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## SUMMARY

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This research aims to explore students' perceptions of using Wattpad to read and improve their English reading skills. The background of this research is based on students' lack of interest and motivation in reading, especially when faced with intensive reading that is often rigid and uninteresting. Wattpad, as a reading application that is widely used, especially among teenagers, offers a more flexible, fun, and interesting reading experience and can affect students' motivation and comprehension in reading English texts.

This research used a qualitative descriptive approach with data collected through interviews with three high school students who had used Wattpad to read English stories. Thematic analysis was used to identify patterns and perceptions from their responses.

The results of this research revealed that students generally considered Wattpad a fun and interesting reading application. Most participants stated that Wattpad increased their interest in reading when the stories were in accordance with their preferences and English abilities. While some difficulties were due to unfamiliar vocabulary or complicated sentence structures, students reported using strategies such as opening Google Translate to help overcome these problems. Their motivations for using Wattpad also varied, such as for entertainment, curiosity, and gaining new experiences. The genres that participants prefer include romance, fantasy, mystery, sad, and comedy. In addition, this research states that two out of three participants enjoy long and detailed stories rather than short stories to understand the storyline better.

In conclusion, Wattpad is seen as a useful application to improve English reading skills informally. This application provides opportunities for students to develop vocabulary and comprehension in a more relaxed, personal, and fun way. This study contributes empirically by involving high school participants, offering new insights, and practically by recommending Wattpad as an alternative digital media in English learning.

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains the research topic, which contains the research background, research problem, research objective, and research contributions.

### 1.1 The Research Background

Students often experience difficulties in reading due to a lack of enthusiasm and interest, which is caused by a lack of student motivation. According to Küçükgözü (2013), reading is a skill that can be done both inside and outside the classroom. Reading consists of two types, they are intensive reading and extensive reading. Intensive reading is not suitable for outside the classroom because intensive reading requires deep understanding, it is not ideal for independent reading because it requires mental effort and a slow approach, making it less interesting, and also intensive reading only focuses on detailed reading and then completing tasks using the text provided. According to Arnold (2009), serious reading lessons often use intensive reading. So, this can reduce students' motivation to read. According to Lin (2014), intensive reading usually causes students' interest in reading to decrease. Students who read extensively will be different from intensive reading, students are given the freedom to choose reading materials based on their reading interests and students can read at their own pace.

According to Day & Bamford (1998); Grabe (2009); and Krashen (2004), extensive reading is considered one of the best ways to improve reading skills because it can inspire them to read, and lead to the development of strong reading skills. According to Shen (2008), extensive reading is effective in improving reading speed and comprehension, which leads to vocabulary learning and helps learners show their progress in spelling and vocabulary knowledge, and also that extensive reading can also increase students' reading motivation. According to Howarth & Bollen (2019), extensive reading can improve vocabulary learning, reading fluency and comprehension, and grammatical accuracy. It can be concluded that extensive reading is a method that can improve skills, fluency, and comprehension in reading. Extensive reading can also help in learning vocabulary and increase motivation to read. Therefore, extensive reading can be a further strategy to encourage learners to read, especially outside the classroom.

Due to technological advances, students can do many activities online, including reading activities outside the classroom. The existence of an internet connection allows students to get wider and greater access, making learning more enjoyable (Dang, 2011).

Media programs such as applications play an important role in the process of extensive reading activities. According to Miftakh and Yulianti (2021), students' motivation and interest can be increased by involving media in the learning process. Currently, there are many choices of reading media besides textbooks which are usually considered boring by students. Students can use various media or applications for extensive reading. One application that can be utilized and used is the Wattpad application. According to Rodiatun and Harpain (2020), Wattpad is a media that can improve academic achievement, personal growth, and social interaction. Wattpad is gaining popularity among students because of its easy accessibility. Wattpad provides and displays stories from authors from various countries, allowing them to publish books or stories in various languages. Not only does it promote reading, Wattpad also provides a platform for new authors to write their ideas. Users can choose the language they prefer for the books or stories they want to read. This is very beneficial for students, because the stories in Wattpad in English are widely accessible, providing many opportunities to read in English. According to Raunaq et al. (2021), previous studies found that students were positive and gained many benefits from implementing extensive reading activities such as vocabulary mastery and becoming more involved in the texts they read.

Research conducted by Natution. U. A. (2023), explores students' perceptions of using Wattpad for extensive reading and its benefits in improving English skills. The research was conducted by the researcher through qualitative methods and the researcher collected data by conducting interviews with two students from English education found that Wattpad offers a wide selection of storybooks, making it an effective, interesting, and educational platform. This research received positive responses from both participants and also shows the benefits of online applications or Wattpad for English learning. Putri, G. A. and Nasrullah's (2023), research examined the impact of Wattpad on students' reading motivation. The researchers found that the application can motivate students effectively. They used a qualitative approach, analyzing students' experiences and perspectives in a natural setting. This study received positive responses from participants and this study aims to examine that Wattpad can influence personal growth, self-awareness, and appreciation of literary works among students through reading activities on Wattpad.

Most previous researchers have studied the results of students' attitudes and effectiveness in extensive reading using the Wattpad application. However, the results of research on reading experiences from the perspective of students who read using the

Wattpad application are still limited. Therefore, it is important and useful to conduct research on students' perspectives on the use of the Wattpad application in reading, especially in English.

## **1.2 The Research Question**

Based on the background of the research above, the problem of the research can be formulated as follows :

What are students' perceptions of reading skill using Wattpad?

## **1.3 The Research Objective**

Based on the research question, the present research aims to explore students' perceptions of Wattpad in reading skills.

## **1.4 The Research Contributions**

The results of this research are expected to provide meaningful contributions both empirically and practically.

### **1.4.1 Empirical Contribution**

Empirically, the results of this research aim to complement information from several previous studies. Here, I want to reveal things that have never been explored before regarding students' perceptions of the influence of Wattpad on students' reading skills. This research is also expected to be useful for further English language researchers to obtain further information about the influence of Wattpad on students' reading skills.

### **1.4.2 Practical Contribution**

Practically, this research aims to understand the importance of reading habits. This research familiarizes students with utilizing their interests in digital platforms such as Wattpad for their English skills in a more personal and enjoyable way. Hopefully, the results of this research will be useful for further researchers on the topic of exploring students' perceptions of reading with Wattpad. The results of this study can also add references as a source of information for further research and development on the same topic.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

This chapter provides some related literature about: definition of reading, definition of Wattpad, the definition of extensive reading, benefits of using Wattpad, weakness of using Wattpad, definition of perception, and previous research.

#### **2.1 The Definition of Reading**

According to Grabe (2009), reading is one of the most important skills in an educational environment. In this context, reading is used to hone students' skills in English. By reading, we can get a lot of information about what we are looking for, information that we have never known, or new information. Good reading skills are needed for students to find the content or meaning of the text correctly. According to Harrison (2004), the importance of reading is not only related to the development of knowledge but also to a person's (student's) thinking ability. According to Mason and Krashen (1997), reading also provides benefits to students in terms of improving reading comprehension, writing skills, vocabulary knowledge, and spelling skills. According to Pang (2003), reading means understanding written text, which is a complex activity and involves perception and thinking.

So it can be concluded that, reading is an important skill in education. Reading can help in improving the understanding of text content. Reading is also an activity that involves perception and thinking and contributes to the development of knowledge and thinking skills as a whole.

##### **2.1.1 Clasification of reading**

###### **1. Intensive Reading**

According to Patel and Jain (2008), intensive reading is related to further language learning that will provide basic knowledge used to explain the difficulties of structures and expand vocabulary under the guidance of teachers. In this reading, students can read texts to gain knowledge. The purpose of this reading is to obtain certain information by reading short texts.

## **2. Extensive Reading**

Extensive reading is the technique of reading long and easy texts over a long period of time, which emphasizes the reader's ability. The purpose of extensive reading is not only to find and obtain information but also to read for relax. According to Harmer, J. (2007), with extensive reading, students become more varied in their reading materials because they can read texts from various sources such as newspapers, articles, books, novels, and web pages. Not only that, extensive reading can also be applied outside the classroom because most people consider it as enjoyable reading.

### **2.2 The Definition of Extensive Reading**

According to Richard (1998), extensive reading is reading books that are easy and do not have to understand every word so that readers will pay more attention to general understanding than to the meaning of sentences. Students can start reading with texts that they find easy and interesting, so they choose what they want to read based on their interests and the reading they like. According to Powell (2019), extensive reading means reading easy-to-understand materials, which is usually done outside of class within the learner's comfort zone. This gets students used to choosing reading materials based on their interests and comprehension levels, encouraging them to explore different texts if their initial choices do not suit their needs.

#### **2.2.1 The Principles of Extensive Reading**

The principle in extensive reading is a principle that will direct, produce, and influence the direction of the goal in the process of learning extensive reading Bamford, J. and Day, R. R. (2004), they identified ten characteristics found in successful extensive reading.

1. The reading material is easy.

This principle is the most important principle of extensive reading, because students are unlikely to succeed in extensive reading if they have to think about difficult material or material that has unfamiliar vocabulary for language learning. Therefore for language learning with extensive reading must have material and vocabulary that can still be understood by students.

2. A variety of reading material on a wide range of topics is available.

Having a variety of reading materials means that students can find and choose what they want to read based on their interests. Having a variety of reading choices can encourage students to continue reading.

3. Learners choose what they want to read.

One reason students enjoy extensive reading is that they get to choose what they want to read. Choosing what they want to read themselves can make students more active in their role as learners, unlike when teachers choose reading material from textbooks that are already provided for students.

4. Learners read as much as possible.

By reading as much as possible, students will slowly become accustomed to the vocabulary that often appears in the reading. In order for the benefits of extensive reading to be felt and on target, one book a week is enough time to read one book, depending on the story the student chooses. For students who are just starting to read extensively, maybe they can start with a short story to get used to it first. After that, if they are used to it and start to enjoy reading, they can change to a long story according to the student's ability.

5. Reading speed is usually faster rather than slower.

Students can be fluent and fast in reading because the learning material is easy to understand. With vocabulary that often appears in various parts of the reading can help students understand the vocabulary little by little. Although at the beginning of reading there are still some vocabulary that is still unfamiliar to students and they still open the dictionary a little bit to find out what the vocabulary means so that the reading speed becomes slow, but over time because the vocabulary that has been searched for in the dictionary often appears and becomes a familiar word, the reading speed will become fast.

