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MOTTO

Allah will not change the condition of people until they change what is in themselves

(Q.S. Ar-Ra'ad: 11)

The key of success is being patient, trying and, praying

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DEDICATION

This research paper is dedicated to:

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SUMMARY

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The objectives of this study are (1) to describe the students' capability in understanding descriptive text at the second year of SMP N 1 Juwangi Boyolali (2) to describe the problems faced by the second year students in understanding descriptive text, and (3) to describe the causes of problems faced by the second year students in understanding descriptive text. The study was done in SMP N 1 Juwangi Boyolali. As the sample the writer took 36 students at VIII C class. The writer conducted treatment to the students in the form of the test. The type of the test is multiple choice with four options and consists of 50 items.

After collecting the data and analyzing them by using the formula, the writer described the result of the study. The writer found that the capability of the students in understanding descriptive text can be divided into four levels of mastery, they are (1) poor level is about 19,44% (7 students), (2) fair level is about 27,78% (10 students) (3) good level is about 50,00% (18 students), and (4) excellent level is about 2,78% (1 student).

The problems faced by the students in understanding descriptive text are (1) understanding in looking for the main idea of the text (2) understanding in looking for detail information of the text (3) understanding of vocabulary. The causes of the problems faced by the students are (1) the teacher is less in giving variation in teaching reading passages. (2) the students' vocabulary and grammar are still limited because several students have not had the habit of developing their reading skills individually and there are no supported facilities to develop the teaching learning process. In conclusion, the students' capability in understanding descriptive text at SMP N 1 Juwangi Boyolali is good.

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