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SUMMARY

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English as one of main international languages plays an important function in communication in the world. Many people all over the world speak English either as the first language or as the foreign language. In Indonesia, English becomes a foreign language that has to be learnt as a subject for every student from junior high school until university levels. English has four language skills, they are: listening, speaking, reading and writing. A good English learner should master these four skills. Furthermore, to support the four skills above, language component, especially vocabulary should be mastered well. Although vocabulary is not considered as a skill, it has an important role in language learning. Vocabulary is knowledge of words and word meanings (Fran Lehr et al.,:2013: 14). It is an important part of language because vocabulary or words are the tools of thought which can help someone understand about others' ideas or expressions.

In this research, a Throw Ball Game was chosen as a technique in teaching vocabulary that showed good effect. A Throw Ball Game is an an appropriate technique for the students which can help them activate, develop, organize, relate, review and make a systematical concept about what they have read in a visual display. So, it will really make the student remember the content of the text easier after they make the organized idea related to the topic given.

This research was an experimental research. The purpose of this research was to know whether or not the use of a Throw Ball Game had a significant effect on the eighth grade students' vocabulary achievement at SMPN 9 Jember. The area of this research was SMPN 9 Jember which was chosen purposively because

based on the interview with the English teacher, she had never used a Throw Ball Game in teaching vocabulary.

The population of the research was the eighth grade students of SMPN 9 Jember in the 2014/2015 academic year. The research respondents were determined by cluster random sampling through a lottery because the result of homogeneity test showed that the population was heterogenous. The total number of the respondents was 84 students that consisted of 42 students for Class VIII C treated as the experimental group which was taught by using a Throw Ball Game, while the VIII E as the control group consisted of 42 students was taught by using question- answered and lecturing techniques. The post test presented in reading comprehension test was conducted to know whether or not there was a significant effect of using a Throw Ball Game. The result of post test was analyzed by using t-test formula using SPSS program. Based on the result of computation, the value of significant column (2-tailed) was .000, and it was lower than 0.05, which means that there was a statistical difference between the experimental and the control group.

Consequently, the null hypothesis (H_0) formulating:"there is no significant effect of using a Throw Ball Game on the eighth grade students' vocabulary achievement at SMPN 9 Jember" was rejected. On the contrary, the alternative hypothesis (H_1) formulating: There is a significant effect of using a Throw Ball Game on the eighth grade students' vocabulary achievement at SMPN 9 Jember" was accepted. Based on the result of this research, the English teacher is suggested to apply a Throw Ball Game to teach vocabulary to the sudents. In addition, it is suggested that the result of this research be used by future researchers as a reference or information to conduct another research in relation to the result of this research, either using the same design – experimental- or using different design on a classroom action research.