6. The purpose of reading is usually related to pleasure, information, and general understanding.

Different from academic reading and intensive reading, which aim to encourage readers to have or seek the detailed understanding needed. The

purpose of extensive reading can be related to encouraging students to be more relaxed and enjoy reading. Students read only for sufficient understanding to achieve their reading goals.

#### 7. Reading is individual and silent.

Extensive reading can be done anywhere, either in class when there is no class or during free class periods or outside of class. Students read at their own pace, some read fast, some read slow. Individual reading is more often reading silently and mentally than reading out loud.

#### 8. Reading is its own reward.

In most reading lessons, teachers will ask students to complete some type of or even a question related to the previously read reading. In contrast, extensive reading is usually not followed by a follow-up activity or question, because extensive reading emphasizes the student's reading comprehension experience.

#### 9. The teacher orients and guides the students.

Extensive reading differs from regular classroom reading, where teachers need to explain to students what and how to do an activity in class. Teachers can monitor how much and how far students read and how students respond to what they read and guide students in getting the most out of their reading.

#### 10. The teacher is a role model of a reader.

Teachers are the greatest instructors. For example, if teachers also read the same reading material that students are reading and talk or discuss the reading material with them, it will give students an example of what it means to be a reader. This also allows teachers to recommend reading materials to students individually according to their interests. In this way, teachers and students can become an informal community of readers, together experiencing the joy that can be found in the written word.

## **2.3 The Definition of Wattpad**

According to Ramdarshan, B. (2018), Wattpad was co-founded in 2006 by two Canadian engineers and colleagues, Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen, as an online community of writers and readers, which they claim is a platform for aspiring and experienced writers, enabling them to publish their work, get feedback, and connect with other writers and readers. According to Lau, A. (2016), Wattpad is an application or website service that allows users to read and share works in the form of articles, so that it can be read by people all over the world, such as short stories, novels, poetry, or so on. Wattpad is an application used for reading and writing. Wattpad is a novel-based reading app. Not just stories on Wattpad can only be in written form, but you can also add a few pictures or gifs to make it easier for the reader to explore or imagine the contents or intent of the story created by the author. Wattpad is also available in many languages that can be changed according to the wishes of the readers. Around 50 languages are available on Wattpad. Like other novels, Wattpad also has several genres and chapters in each story. Most Wattpads' story writers write in English. Wattpad can be accessed in two ways, offline and online.

So it can be concluded, Wattpad is a novel-based reading app, with many languages available and various genres and allows users to publish, receive feedback, and connect with others. The Wattpad app can be accessed offline and online.

### **2.3.1 Basic features of Wattpad**

#### **1. Home page**

On the homepage on Wattpad contains reading stories or books recommended by Wattpad which are divided into several categories, whether paid or free. Not only stories recommended by Wattpad, stories that readers often read and have opened will also be visible on the homepage so that readers can continue the story they previously read.

#### **2. Search or browse**

On the search or browse page, readers can search for stories or titles that they want to read or if readers are confused about which story to read or choose, readers

can choose the story genre first and search for stories that attract the reader's attention.

### 3. Library

In the library section, readers can see the stories they have saved to read later. Wattpad can also be read offline. To read offline, readers can first download the stories in the library. Readers can press the cloud-shaped icon with a down arrow to download the story they choose, after being downloaded the icon will change to a check mark icon indicating that the story has been downloaded. Before readers can read the downloaded story, readers must open at least the first page of the story, after opening the first page, readers can read the story offline for the next page until the story is finished. Offline stories can be read by readers if they read Wattpad in an area that does not have an internet connection or readers do not have mobile data.

### 4. Write

In the write section, readers can also write story ideas that they want to write and share for other readers to read. Not only practicing reading in English, Wattpad can also offer readers to write and hone their creativity in writing. If the story that the reader writes is interesting and many people read the story, it is possible that the story will attract the attention of directors to make the story into a film series that will be watched by many people. Because there have been many Wattpad stories that have been made into film series on streaming sites such as *Vidio.com*, *Viu*, and *WeTv*, for example, "*My Nerd Girl*" seasons 1 to 3, "*Saudade*", and "*Antares*". Not only streaming sites, but interesting Wattpad stories can also be broadcast on television channels, such as "*Samuel*".

### 5. Notifications and messages

On the notification and message page, on the notification page, readers can find notifications or notices about which stories have been updated or have added chapters. With messages, readers can find messages sent by other authors, for example, if in the previous story the reader had time to write a comment on one of the story chapters and the author can reply to the comment which will be immediately notified and entered on the message page.

## 6. Profile page

On the profile page, readers can see who the authors are that the reader follows and also the reader's reading list. Not only that on the profile page, there is also an icon to go to Wattpad settings, in those settings there are many options to be set, such as application settings, subscriptions, preferred stories, and others. In one of those options, namely preferred stories, readers can set what language they want to use in Wattpad, and one of them is English.

## 2.4 Benefits of Using Wattpad

### 1. Increase Reading Interest and Habits

Wattpad has a variety of story genres that people like. Not only genres, but Wattpad also has a large selection of stories that mostly match what people are looking for and are interested in, especially teenagers. According to Kurniawan, D. (2019), Wattpad is able to attract teenagers' interest in reading because the stories are in accordance with their world and are delivered in a light language. Because of the many choices of genres and story choices, the desire to read increases and will become a habit.

### 2. Effective Media for Learning Languages (especially English)

Not only does it have a wide selection of genres and stories, but Wattpad also has a wide selection of languages, one of which is English. According to Putri, R. A. (2020), Wattpad facilitates English learners in developing vocabulary, reading comprehension, and grammar contextually. Although some English story writers on Wattpad say that English is not their main language, their stories can still be understood when read to the end.

### 3. Encourage Creativity and Writing Skills

According to Utami, D. (2018), Wattpad is not only a reading medium but also a writing platform that can foster creativity and self-expression. Wattpad is not just an application for reading, but Wattpad is also used as a writing application for new writers who want to try to create their own stories and express their creativity through written works such as novels.

#### 4. Interactive Features Increase Reader Engagement

According to Yuliani, M. (2022), Interaction between users, such as voting, comments, and feedback, makes Wattpad a social reading platform that encourages active participation. Wattpad frees readers to interact with each other, either through the comments column provided in each story chapter or through messages in the inbox provided by Wattpad.

#### 5. Free and Easy to Access

According to Sari, I. & Nurhayati, N. (2021), its free availability and accessibility at any time make Wattpad an inclusive source of digital literacy. Wattpad can be downloaded for free through the available app store. Wattpad can also be accessed for free through the website on a PC. Wattpad can be used anytime and anywhere and can also be accessed online or offline.

### 2.5 Weakness of Using Wattpad

#### 1. Language and Story Quality Not Yet Standardized

According to Nugroho, A. (2020), Most of the stories on Wattpad are written by amateur writers, so the grammar, spelling, and story structure are sometimes less than perfect. Some writers, especially English story writers, write a warning before starting the opening story that English is not their primary language. so that it can confuse readers, especially beginner English readers in language learning.

#### 2. Minimal Control Over Negative Content

According to Rachmawati, D. (2019), Wattpad does not strictly filter age-inappropriate content, such as excessive verbal, sexual, and social conflict violence. Wattpad has a wide selection of stories, including stories with adult content. Usually, stories that have adult scenes will be given the description 'mature' in the story description. However, some stories have adult scenes in them, but there is no description of 'mature' in the description, so it will be disturbing if the reader of the story is a minor because not all content is suitable for students or teenagers to read.

### 3. Addiction to Reading Fiction

According to Prasetyo, M. (2020), readers can spend too much time reading fictional stories continuously without time control. The choice of stories on Wattpad is diverse, especially fictional stories. Fictional stories are stories based on a writer's imagination. If the story is good, readers can read fictional stories for hours without getting tired because of their curiosity about the story in the next chapter, so it will interfere with learning activities or other daily activities.

### 4. Limited Reference Sources for Educational Materials

According to Lestari, Y. (2021), as an entertainment platform, stories on Wattpad are often irrelevant or not by the curriculum learning objectives. Wattpad is indeed effective in fostering interest in reading, but the content in Wattpad lacks explicit educational content, such as learning moral values, scientific logic, or cultural studies. Wattpad is more entertaining and less appropriate if used directly as the main teaching material in class without teacher selection or guidance. So, Wattpad is not effective if used without guidance in formal learning.

## **2.6 The Definition of Perception**

According to Qiong (2017), perception is a process of gathering information by gaining full awareness of a subject through his/her experience. Thus, perception is a process where a person needs to feel something on a particular object from that person's point of view by observing, selecting, organizing, and interpreting the environmental situation. This happens because the five senses (hearing, taste, sight, smell, and touch) are continuously bombarded with environmental stimuli. According to Walgito (2004), perception is achieved by using human senses, where the person will use their senses to be able to feel certain objects which are called sensory processes. So it can be concluded that perception is a process of collecting information or data based on experience or from the perspective of others.

## **2.7 The Previous Research**

In this section, I will present some previous studies that of course discuss the same topic, which is reading skills with Wattpad application. To help this research, I will present the results of their previous research with topics that use the Wattpad application.

With some previous studies that I have reviewed, it is hoped that it can help explain the contribution of my research.

The first previous research was conducted by Permatasari, I. et al. (2020) research entitled “*Extensive Reading On Wattpad And Its Benefits To Students’ English Skills: Students’ Perceptions*”. The research they conducted to explore students' perceptions of extensive reading on Wattpad. The researcher stated that students consider extensive reading enjoyable. The researcher used three components of perception, such as cognitive, affective, and conative. With extensive reading, they can improve their writing, vocabulary, speaking, and listening skills. In this study, students preferred fictional materials for extensive reading on Wattpad. In their study, data was collected through interviews and analysis using an interactive model, focusing on participants' perceptions and experiences.

The next previous research from Lalitya (2020), Their research entitled “*Why They Use Wattpad: An Emotional Design Analysis On The Free Online Reading Platform*”. In this research, the author states that Wattpad is a popular and familiar storytelling platform in Indonesia. The author uses an emotional design that influences user loyalty and satisfaction. The use of Wattpad by students is actively involved compared to traditional reading experiences. The research conducted by the author involved 100% of female respondents, especially those aged around 21-30 years who have used Wattpad for at least two years. In this research, the author allows participants to engage in social activities such as chatting, following authors, and sharing feedback, which transforms the reading experience into a collaborative dialogue (a conversation that is carried out together to solve problems and build knowledge so that speakers are involved in creating new thoughts and deeper understanding). In this research, the author used a questionnaire to collect data and participant experiences with a focus on the usability of Wattpad. The evaluation in the study used by the author used the Mobile Application Rating Scale (MARS) (an instrument used to evaluate the quality of smartphone applications). The Mobile Application Rating Scale (MARS) is used to evaluate various usability criteria, which refine the focus on engagement, functionality, and aesthetics.

