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## SUMMARY

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This study aims at describing the process of teaching vocabulary by using plasticine at SDN 03Ketapang, the result and the student's response of it.

Classroom action research (CAR) was done in SDN 03 Ketapang Susukan Semarang. The writer took the students of the fourth grade of elementary school students at the school in 2006/2007 academic year as the subject of the study. To collect the data, the writer used observation, interview, and test. Observation is an activity in a certain situation to get the data. Interview is a dialogue done by the writer to get information from the interviewee. It was conducted by asking the students and the teacher about English teaching- learning process. Test was the treatment given to the students in the form of pre-test and post-post.

The writer conducted classroom action research (CAR) which consists of four cycles, in which each cycle consists of four elements, namely, planning, acting/ implementing, and reflecting. The problems were found in the third cycle and four cycles. The problem in the second cycle is they easily get bored in studying English. And the problem in the fourth cycle is that the students are not active to study English. To answer those problems the writer used plasticine as the media combined with games, color, pictures, and songs.

After collecting data and analyzing them, the writer presented the result of the research. The writer found that there were three results in the research: (1) there were 10 students (62.5%) who increased vocabulary achievement; (2) there were 3 students (18.75%) who decreased their vocabulary achievement; (3) there were 3 students (18.75%) who are static achievement on their vocabulary achievement.

The students feel happy and can be more active, creative and enjoyed studying English and they memorize the English words more easily. The conclusion is teaching vocabulary by using plastine as the media at SDN 03 Ketapang is good and effective as the variety of teaching technique and intermezzo.