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(Q.S. Ar-Rahman)

Don't let people set you down. Keep Moving on!
Allah knows, and Allah is the best planner
(SMJ)

If you want to make improvement, Just do it!
(SMJ)
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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif dengan rancangan penelitian khususnya pada kepercayaan dan praktik guru dalam pengajaran membaca untuk mencapai Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) di SMA ABBS Surakarta. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk: (1) menyelidiki keyakinan guru dalam pengajaran membaca untuk mencapai HOT termasuk tujuan pembelajaran, teknik kelas, peran guru, peran siswa, dan penilaian, dan (2) untuk menyelidiki bagaimana guru ' keyakinan tercermin dalam praktik kelas, (3) untuk menyelidiki apakah ada perbedaan antara kepercayaan guru dan praktik mereka dalam mengajar, (4) untuk menyelidiki faktor-faktor yang berkontribusi terhadap kepercayaan guru. Penelitian dilakukan di SMA ABBS Surakarta. Objek penelitian ini adalah kepercayaan guru dan praktik mengajar mereka di SMA ABBS Surakarta. Subjek penelitian adalah tiga guru bahasa Inggris. Sumber data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah: observasi kelas, kuesioner terbuka, transkrip wawancara dan dokumen. Teknik pengumpulan data adalah kuisiner terbuka, wawancara, observasi kelas dan analisis dokumen yang diambil dari informan. Validitas data menggunakan triangulasi data untuk mendapatkan informasi akun melalui berbagai sumber. Berdasarkan hasil analisis, ada beberapa temuan penelitian yang disusun menjadi (1) Semua komponen keyakinan guru dalam pengajaran membaca untuk mencapai HOTs sesuai dengan praktik kelas. (2) perbedaan antara keyakinan guru dan teori tentang tujuan pembelajaran dan peran guru untuk mencapai HOTs; dan (3) tiga faktor yang berkontribusi terhadap kepercayaan guru. Mereka adalah pengalaman mengajar, pelatihan dan diskusi sejawat. Kesimpulannya, mengingat kepercayaan guru untuk mencapai HOTs berdasarkan konsep sangat penting karena akan melatih siswa untuk memaksimalkan pencapaian HOTs.

Kata kunci: Keyakinan Guru, HOTs, Mengajar Membaca, Praktik.
ABSTRACT

This research was a qualitative case study research design particularly on the teachers’ beliefs and practices on teaching reading to achieve Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTs) at SMA ABBS Surakarta. The objectives of the research were to: (1) investigate the teachers’ beliefs in teaching reading to achieve HOTs including learning objectives, classroom techniques, teachers’ roles, students’ roles, and assessment, and (2) to investigate how the teachers’ beliefs are reflected in the classroom practices, (3) to investigate whether there are some discrepancies between teachers’ beliefs and their practices in teaching, (4) to investigate factors contributing the teachers’ beliefs. The research was conducted in SMA ABBS Surakarta. The objects of the study were the teachers’ beliefs and their teaching practices at SMA ABBS Surakarta. The subjects of the study were three English teachers. The data sources used in this study were: classroom observation, open-ended questionnaire, transcript of interview and document. The techniques for collecting data were open-ended questionnaire, interview, classroom observation and document analysis taken from the informants. The data validity used data triangulation to gain account information through a variety of sources. Based on the result of analysis, there were some research findings that were drawn up into (1) All components of the teachers’ beliefs on teaching reading to achieve HOTs were consistent with the classroom practices. (2) the discrepancies between the teachers’ beliefs and the theory on learning objectives and teachers’ role to achieve HOTs; and (3) the three factors which contributed to the teachers’ beliefs. They were the teaching experience, training and peer discussion. In conclusion, considering teachers’ beliefs to achieve HOTs based on the concept is strongly essentials as it will train the students in order to maximize achieving HOTs.

Keyword: Teachers’ Beliefs, HOTs, Teaching Reading, Classroom Practices.
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