Putri, G. A. and Nasrullah (2023) research entitled “*Investigating The Effectiveness Of Wattpad App On Students' Motivation In Reading*”. The research they conducted investigated the impact of Wattpad on students' reading motivation. Their research used sources from a systematic literature review of 20 journals they searched. In this research, they found and showed that Wattpad can effectively motivate students to read. In this

research, they used a qualitative approach, focusing on holistic analysis (analysis used to understand not only how the various parts interact with each other and influence overall user behavior.) of the experiences and perspectives of learners in a natural setting. Their research analyzed words and was used to capture the complexity of students' interactions with the Wattpad application. Their research utilized literature and data from scholarly sources to inform their research of Wattpad's impact on reading motivation. By reading on Wattpad, they hope to influence personal growth, self-awareness, and a deeper appreciation for literature among students.

Natution. U. A. (2023) research entitled *"Students' Perceptions On Using Wattpad As Media In Extensive Reading"*. In this research, researchers looked at students' perspectives on extensive reading through Wattpad and the benefits in improving English skills. This research shows the benefits of online applications or Wattpad for English learning. According to researchers, extensive reading on Wattpad improves English proficiency. Participants who have been involved in extensive reading have been for more than three years. Researchers used qualitative methods and interviews with two students from the English language education department. Researchers looked at whether Wattpad's benefits could improve English language skills in extensive reading and also to improve the language learning experience. The responses from the two participants showed a positive response to extensive reading on Wattpad, because Wattpad provides a variety of storybook choices. Students consider Wattpad to be an effective, interesting, and educational platform that combines entertainment with learning opportunities in reading and writing.

Sari, P. S. et al. (2023) conducted a study entitled *"Students' Experience Of Extensive Reading Through The Wattpad Application"*. This research explores students' responses to extensive reading activities using the Wattpad application. Students reported that there was an increase in motivation and effective reading media through Wattpad. In this research, extensive reading using the Wattpad application received a positive response from students because of the freedom to choose reading materials based on students' interests and levels. because students feel that extensive reading is fun so it indirectly builds and implements reading habits that can increase students' motivation and interest in reading. According to researchers, Wattpad is considered a good medium for extensive reading activities, because it offers a diverse collection of reading materials. Behind the positive responses from students, there are still negative responses from the students,

there is difficulty in choosing reading materials that suit what they want because of students' ability to understand words or sentences due to limited vocabulary.

From the five previous studies above, it can be concluded that there are many studies on how Wattpad impacts students' reading skills. Previous studies also took participants from junior high school and university levels. However, in my research, I used different participants from previous studies. I chose participants from senior high school level. Students selected as participants are students who have read Wattpad in English within the time specified by the researcher and are also willing to participate in this study. Therefore, this study intends to focus more on exploring students' perceptions of Wattpad in reading. In this research, because this study already has a theory as the main theme that will be sought for the description of the data obtained from the interview. It is hoped that this research can contribute to obtaining more research results because some things that are explored more deeply in previous studies have not been discussed further. Because the participants come from different levels, there must be the same and different answers that can be new findings and contributions from this research.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **RESEARCH METHOD**

This chapter consists of five parts: the research design, the research context, the research participants, the data collection method, and the data analysis method.

#### **3.1 The Research Design**

The research design in this study was qualitative to explore students' perceptions of Wattpad in reading skills. Qualitative research has its own various approaches, so researchers can choose from various approaches according to the object of research (Yusanto, 2019). According to Merriam & Grenier (2019), "qualitative research is designed to understand phenomena from the perspective of participants". Qualitative research can be used to gain an in-depth understanding of people's beliefs, experiences, attitudes, behaviors, and interactions while producing non-numerical data (Pathak et al., 2013).

The descriptive approach is a research method that aims to describe and explain the characteristics of the research object in detail, which aims to provide basic information about the phenomenon. The descriptive approach was adopted for collecting data on students' reading of Wattpad. It can describe categories of information, such as gender or patterns of interaction, when using technology in a group situation.

This research was conducted to investigate how students perceive Wattpad in reading skills. Therefore, this research conducted by collecting data from selected participants and in accordance with the criteria to obtain data that supports this study. This research will focus primarily on the perceptions of students who have read Wattpad in English.

#### **3.2 The Research Context**

This research was conducted at one of the English courses in Banyuwangi. The teaching and learning process in this English course runs in stages based on English skills, such as reading, listening, writing, and speaking. However, Each student has their own way of learning reading skills, depending on individual goals and preferences such as preferring to read textbooks, reading magazines, or reading English-based novels. In addition to the material provided by the tutor, students also have their own way of learning reading skills outside the material. Therefore, I plan to find and meet students who are learning reading skills outside

the classroom using Wattpad and invite them to become participants in this research. To find participants, I used the purposive sampling technique. Purposive sampling is a general participant selection technique based on certain criteria that are relevant to the purpose of the study.

### **3.3 The Research Participant**

Participants in this research was high school students in one of the English course in Banyuwangi, especially students who learn reading skills using Wattpad outside the classroom. Participants were interviewed about their perceptions toward Wattpad on their reading skills.

In this research, there were four main criteria for participants, the first was students who learn English reading skills using Wattpad, the second was students who read Wattpad using English, the third was students who read English in Wattpad for at least three months and a maximum at least three years, and the last was students who were willing to be interviewed in this research. To find participants, I used the process of asking students at one of the English course in Banyuwangi via short messages about whether there were any who are willing to be my participants in this study, with the requirements were that learning reading skills using Wattpad outside the classroom, reading Wattpad with English, students who read English in Wattpad for at least three months and a maximum at least three years, and also willing to be interviewed.

Eventually, I got three participants who met the criteria necessary to be interviewed in this research. The participants were three students who had been using Wattpad for their reading outside of class. Because confidentiality and ethics are important in research, all names in this study will be initialed. After that, I contacted the participants who met the criteria. After contacted the participants, I explained to the participants about the content of the research and the research interview procedure. Therefore, I must ensure that the participants were willing to be participants in this research without any coercion.

### **3.4 The Data Collecting Method**

The data collection method I used in this research was interview. Participants will be interviewed to explore more about Wattpad in learning reading skills based

on students' perceptions. Although there are many ways to collect qualitative data, including participant observation, diaries, and text or document reviews. Interview is the most popular method because they provide participants with a comfortable and natural atmosphere (Taherdoost, 2021). In terms of function, interviews as part of the data collection process are suitable especially for qualitative in a simple way that only requires a natural atmosphere.

This research utilizes in-depth interviews as a detailed data collection that can be done about perceptions of an idea. According to Boyce and Neale (2006), conducting in-depth interviews can involve a small group of respondents to find out more information about their perspectives on a particular idea, program, or situation intensively. Along with that, semi-structured interviews are also applied in this research. According to Ruslin (2022), semi-structured interviews give researchers the flexibility and adaptability to consider research objectives while collecting detailed information and evidence from interviewees. In semi-structured interviews, I prepare interview questions in advance and conduct the interview process flexibly. As stated by Taherdoost (2022) although predetermined questions are usually used in semi-structured interviews, the interviewer can still add more and modify questions as needed to achieve research objectives.

In this research, I conducted face-to-face interviews to obtain the required data. The face-to-face interview involves two people, there are the interviewer and the informant (Taherdoost, 2022). When you want to conduct an interview, it is also important to pay attention to the time and location of the interview when conducting the interview. The interviewer must plan and carefully consider the time, location/place, and interview procedures to successfully conduct the interview (Taherdoost, 2022). The next step is that I make an agreement to meet the participants regarding the information, time, and location of the interview after I determine the participants who meet the criteria for this research. This schedule has been approved by the participant and me as the researcher. This is the research's timetable for interviews for further information.

*Table 1 Timetable of The Interview*

NO.	Initial Name	English Education Program Class of	Gender	Place	Date	Interview Time
1.	V	Senior High School	FEMALE	At one of the English course in Banyuwangi	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	16.39-17.09
2.	D	Senior High School	FEMALE	At one of the English course in Banyuwangi	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	11.13-11.43
3.	N	Senior High School	FEMALE	At one of the English course in Banyuwangi	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	11.13-11.43

To support the good conduct of the interview, this research requires an interview guide. In this research, the interview process will be conducted and the interview will be recorded in the form of a voice recording to obtain and store data properly and accurately. During the interview, I and the participants used Indonesian. This concerns the comfort and flexibility of the participants when providing interview answers. After that, I manually transcribed the data after completing the interview.

According to Boyce and Neale (2006), to create an interview guide, there are an introduction, questions, and some closing comments must be included in the interview guide. The following is the procedure in the interview guide:

*Table 2 Interview Guide for interview*

Introduction Key Components	
1.Thank you.	I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. Let me introduce myself, my name is Pradita Anti Nurmahmiati. As part of my research, I would like to talk to you about your perception of Wattpad for your reading skills. The interview will last less than an hour. Since I do not want to miss any of your comments, I will be recording the interview. However, I will also be taking some notes during the interview, I cannot type fast enough to write everything down. Make sure you speak clearly because I will be recording it so that you do not miss anything you say. I will make sure that none of the data I use in my research identifies you as
2.Name	
3.Purpose	
4.Confidentiality	
5.Duration	
6.How interview will be conducted	
7.Opportunity for questions	



	<p><i>(Menurut Anda, apakah membaca bahasa Inggris di Wattpad mudah atau sulit dipahami?)</i></p> <p>5) What do you think when you learn reading skills by reading Wattpad? Does it work to increase your interest in reading or not?</p> <p><i>(Apa yang Anda pikirkan saat mempelajari keterampilan membaca dengan membaca Wattpad? Apakah berhasil meningkatkan minat baca Anda atau tidak?)</i></p> <p>6) What motivates you to use Wattpad?</p> <p><i>(Apa yang memotivasi Anda untuk menggunakan Wattpad?)</i></p>
	<p>7) What genre(s) do you enjoy reading on Wattpad?</p> <p><i>(Genre apa yang Anda sukai saat membaca di Wattpad?)</i></p> <p>8) How is your reading experience in using Wattpad so far?</p> <p><i>(Bagaimana pengalaman membaca Anda saat menggunakan Wattpad sejauh ini?)</i></p> <p>9) Do you prefer reading short stories or long stories on Wattpad? Why?</p> <p><i>(Apakah Anda lebih suka membaca cerita pendek atau cerita panjang di Wattpad? Mengapa?)</i></p> <p>10) What advice would you give to someone new to reading English on Wattpad for their reading skills?</p> <p><i>(Saran apa yang akan Anda berikan kepada seseorang baru pertama kali membaca bahasa Inggris di Wattpad untuk keterampilan membaca mereka?)</i></p>

<b>Closing Key Components</b>	In addition to the answers you have provided, do you have any additional information to share?
1. Additional comment 2. Thank you	After I analyze the data you and others have provided. As mentioned in the opening statement, I will ensure that all personal data is protected. Okay, I appreciate your time. Thank you!

