teaching reading comprehension is effective and Alternative Hypothesis (Ha) which states that the Use of Scaffolding Strategy in Teaching Reading Comprehension at The First Students of SMAN 4 Mataram In Academic Year 2017/2018 was accepted.

# **D.** CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

# 1. CONCLUSION

Based on the research finding above, the use of scaffolding in teaching reading comprehension at the first grade students of SMAN 4 Mataram in academic year 2017/2018 is effective. It was proved by the obtained score of t-test. The t-test showed that t-test 2,70 was higher than t-table 2,00.There was a significant difference in the achievement between X IPS 2 (experimental group) who were taught using scaffolding strategy and X IPS 1 (control group) who were taught without scaffolding strategy, the mean score of experimental group was 23,17 than the mean score of control group was 16,70. It means that experimental group was better than control group. %). From this fact, it was clear that mean score of both groups has a difference. It means the alternative hypothesis (Ha) was definitely accepted. the researcher concludes that used scaffolding strategy in teaching reading comprehension is effective.

# 2. SUGGESTION

Based on the study above, the researcher gives some suggestion for the teacher ,students and researcher:

- a. English teacher is a motivator and stimulation. The teacher should support the students' expectation about reading and arouse their interest to increase their reading comprehension, the teacher should control the student's activities
- b. The student should keep motivation and practice their English everyday and everywhere, in order they will get better achievement in learning English, the student are expected can practice about reading comprehension n student also hoped to study seriously.
- c. The other researcher is expected to give and confirm other finding in same area of this research as contribution to the difficulties and problems faced by the students in teaching and learning English especially in reading comprehension.
- d. The last, this result is expected to be the additional reference at university of muhammadiyah mataram.

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