### 3.5 The Data Analysis Method

The analysis method in this research used Thematic Analysis. After collecting data from research participants through audio recordings during interviews, the collected data will be analyzed. These interview recordings will be transcribed into written text. Then, the transcribed interview recordings will be analyzed using Braun and Clarke's (2006) thematic analysis. According to Braun and Clarke (2006), thematic analysis is a flexible research method to identify and analyze qualitative data and describe data in detail a phenomenon or theme in research data.

In this thematic analysis method, there are two approaches; there are the inductive approach and the deductive approach. In the inductive approach, researchers will analyze data based on empirical observations and create theories from the data. While in the deductive approach, researchers will start with theoretical interests and then analyze the data afterwards (Braun & Clarke, 2006).

This research used a deductive approach to analyze data. The data analysis this research used was to examine the interview results. There are six main steps in the Braun and Clarke (2006) thematic analysis model: (1) Become familiar with the data (2) Generate initial codes (3) Search for themes (4) Review themes (5) Define themes (6) Produce the report An overview of the procedures needed to produce a thematic analysis is provided below.

#### **Step 1: Become familiar with the data.**

Analyzing data requires deep, repeated reading and an active search for meaning and patterns. Reading the entire data set before coding is essential for qualitative research. Take notes or highlight coding ideas for future reference, as coding development and definition continue throughout the analysis. Transcription is critical to initial analysis and understanding of the data. Familiarize yourself with the data and check the transcript against the original audio recording for accuracy, as this informs the initial stages of analysis.

**Step 2: Generate initial codes**

Stage 2 involves familiarizing yourself with the data and creating initial codes, which are distinct from themes. Themes are used for interpretive analysis and relate to the phenomenon being studied. Data can be coded by writing notes, using a highlighter, or using a pen. It is important to ensure that all data extracts are coded and organized within each code, either by copying or photocopying and organizing them in separate files.

**Step 3: Search for themes**

Stage 3 involves coding and organizing the data, identifying codes, sorting codes into potential themes, and organizing relevant data. This stage focuses on themes, not codes, considering how codes can be combined to form overarching themes. Visual representations can help to organize the codes, and this stage concludes with a collection of candidate themes and sub-themes, along with coded data extracts.

**Step 4: Review themes**

After creating themes for data analysis, the researcher will review the themes created by reviewing them all. In this step, the themes are reviewed to ensure that the themes and codes are correct and represent the data being analyzed.

**Step 5: Define themes**

After reviewing the themes and their codes, the researcher will name and define each of these themes. Although this is a naming step, it is an important one. It will help explain how the data can be understood.

**Step 6: Produce the report**

In the final step, the researcher will create a data analysis report. In creating the report, the researcher will write a report explaining how the data was collected and how the data was analyzed using thematic analysis from Braun and Clarke (2006).

**CHAPTER IV**  
**RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

This chapter will explain the research results and their discussion to answer the research questions. The research results here are the results of interviews conducted by the researcher and also use a qualitative data description approach that I have collected. The following is an explanation of each:

**4.1 The Result of thematic Analysis**

Based on semi-structured interviews obtained from three students and after analyzing interview data using thematic analysis, I got 10 themes. Details of themes have been arranged in the table below:

*Table 3 Recap of Responses to Reading on Wattpad Analysis of 3 Participants*

Theme	Participants			Sub-theme
	1	2	3	
	Code	Code	Code	
<b>1. How often use Wattpad.</b>	- Yes - On free time	- Quite often	- Rarely	Frequency of Reading Stories on Wattpad
<b>2. Opinion about Wattpad.</b>	- Fun - Interesting - Refreshing	- Fun - Interesting	- Depends on genre and the content of stories	Perceptions of Story Quality on Wattpad
<b>3. First experience reading Wattpad using English.</b>	- fun and not confusing	- Challenging	- Okay	Feelings When Reading for the First Time

<p><b>4. Difficulty or ease of reading English on Wattpad.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easy</li> <li>- First time reading an English story, bit difficult to understand the words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quite easy</li> <li>- There any word or sentence that don't know the meaning she uses google translate to translate the word or sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depends on the writer and the writer's language level whether it can be understood or not.</li> </ul>	<p>English Language Proficiency Level of Readers</p>
<p><b>5. Wattpad's reading interest in developing reading skills.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The more you read, the more addicted you become</li> <li>- Interest in reading will increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the English story is easy to understand, it can increase interest in reading.</li> <li>- If it is difficult to understand, it can be boring and reduce interest in reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depends on how systematic the language is, the English are easy to understand or the language level is quite high</li> </ul>	<p>Language quality in Wattpad stories</p>
<p><b>6. Motivation to use Wattpad.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For refreshing</li> <li>- It became entertainment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Find new experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Curious</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entertainment and relaxation as primary motivations</li> <li>- Desire for new experiences</li> <li>- Social media</li> </ul>

				trends
<b>7. Favorite genre(s) on Wattpad.</b>	-Teenage romance and mystery	- Romance, fantasy, and drama	- Fantasy, comedy, and sad / melancholic	Favorite Genres
<b>8. Reading experience on Wattpad.</b>	- Fun - Haven't found a really boring reading experience	- Fun	- Pleasant reading experience - Increases our insight into something in people's minds	Convenience and Ease of Reading on Wattpad
<b>9. The length of stories you like on Wattpad.</b>	-Long stories -Prefer to spend time reading long stories -Short stories are sometimes boring	-Short stories -Finished faster so I can read other stories like that more quickly	-Long stories -More detailed	Preferences and Reasons for choosing a particular story length
<b>10. Advice for beginners reading English using Wattpad.</b>	-Look for a genre that you like -Doesn't have to be a long story or you don't have to look for a story where sometimes the words are hard to understand	- Don't get bored easily to go back and forth to Google Translate	-Consistence -Patience -Don't get tired of going back and forth to Google Translate	Advice for beginners

	-Look for a simple story first			
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Each theme is elaborated and described in the sections below.

## 4.2. The Description of the Result

At this stage, the results of the data taken from the interview will be explained. The responses given by three participants will be compared with the differences and similarities of their responses to determine the findings.

### 4.2.1. How Often Use Wattpad

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, the three participants have the same answers and perceptions about how often they read Wattpad. Of the three answers they bonded, it can be said that they rarely read Wattpad, because they read using Wattpad, depending on their free time. The following is a quote for interviews with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : “Yes... as for how often, it depends on your free time... sometimes uh... yeah on the weekend... or sometimes at night, maybe 3 to 4 times”
- P<sub>2</sub>** : "Okay... in my personal opinion, I have used Wattpad quite often, usually for reading."
- P<sub>3</sub>** : “Aa.. for me, I used to use Wattpad too, although now I rarely do it... but I used to visit the Wattpad page to read. Well, but most of what I read were not novels, but comics, because Wattpad also has several comics published there.”

Based on the responses to the first question, it can be concluded that the three participants had used Wattpad and read using Wattpad when the participants had free time.

### 4.2.2. Opinion About Wattpad.

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, from three participants, two participants, participants 1 and 2, had the same answer to the opinion about the participant's experience when using Wattpad. Meanwhile, participant 3 had a different answer. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : “Ee.. maybe, if it's fun, the interesting thing depends on the genre we read... so ee.. it's fun of course.. because Wattpad is for refreshing, so ee.. it's fun... if it's boring, confusing I don't think so... so it's fun”
- P<sub>2</sub>** : “Aaa... I think Wattpad is fun and interesting, because currently there are many stories and new genres in Wattpad, so I am interested in reading Wattpad again.”
- P<sub>3</sub>** : "For me, it depends on the genre, if it suits my type, it will be fun. But if I suddenly open a story and it turns out that it doesn't interest me from the start, it will make me more bored to read in the future, so it depends, it depends on the content of the Wattpad story."

Based on the answers to the second question, it can be concluded that participants 1 and 2 have the opinion that Wattpad is a fun and interesting application. Participant 1 said the reason Wattpad is fun depends on the genre the participant chooses. Participant 2 said the reason is that Wattpad is fun and interesting because Wattpad has many new stories and genres. While participant 3 said that the participant's experience using Wattpad depends on the contextual content on Wattpad, because if it does not match what the participant wants, the participant will feel bored and will not continue reading it, but if otherwise, the participant will feel that Wattpad is fun.

#### **4.2.3. First Experience Reading Wattpad Using English.**

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, it states that the three participants have different answers and perceptions on the third question about their first experience reading using English on Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : “Aa.. the first time maybe it was a coincidence that I got an author whose writing was good, and whose English was also good, so my first experience was uh.. fun and not confusing, maybe there were some new vocabularies that I didn't know so I still had to look for the meaning, but my first experience was fun... not confusing”
- P<sub>2</sub>** : “Aaaa... the first thing I thought was challenging, because I like challenging things, so I read the English story on Wattpad.”
- P<sub>3</sub>** : "For me personally, um... what I think is... it's okay, that's okay, if you want to read English even though English is not your mother tongue or

your native language, but if you want to learn English through reading as a hobby, then that's okay."

Based on the answer to the third question, it can be concluded that the three participants had different first-time experiences reading English. According to participant 1, reading English for the first time using Wattpad was a fun and not confusing experience when reading it, because the first participant got a writer whose story writing was good and whose English was understandable, although sometimes they found new words that participant 1 did not understand and were still looking for the meaning first. According to participant 2, reading English for the first time using Wattpad was a challenging experience, because participant 2 likes challenging things. According to participant 3, reading English for the first time using Wattpad was an experience that could still be considered okay for participant 3, because according to participant 3 if you want to read English even though English is not your mother tongue, but if you want to learn English by reading as a hobby, that's okay.

#### **4.2.4. Difficulty or Ease of Reading English on Wattpad**

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, it was stated that the three participants had different answers, but the participants had the same perception on the fourth question about the difficulty or ease of reading using English on Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : "Ee.. learning to read English on Wattpad is actually easy... because we can choose the story according to our... our... likes or the story that we actually read... it's not difficult, but maybe if it's your first time reading an English story... it's a bit difficult to understand the words, but once you get used to it... it's safe"
- P<sub>2</sub>** : "In my opinion, reading English on Wattpad can be said to be quite easy, but because my English skills still need to be improved, it is quite difficult. So, if there are words or sentences that I don't understand, so I use google translate to translate so that I understand the word or sentence"
- P<sub>3</sub>** : "Maybe from uh... it depends on the author, if the original author is an Indonesian who uses English for his work, it will be easier to understand their English, but if for example, his English is at a very high level, their

language is very high, it will be quite difficult to understand but then again we can probably take the points from their sentences, there is no need to uh... interpret everything as a whole.”

Based on the answer to the fourth question, it can be concluded that the three participants have the opinion that reading in English can be said to be easy, but according to them, the ease of reading using English depends on the level of the author's English writing, whether it can still be understood or not. If it is your first time reading using English, it may be a little difficult to understand the vocabulary or sentences. If there is a word or sentence that is difficult to understand, participants use Google Translate to interpret the meaning of the word or sentence.

#### **4.2.5. Wattpad's Reading Interest in Developing Reading Skills**

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, it was stated that participants 2 and 3 had the same answers, while participant 1 had a different answer about the level of interest in reading using English on Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : "Eee... if interested in reading, because on Wattpad, the more you read, the more addicted you become... so interest in reading will increase"
- P<sub>2</sub>** : “Ee... I think if it’s like what my friend said earlier, if the story’s English is easy enough to understand, eh... it might increase interest in reading, but if the language is too difficult to understand, it will be boring and will actually decrease interest in reading, that’s what I think.”
- P<sub>3</sub>** : "If I quite agree with what my friend said, it depends on how systematic the language is, the English are easy to understand or the language level is quite high, well if for example the language level is still standard or according to my standards, it will be quite easy to understand and I might be very happy to continue reading the story, well but if the language is already high English, it will be quite difficult for me to interpret or take points from ee... the reading and that will make me quite bored and I will stop in the middle of the stories maybe"

Based on the answer to the fifth question, it can be concluded that participants 2 and 3 assume that increasing interest in reading depends on the use of language that is easy or difficult for participants to understand. If the reading can still be understood, then interest in reading will increase. Meanwhile, according to participant 1, interest

in reading will increase if you continue to read, then the longer you read, the more interested so that you become addicted to continuing to read in English, and your interest in reading will automatically increase.

#### 4.2.6. Motivation to Use Wattpad

Based on the results of the answers from the three participants, it was stated that all participants had different answers and perceptions on the sixth question about reading motivation using English on Wattpad. The following is an excerpt from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : “Ee.. I initially used Wattpad just to refresh myself, to look for stories.. but after a while it became entertainment... so it became entertainment”
- P<sub>2</sub>** : "I personally use Wattpad to find new experiences, because I just found out that on Wattpad you can read comics too, as far as I know Wattpad is only a platform for reading novels. So before I read Wattpad, I read comics like Webtoon. Because I was bored reading Webtoon, I finally switched to Wattpad"
- P<sub>3</sub>** : “Yes... for me personally, my motivation to use Wattpad is because Wattpad is already very famous in Indonesia, right sis, there are so many people who use Wattpad to read novels or read comics of other genres. Well, that's what made me curious 'What is Wattpad like, why do people like to read on Wattpad', meaning my curiosity is one of my motivations. Well, then eh... as my partner said, experience is also important in reading so we can know the stories of life or fictional stories that are on Wattpad itself, because Wattpad is based on the mindset of people who use their imaginations"

Based on the answer to the sixth question, it can be concluded that the three participants had different reasons for motivating them to read English using Wattpad. Participant 1 said that he used Wattpad only to refresh his mind, but over time, it became entertainment. Participant 2 said that his motivation for using Wattpad to read English was to find new experiences. While participant 3 said that his motivation to use Wattpad was not only that Wattpad is a famous application in Indonesia, so that many people use it, but participant 3 was also curious about what Wattpad is that many people use it. Not only that, participant 3 was also curious about the life stories or fictional stories on

Wattpad itself, because Wattpad was built from the mindset of people or writers who use their imagination.

#### 4.2.7. Favorite Genre(s) on Wattpad

Based on the answers from the three participants, it was stated that all participants had different answers and perceptions on the seventh question about the genres they liked on Wattpad. The following is an excerpt from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : "If it's a genre... it might be like uh... teenage romance or maybe if there's a good story, sometimes I like to read mysteries too"
- P<sub>2</sub>** : "I, myself prefer romance, fantasy, or drama genres like that"
- P<sub>3</sub>** : "Personally, I like, uh... I like the fantasy genre, comedy, and also genres that are a bit sad... melancholic like that."

Based on the answer to the seventh question, it can be concluded that the three participants have different favorite genres, ranging from happy to sad. As with the three participants, participant 1 likes the romantic genre, especially teenage romance, and sometimes participant 1 reads stories with the mystery genre. Participant 2 also likes the romantic genre, not only romantic, but participant 2 also reads with the fantasy genre and stories that contain elements of drama in the stories. While participant 3 likes genres that contain comedy in the stories. Participant 3 also reads fantasy genre stories, not only the two genres, Participant 3 also likes stories that are a bit sad or melancholic.

#### 4.2.8. Reading Experience on Wattpad

Based on the answers of the three participants, it was stated that participants 1 and 2 had the same answer, while participant 3 had a different answer about their experience reading using Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

- P<sub>1</sub>** : "My experience reading Wattpad so far has been fun, I haven't found a really boring reading experience, but maybe a few times I found stories with a plot that didn't quite make sense... so it depends on the story we choose"
- P<sub>2</sub>** : "For me it's fun, because when I read Wattpad I get the latest

information, like what's it called... like health maybe or whatever information I think is new."

**P<sub>3</sub>** : "In my opinion, Wattpad, uh... provides a pleasant reading experience, because on Wattpad itself there are so many stories from various perspectives or various genres, so of course the reading experience increases our insight into something in people's minds."

Based on the answer to the eighth question, it can be concluded that participant 1 said that the reading experience using Wattpad was fun. So far, participant 1 has never read a boring story while reading Wattpad, but maybe sometimes participant 1 finds a story with an unreasonable plot. Same for participant 2, who said that the reading experience on Wattpad was also fun. Participant 2 also said that while reading on Wattpad, participant 2 could get new information from the readings in the Wattpad story. The stories on Wattpad are not only entertaining and can fill free time for reading, but the stories chosen on Wattpad can also provide important information that can be learned at the same time, such as stories with medical, detective, or even criminal themes. A writer of stories with these themes will automatically be made to think hard about a storyline that can make people interested and informative at the same time, so that readers not only enjoy it but also get information that is not yet known. Meanwhile, participant 3 said that reading on Wattpad is an Pleasant reading experience. Participant 3 said that with the many types of genres and stories provided by Wattpad, participant 3 was able to increase their insight into something in other people's minds.

#### **4.2.9. The Length of Stories You Like on Wattpad**

Based on the answers of the three participants, it was stated that participants 1 and 3 had the same answers, while participant 2 had different answers about the length of the stories that the participants liked to read on Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

**P<sub>1</sub>** : "I prefer long stories, because eee... I prefer to spend time reading long stories, but short stories are like reading them once, maybe reading them once is like reading it... so sometimes I get bored if it's like that"

**P<sub>2</sub>** : "I prefer short stories, because they are finished faster so I can read other stories like that more quickly."

**P<sub>3</sub>** : "Well, personally, I prefer long stories, because it's more detailed. So, we... so the story doesn't seem rushed, seeing that it's structured and neat so that I can understand the situation well without making the storyline so rushed, sis."

Based on the answers to the ninth question, it can be concluded that two out of three participants prefer long stories to short stories. Participants 1 and 3 prefer long stories, while participant 2 prefers short stories. Participant 1 prefers long stories because participant 1 wants to spend time reading, but even though participant 1 prefers long stories, participant 1 sometimes reads short stories because participant 1 can get bored quickly when reading short stories. Participant 2 prefers short stories because he wants to read quickly to the end, so participant 2 can find or choose the next story quickly. Similar to participant 1, participant 3 prefers long stories because the stories are more detailed. According to participant 3, long stories have story content that seems unhurried, the storyline is structured and also neat, so that participant 3 can understand the situation well.

#### **4.2.10. Advice for Beginners Reading English Using Wattpad**

Based on the answers from the three participants, it was stated that all participants had different answers, but participants 2 and 3 had the same perception about the advice they gave to people who were reading English for the first time using Wattpad. The following is an excerpts from an interview with students:

**P<sub>1</sub>** : "Ee.. maybe first of all, look for a genre that you like, then eh.. it doesn't have to be a long story or you don't have to look for a story where sometimes the words are hard to understand, so just look for a simple story first"

**P<sub>2</sub>** : "In my opinion, if you want to read English on Wattpad, don't get bored just opening Google Translate, because we don't know what the words mean, so it's like we have to go back and forth to Google Translate, so don't get bored easily like that."

**P<sub>3</sub>** : "For me personally, I think it's just consistency if, for example, the intention is to read this to learn English, so reading is a hobby and continues to want to improve English by reading, just stay consistent, always get used to reading Wattpad, start with English continuously, then

over time you will get used to the pronunciation of English or the use of English, in fact, you can become 'I want to read as long as it's English', sometimes there are some people like that. Well, the key is consistency, patience, and of course, don't get tired of going back and forth to Google Translate"

Based on the answers to the tenth question, it can be concluded that two out of three participants have the same perspective on the answer. Participant 1 suggested that for the first time, you can look for a genre that you like, you don't need to look for a long story first, or look for a story with words that are difficult to understand. Look for stories that are easy to understand or simple stories first. Participant 2 suggested that if you are reading English on Wattpad for the first time, don't get bored and tired of going back and forth to Google Translate if there are words that are difficult to understand. For participant 3, also suggested not to get bored and tired of going back and forth to Google Translate, not only that, but there must be patience and consistency to want to continue learning. Participant 3 said that if you want to continue to be consistent in learning to read English using Wattpad, then over time, you will get used to the words that often appear in stories that you have often read before. Because you are used to English words, over time, a thought will arise, 'I want to read as long as it uses English'.

### **4.3. Discussions**

This research aims to explore the perceptions of three senior high school students on the use of Wattpad to their English reading skills. Data were obtained through in-depth interviews with three participants and analyzed thematically. The findings were then compared with several relevant previous studies.

#### **1. Experience and Frequency of Using Wattpad**

Based on the interview results, all three participants had used Wattpad, although with varying frequencies. Participants 1 and 2 read Wattpad several times a week, depending on their free time, while participant 3 used it less frequently. This may indicate that Wattpad can be used flexibly and is not tied to a formal study schedule. This is also supported by the findings of Lalitya (2020), which states that Wattpad is actively used by its users for entertainment, so users feel more involved than when reading printed books.

## **2. Perception of Wattpad**

Most of the participants said that Wattpad is a fun, interesting, and refreshing application, especially because of the freedom to choose the story genre according to each person's taste. Participant 3 stated that participant 3's interest was highly dependent on the content and genre of the story. This finding is consistent with the research of Permatasari et al. (2020), which stated that the use of Wattpad in extensive reading was considered fun and interesting by students.

## **3. English Story Reading Experience**

The first experience of the three participants in reading English stories on Wattpad showed varying reactions, ranging from feeling challenged, enjoyable to neutral. However, none of the three participants felt disappointed or unable to understand the story. This is supported by the findings of Natution (2023), which showed that students responded positively to extensive reading activities through Wattpad, because it was considered effective and enjoyable to improve English skills.

## **4. Difficulty Level of Reading English Stories**

Two of the three participants admitted that they had difficulty understanding new vocabulary, especially if the story was written by a foreign author with a high level of language. However, this difficulty can be overcome with the help of Google Translate or by choosing a story from an Indonesian author who uses intermediate English that can still be understood by the participants. This opinion is supported by the findings of Sari et al. (2023), which showed that students find it difficult if the vocabulary is too difficult, but still feel interested because the freedom to choose reading can be adjusted to their abilities.

## **5. The Influence of Wattpad on Reading Interest**

Participant 1 stated that the more often you read on Wattpad, the more your reading interest will increase. Participants 2 and 3 emphasized that increasing reading interest is highly dependent on the level of difficulty of the language used in the story. This finding is reinforced by the results of a study by Putri & Nasrullah (2023), which stated that Wattpad plays an important role in motivating

students to read, especially through an emotional approach and personal narrative experiences.

## **6. Motivation for Using Wattpad**

The three participants' motivations for using Wattpad include entertainment, curiosity, new experiences, and exploration of story genres. These motivations indicate that Wattpad is not only an application used for academic purposes, but can also be an educational recreational medium. This is supported by the emotional design approach in Lalitya's research (2020), which states that Wattpad's emotional design influences user loyalty and encourages active involvement.

## **7. Favorite Genres and Story Length**

The genres preferred by the three participants include romance, fantasy, drama, mystery, sad stories, and comedy. In terms of story length, two out of three participants prefer long stories because they feel more in-depth in the storyline, and reading is not rushed. Meanwhile, one out of three participants prefers short stories because they finish reading them faster. This finding strengthens the idea that reader preferences are very individual, as also found by Permatasari et al. (2020), who stated that students prefer fictional reading materials that suit their interests.

## **8. Suggestions for Beginner Readers**

The three participants suggested that beginners should choose stories that are simple and in line with the reader's interests, not get bored easily if they have to translate words or sentences that are difficult to understand, and remain consistent in reading. This attitude reflects an independent learning pattern that is directed towards experience. This suggestion is consistent with the extensive reading approach, which involves getting used to reading in a fun context so that language skills develop naturally (Sari et al., 2023)

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents the conclusion of the research findings and suggestions. They are written respectively in the following sections. Hopefully, this research can be useful for EFL students, English teachers, and future researchers.

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the results of the research and discussion in this research, there are ten main themes that have been previously determined regarding the experience of reading English using Wattpad experienced by students at the high school level. These results are taken based on the perceptions of participants during interviews, which of course also refer to previous studies that examine the same case. The ten main themes regarding the experience of reading English using Wattpad are (1) How often do you use Wattpad, (2) Opinion about Wattpad, (3) First experience reading Wattpad using English, (4) Difficulty or ease of reading English on Wattpad, (5) Wattpad's reading interest in developing reading skills, (6) Motivation to use Wattpad, (7) Favorite genre(s) on Wattpad, (8) Reading experience on Wattpad, (9) The length of stories you like on Wattpad, and (10) Advice for beginners reading English using Wattpad.

Wattpad is considered a fun, flexible, and interesting application to use as a medium for reading English. The experience of reading in English through Wattpad can provide a light challenge, but not too difficult, because it can be overcome with strategies owned by the reader. One example of such a strategy is using Google Translate to help translate words or sentences that may be difficult to understand. Students' interest in reading can increase when reading stories that match the right genre selection and also their language ability level, because stories that have a high language level can reduce reader motivation. Motivation for using Wattpad can be based on the need for entertainment, exploration, and curiosity, not just for academic reasons. Participants also suggested to novice readers, such as choosing a genre they like, using translation assistance such as Google Translate, and reading consistently.

In conclusion, it is known from the three participants that they have different experiences from each other when reading English using Wattpad as described in this study, both the same and different answers. The three participants have slightly different perceptions and views from each other in terms of their reading experience and their first experience reading using English. The three participants have different favorite genres,

the length of the story they choose, and what motivations they have for using Wattpad. The three participants also provide advice for people who are new to reading English using Wattpad.

## **5.2 Suggestion**

I would like to give some suggestions after conducting this research based on research experience. The following paragraphs present those suggestions.

Learning to read English using Wattpad is expected to make it easier to learn to read English. Not only makes it easier, but it also provides a sense of pleasure when reading the story chosen to learn for the first time with Wattpad. For the first time learning to read English using Wattpad, you can look for a short story first, look for a simple story and language that is easy to understand, often practice getting used to reading using English, after that, just like the participants suggested, never get bored and also have to be consistent. With that, over time, you will get enough motivation to continue reading English with Wattpad and can even want to continue reading because you are curious about the storyline that occurs in the story being read.

For students, using Wattpad can help to learn to read English, especially outside of class hours, and can be done in your spare time. For students who are just learning to read English with Wattpad, you can search for short stories available on Wattpad. Use Wattpad patiently and consistently to read English stories with topics you like and a language level that suits your ability. Don't hesitate to use Google Translate as a translator for words or sentences that are difficult to understand.

For further researchers, before starting the research, make sure to select participants accurately and find an interview guide that is in accordance with the research objectives, because this can determine whether the research questions are answered or not. In addition, while the interview is in progress, always follow up on as many questions as possible to obtain complete research data. Furthermore, considering the difficulties students have had so far in reading English using Wattpad.

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## APPENDICES

## Appendix 1 Research Matrix

Table 4 Research Matrix

Title	Research Question	Variables	Indicator	Data Resources	Research Methodes
Exploring Students' Perception Toward Wattpad In Students' Reading Skill: a Qualitative Study	What are students' perceptions of reading skill using Wattpad?	Students' perceptions of Wattpad	1. Wattpad reading experience based on students' own perceptions.  2. Responses based on students' perceptions of wattpad for their reading	The primary data - Results of interviews with students who use Wattpad  The secondary data - Theories from previous journals on digital literacy - Previous research on students' use of Wattpad	Research Design - Qualitative Research  The Research Context -The research was carried out at one of the English courses in Banyuwangi.  The Research Participant -Three students from senior high school at one of the English course studies in Banyuwangi



	<p>12) What do you think about Wattpad? Ex; Fun, Interesting, Boring, Confusing.</p> <p><i>(Apa pendapat Anda tentang Wattpad? Misalnya; Menyenangkan, Menarik, Membosankan, Membingungkan.)</i></p>
	<p>13) What do you think when you first read English on Wattpad?</p> <p><i>(Apa yang Anda pikirkan saat pertama kali membaca bahasa Inggris di Wattpad?)</i></p>
	<p>14) In your opinion, Is reading English on Wattpad easy or difficult to understand?</p> <p><i>(Menurut Anda, apakah membaca bahasa Inggris di Wattpad mudah atau sulit dipahami?)</i></p>
	<p>15) What do you think when you learn reading skills by reading Wattpad? Does it work to increase your interest in reading or not?</p> <p><i>(Apa yang Anda pikirkan saat mempelajari keterampilan membaca dengan membaca Wattpad? Apakah berhasil meningkatkan minat baca Anda atau tidak?)</i></p>
	<p>16) What motivates you to use Wattpad?</p> <p><i>(Apa yang memotivasi Anda untuk menggunakan Wattpad?)</i></p>
	<p>17) What genre(s) do you enjoy reading on Wattpad?</p> <p><i>(Genre apa yang Anda sukai saat membaca di Wattpad?)</i></p>
	<p>18) How is your reading experience in using Wattpad so far?</p>

	<p><i>(Bagaimana pengalaman membaca Anda saat menggunakan Wattpad sejauh ini?)</i></p>
	<p>19) Do you prefer reading short stories or long stories on Wattpad? Why?</p> <p><i>(Apakah Anda lebih suka membaca cerita pendek atau cerita panjang di Wattpad? Mengapa?)</i></p>
	<p>20) What advice would you give to someone new to reading English on Wattpad for their reading skills?</p> <p><i>(Saran apa yang akan Anda berikan kepada seseorang baru pertama kali membaca bahasa Inggris di Wattpad untuk keterampilan membaca mereka?)</i></p>
<p><b>Closing Key Components</b></p>	<p>In addition to the answers you have provided, do you have any additional information to share?</p> <p>After I analyze the data you and others have provided. As mentioned in the opening statement, I will ensure that all personal data is protected. Okay, I appreciate your time. Thank you!</p>
<p>1. Additional comment</p> <p>2. Thank you</p>	

### Appendix 3 The Result of Thematic Analysis

Table 6 The Result of Thematic Analysis

Question 1. Have you ever used Wattpad before? If so, how often do you read on it?						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>“<b>Yes</b>... as for how often, it <b>depends on your free time</b>... sometimes uh... yeah on the weekend... or sometimes at night, maybe 3 to 4 times”</p>	<p><b>- Yes</b> <b>- Depends on free time</b></p>	<p>"Okay... in my personal opinion, I have used Wattpad <b>quite often</b>, usually for reading."</p>	<p><b>Quite often</b></p>	<p>“Aa.. for me, I used to use Wattpad too, although now I <b>rarely</b> do it... but I used to visit the Wattpad page to read. Well, but most of what I read were not novels, but comics, because Wattpad also has several comics published there.”</p>	<p><b>Rarely</b></p>	<p>All participants had the same answer and perception on the first question. They rarely read Wattpad and it depends on their free time.</p>

Question 2. What do you think about Wattpad? Ex; Fun, Interesting, Boring, Confusing						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>“Ee.. maybe, if it's <b>fun</b>, the <b>interesting</b> thing depends on the genre we read... so ee.. it's fun of course.. because Wattpad is for <b>refreshing</b>, so ee.. it's fun... if it's boring, confusing I don't think so... <b>so it's fun</b>”</p>	<p><b>- Fun</b> <b>-Interesting</b> <b>-Refreshing</b></p>	<p>“Aaa... I think Wattpad is <b>fun and interesting</b>, because currently there are many stories and new genres in Wattpad, so I am interested in reading Wattpad again.”</p>	<p><b>- Fun</b> <b>-Interesting</b></p>	<p>"For me, it <b>depends on the genre</b>, if it suits my type, it will be fun. But if I suddenly open a story and it turns out that it doesn't interest me from the start, it will make me more bored to read in the future, so it depends, it <b>depends on the content of the Wattpad story.</b>"</p>	<p><b>Depends on genre and the content of stories</b></p>	<p>From the three participants' answers, it can be seen here that participants 1 and 2 have the same answers for</p>

						their opinion about their experiences while reading with Wattpad, while participant 3 has different answers.
<b>Question 3. What do you think when you first read English on Wattpad?</b>						
<b>Responses Participant 1</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 2</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 3</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Note</b>
“Aa.. the first time maybe it was a coincidence that I got an author whose writing	<b>fun and not confusing</b>	“Aaaa... the first thing I thought was <b>challenging</b> , because I like challenging things, so I read the English	<b>Challenging</b>	"For me personally, um... what I think is... it's <b>okay</b> , <b>that's okay</b> , if you want to read English even	<b>Okay</b>	All participants had different

was good, and whose English was also good, so my first experience was uh.. <b>fun and not confusing</b> , maybe there were some new vocabularies that I didn't know so I still had to look for the meaning, but my first experience was fun... not confusing”		story on Wattpad.”		though English is not your mother tongue or your native language, but if you want to learn English through reading as a hobby, then <b>that's okay.</b> ”		answers and perceptions on the third question.
<b>Question 4. In your opinion, Is reading English on Wattpad easy or difficult to understand?</b>						
<b>Responses Participant 1</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 2</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 3</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Note</b>
“Ee.. learning to read English on Wattpad is actually <b>easy</b> ... because we can choose the story according to our... our... likes or the story that we	<b>- Easy</b> <b>- If it's your first time reading an English story... it's</b>	“In my opinion, reading English on Wattpad can be said to be <b>quite easy</b> , but because my English skills still need to be improved, it is quite difficult. So, <b>if there</b>	<b>Quite easy but if there any word or sentence that don't know the</b>	“Maybe from uh... it <b>depends on the author</b> , if the original author is an Indonesian who uses English for his work, <b>it will be easier to</b>	<b>It depends on the writer and the writer's language level</b>	All participants had the different answers but the

<p>actually read... it's not difficult, but maybe <b>if it's your first time reading an English story... it's a bit difficult to understand the words</b>, but once you get used to it... it's safe”</p>	<p><b>a bit difficult to understand the words</b></p>	<p><b>are words or sentences that I don't understand, so I use google translate to translate</b> so that I understand the word or sentence”</p>	<p><b>meaning she uses google translate to translate the word or sentence.</b></p>	<p><b>understand their English</b>, but if for example, <b>his English is at a very high level, their language is very high, it will be quite difficult to understand</b> but then again we can probably take the points from their sentences, there is no need to uh... interpret everything as a whole.”</p>	<p><b>whether it can be understood or not.</b></p>	<p>participants had the same perception on the fourth question.</p>
<p><b>Question 5. What do you think when you learn reading skills by reading Wattpad? Does it work to increase your interest in reading or not?</b></p>						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>"Eee... if interested in reading, because on Wattpad, <b>the more you</b></p>	<p><b>- The more you read, the more</b></p>	<p>“Ee... I think if it’s like what my friend said earlier, <b>if the story’s English is</b></p>	<p><b>- If the story’s English is</b></p>	<p><b>"If I quite agree with what my friend said, it depends on how</b></p>	<p><b>- Depends on how systematic</b></p>	<p>From the answers of the three</p>

<p>read, the more addicted you become... so interest in reading will increase"</p>	<p>addicted you become - Interest in reading will increase</p>	<p>easy enough to understand, eh... it might increase interest in reading, but if the language is too difficult to understand, it will be boring and will actually decrease interest in reading, that's what I think."</p>	<p>easy enough to understand it might increase interest in reading - If the language is too difficult to understand, it will be boring and will actually decrease interest in reading</p>	<p>systematic the language is, the English are easy to understand or the language level is quite high, well if for example the language level is still standard or according to my standards, it will be quite easy to understand and I might be very happy to continue reading the story, well but if the language is already high English, it will be quite difficult for me to interpret or take points from ee... the reading and that will make me quite bored and I will stop in the middle of the stories</p>	<p>the language is, the English are easy to understand or the language level is quite high</p>	<p>participants , it can be seen here that participants 2 and 3 have the same answer, while participant 1 has a different answer.</p>
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Question 6. What motivates you to use Wattpad?						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>“Ee.. I initially <b>used Wattpad just to refresh</b> myself, to look for stories.. but after a while it became entertainment... so <b>it became entertainment”</b></p>	<p><b>-Used Wattpad just to refreshing</b></p> <p><b>- It became entertainment</b></p>	<p>"I personally <b>use Wattpad to find new experiences,</b> because I just found out that on Wattpad you can read comics too, as far as I know Wattpad is only a platform for reading novels. So before I read Wattpad, I read comics like Webtoon. Because I was bored reading Webtoon, I finally switched to Wattpad"</p>	<p><b>-Use Wattpad to find new experiences</b></p>	<p>“Yes... for me personally, my motivation to use Wattpad is because Wattpad is already very famous in Indonesia, right sis, there are so many people who use Wattpad to read novels or read comics of other genres. Well, that's what made me <b>curious 'What is Wattpad like,</b> why do people like to read on Wattpad', meaning <b>my curiosity is one of my</b></p>	<p><b>-Curious 'what is Wattpad look like</b></p> <p><b>- Curious about what people think about mindset of people who use their imagination s for author stories.</b></p>	<p>All participants have different answers and perceptions on the sixth question.</p>

				<p><b>motivations.</b> Well, then eh... as my partner said, experience is also important in reading so <b>we can know the stories of life or fictional stories that are on Wattpad itself, because Wattpad is based on the mindset of people who use their imaginations"</b></p>		
Question 7. What genre(s) do you enjoy reading on Wattpad?						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>"If it's a genre... it might be like uh... <b>teenage romance</b> or maybe if there's a good story, sometimes I like to read <b>mysteries</b> too"</p>	<p><b>- Teenage romance</b> <b>- mystery</b></p>	<p>"I myself prefer <b>romance, fantasy, or drama genres</b> like that"</p>	<p><b>- Romance</b> <b>- Fantasy</b> <b>- Drama</b></p>	<p>"Personally, I like, uh... I like the <b>fantasy genre, comedy</b>, and also genres that are a bit <b>sad... melancholic</b> like that."</p>	<p><b>- Fantasy</b> <b>- Comedy</b> <b>- Sad</b> <b>/melancholic</b></p>	<p>All participants have different answers and</p>

						perceptions on the seventh question.
<b>Question 8. How is your reading experience in using Wattpad so far?</b>						
<b>Responses Participant 1</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 2</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 3</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Note</b>
"My experience reading Wattpad so far has been <b>fun</b> , I haven't found a <b>really boring reading experience</b> , but maybe a few times I found stories with a plot that didn't quite make sense... so it depends on the story we choose"	<b>- Fun</b>  <b>- Haven't found a really boring reading experience</b>	"For me it's <b>fun</b> , because when I read Wattpad I get the latest information, like what's it called... like health maybe or whatever information I think is new."	<b>Fun</b>	"In my opinion, Wattpad, uh... provides a <b>pleasant reading experience</b> , because on Wattpad itself there are so many stories from various perspectives or various genres, so of course the reading experience <b>increases our insight into something in people's minds</b> ."	<b>- Pleasant reading experience</b>  <b>- Increases our insight into something in people's minds</b>	From the answers of the three participants, it can be seen that participants 1 and 2 have the same answer, while participant

						3 has a different answer.
<b>Question 9. Do you prefer reading short stories or long stories on Wattpad? Why?</b>						
<b>Responses Participant 1</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 2</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Responses Participant 3</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Note</b>
"I prefer <b>long stories</b> , because eee... I <b>prefer to spend time reading long stories</b> , but <b>short stories</b> are like reading them once, maybe reading them once is like reading it... so <b>sometimes I get bored</b> if it's like that"	<b>-Long stories</b>  <b>-Prefer to spend time reading long stories</b>  <b>-Short stories are sometimes boring</b>	"I prefer <b>short stories</b> , because they are finished faster <b>so I can read other stories like that more quickly.</b> "	<b>-Short stories</b>  <b>-Finished faster so I can read other stories like that more quickly</b>	"Well, personally, I prefer <b>long stories</b> , because it's <b>more detailed</b> . So, we... so the story doesn't seem rushed, seeing that it's structured and neat so that I can understand the situation well without making the storyline so rushed, sis."	<b>-Long stories</b>  <b>-More detailed</b>	From the answers of the three participants, it can be seen that participants 1 and 3 have the same answer, while participant 2 has a

						different answer.
Question 10. What advice would you give to someone new to reading English on Wattpad for their reading skills?						
Responses Participant 1	Code	Responses Participant 2	Code	Responses Participant 3	Code	Note
<p>“Ee.. maybe first of all, <b>look for a genre that you like</b>, then eh.. it <b>doesn't have to be a long story or you don't have to look for a story where sometimes the words are hard to understand</b>, so just <b>look for a simple story first</b>”</p>	<p><b>-Look for a genre that you like</b></p> <p><b>-Doesn't have to be a long story or you don't have to look for a story where sometimes the words are hard to</b></p>	<p>"In my opinion, if you want to read English on Wattpad, don't get bored just opening Google Translate, because we don't know what the words mean, so it's like we have <b>to go back and forth to Google Translate, so don't get bored easily</b> like that."</p>	<p><b>Don't get bored easily to go back and forth to Google Translate</b></p>	<p>"For me personally, I think it's just <b>consistency</b> if, for example, the intention is to read this to learn English, so reading is a hobby and continues to want to improve English by reading, just stay consistent, always get used to reading Wattpad, start with English continuously, then over time you will get used to the pronunciation of English</p>	<p><b>-Consistence</b></p> <p><b>-Patience</b></p> <p><b>-Don't get tired of going back and forth to Google Translate</b></p>	<p>All participants have different answers, but participants 2 and 3 have the same perception.</p>

	<p><b>understand</b></p> <p><b>-Look for a simple story first</b></p>			<p>or the use of English, in fact, you can become 'I want to read as long as it's English', sometimes there are some people like that. Well, the key is <b>consistency, patience, and of course, don't get tired of going back and forth to Google Translate"</b></p>		
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	: Responses Participant 2
	: Responses Participant 3

## Recap Response toward Reading in Wattpad

Table 7 Recap Response toward Reading on Wattpad

Theme	Participants			Sub-theme
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	Code	Code	Code	
<b>1. How often use Wattpad.</b>	- Yes - On free time	- Quite often	- Rarely	Frequency of Reading Stories on Wattpad
<b>2. Opinion about Wattpad.</b>	- Fun - Interesting - Refreshing	- Fun - Interesting	- Depends on genre and the content of stories	Perceptions of Story Quality on Wattpad
<b>3. First experience reading Wattpad using English.</b>	- fun and not confusing	- Challenging	- Okay	Feelings When Reading for the First Time
<b>4. Difficulty or ease of reading English on Wattpad.</b>	- Easy - First time reading an English story, bit difficult to understand the words	- Quite easy - There any word or sentence that don't know the meaning she uses google translate to translate the word or sentence.	- Depends on the writer and the writer's language level whether it can be understood or not.	English Language Proficiency Level of Readers
<b>5. Wattpad's reading interest in developing</b>	- The more you read, the more addicted you become	- If the English story is easy to understand, it	- Depends on how systematic the language	Language quality in Wattpad stories

<b>reading skills.</b>	- Interest in reading will increase	can increase interest in reading. - If it is difficult to understand, it can be boring and reduce interest in reading	is, the English are easy to understand or the language level is quite high	
<b>6. Motivation to use Wattpad.</b>	-For refreshing - It became entertainment	-Find new experiences	- Curious	- Entertainment and relaxation as primary motivations - Desire for new experiences - Social media trends
<b>7. Favorite genre(s) on Wattpad.</b>	-Teenage romance and mystery	- Romance, fantasy, and drama	- Fantasy, comedy, and sad / melancholic	Favorite Genres
<b>8. Reading experience on Wattpad.</b>	- Fun - Haven't found a really boring reading experience	- Fun	- Pleasant reading experience - Increases our insight into something in people's minds	Convenience and Ease of Reading on Wattpad
<b>9. The length of stories you</b>	-Long stories -Prefer to	-Short stories -Finished	-Long stories -More	Preferences and Reasons for

<b>like on Wattpad.</b>	spend time reading long stories -Short stories are sometimes boring	faster so I can read other stories like that more quickly	detailed	choosing a particular story length
<b>10. Advice for beginners reading English using Wattpad.</b>	-Look for a genre that you like -Doesn't have to be a long story or you don't have to look for a story where sometimes the words are hard to understand -Look for a simple story first	- Don't get bored easily to go back and forth to Google Translate	-Consistence -Patience -Don't get tired of going back and forth to Google Translate	Advice for beginners

#### Appendix 4 The Transcript of The Interview

Participant : 1 (Senior High School)

Initial Name : V

Date : Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Time : 04.39 P.M

- I : “Ee.. apakah anda pernah menggunakan Wattpad sebelumnya? Jika iya seberapa sering anda membaca Wattpad?”
- V : “Pernah... untuk seberapa seringnya, tergantung waktu luang sih... kadang e.. ya di weekend.. atau kadang malam hari, mungkin 3 sampai 4 kali”
- I : “Menurut anda tentang Wattpad, apakah pendapat anda... misalkan menyenangkan kah, atau menarik, membosankan, atau mungkin membingungkan?”
- V : “Ee.. mungkin kalau menyenangkan, menariknya tergantung genre yang kita baca... jadi ee.. kalau menyenangkan tentu.. karena kan Wattpad buat refreshing, jadi ee.. menyenangkan... kalau membosankan, membingungkan kayaknya nggak sih.... jadi menyenangkan”
- I : “Nah, menurut anda saat pertama kali membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad itu gimana sih?”
- V : “Aa.. pertama kali mungkin kebetulan dapet author yang tulisannya bagus, Bahasa Inggrisnya juga bagus, jadi pengalaman pertama kali ku ee.. menyenangkan dan nggak membingungkan sih, mungkin ada beberapa Vocabulary baru yang nggak tau jadi masih harus kayak cari artinya, tapi pengalaman pertama kali seru sih... nggak membingungkan”
- I : “Okay... menurut anda apakah membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad itu mudah atau sulit dipahami?”
- V : “Ee..belajar baca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad sebenarnya mudah... karena kan ceritanya kita bisa milih ceritanya sesuai ke...ke...kesukaan atau ceritayang kita emang baca... kalau sulitnya enggak, cuman mungkin kalau baru pertama kali baca cerita Bahasa Inggris.. agak kesulitan memahami kata-katanya tapi kalau dah terbiasa... aman”
- I : “Apa yang anda pikirkan saat mempelajari keterampilan membaca dengan Wattpad? Apakah berhasil untuk meningkatkan minat baca anda atau

sebaliknya?”

- V : “Eee...kalau minat baca karena di Wattpad itu kalau makin sering baca makin keagihan si.. jadi minat bacanya meningkat”
- I : “Apa sih yang memotivasi anda untuk menggunakan Wattpad?”
- V : “Ee.. menggunakan Wattpad awalnya ya pengen refreshing aja, buat cari-cari cerita.. ya lama-lama jadi hiburan si... jadi buat hiburan”
- I : “Untuk genre nih, apa sih yang anda... genre yang anda sukai saat membaca di Wattpad?”
- V : “Kalau genre.. itu mungkin kayak ee... cinta-cintaan remaja gitu si... cinta-cintaan remaja atau mungkin kalau ada emang cerita bagus, kadang misteri-misteri juga suka baca juga”
- I : “Aa.. bagaimana si pengalaman membaca anda saat menggunakan Wattpad sejauh ini?”
- V : “Pengalaman membaca Wattpad sejauh ini seru sih nggak menemukan pengalaman baca yang membosankan banget gitu, cuman mungkin beberapa kali ketemu cerita yang alurnya yang agak kurang nyambung gitu aja sih... jadi tergantung cerita yang kita pilih”
- I : “Apakah anda lebih suka membaca cerita pendek atau cerita panjang nih di Wattpad?”
- V : “Kalau aku prefer cerita panjang, karena eee... aku lebih suka spend waktu buat baca panjang sih kalau short story atau cerita pendek kan kayak sekali baca mungkin sekali baca kayak udah... jadi kadang bosan sih kalau kayak gitu”
- I : “Untuk saran, saran apa sih yang akan anda berikan kepada seseorang yang baru pertama kali membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad untuk skill membaca mereka?”
- V : “Ee.. mungkin pertama-tama yang pasti cari genre yang disukai, terus ee..nggak harus crita-cerita yang langsung cerita yang panjang atau nggak harus nyari cerita yang kadang kata-katanya susah dipahami gitu, jadi cari cerita yang simple-simple dulu aja”

Participant : 2 and 3 (Senior High School)

Initial Name : D and N

Date : Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Time : 11.13 A.M

- I : “Nah, apakah kalian pernah menggunakan Wattpad sebelumnya? Jika iya seberapa sering sih kalian membaca Wattpad?”
- D : “Oke... kalau menurut saya pribadi saya pernah menggunakan Wattpad bisa dikatakan cukup sering karena biasanya dalam membaca”
- N : “Aa.. untuk saya sendiri, dulu saya juga menggunakan Wattpad, meskipun sekarang sudah jarang... tapi dulu saya sering yang namanya mengunjungi laman Wattpad untuk membaca. Nah, tapi yang saya baca itu kebanyakan bukan novel, tetapi berupa komik, karena di Wattpad juga ada beberapa komik yang dipublikasikan di sana”
- I : “Nah, menurut pendapat kalian tentang Wattpad, apa sih pendapat kalian? kayak misalkan mungkin Wattpad menyenangkan, atau menarik, mungkin membosankan, bahkan membingungkan mungkin?”
- D : “Aaa... Wattpad menurut saya menyenangkan dan menarik, karena saat ini banyak cerita-cerita, genre baru dalam Wattpad, jadi saya tertarik untuk membaca Wattpad lagi”
- N : “Untuk saya sendiri, tergantung dari genrenya ya, kalau sesuai dengan tipe saya itu akan menyenangkan. Tapi kalau misalnya tiba-tiba saya buka cerita terus ternyata dari awal udah nggak bikin saya minat, itu akan membuat saya lebih bosan untuk membaca kedepannya, jadi ya tergantung, tergantung dari isi cerita Wattpad tersebut”
- I : “Apa yang kalian pikirkan saat pertama kali membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad?”
- D : “Aaaa... pertama yang saya pikirkan adalah menantang, karena saya suka hal yang menantang, jadi saya membaca cerita Bahasa Inggris di dalam Wattpad tersebut”
- N : “kalau saya pribadi sih emm... yang saya pikirkan ya... ya gapapa, that’s okay, ya kalau misalnya mau baca Bahasa Inggris kayak meskipun emang ya... Bahasa Inggris bukan mother tongue atau bukan bahasa asli kita, tapi

ya kalau niatnya mau belajar Bahasa Inggris melalui membaca untuk hobi ya ndapapa sih”

- I : “Nah, menurut kalian apakah membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad itu mudah atau sulit dipahami?”
- D : “Menurut saya, membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad dapat dikatakan cukup mudah, tetapi karena kemampuan Bahasa Inggris saya masih perlu ditingkatkan jadi cukup sulit. Jadi, jika ada kata-kata atau kalimat yang tidak saya mengerti, jadi saya menggunakan google translate untuk mentranslate agar saya memahami kata atau kalimat tersebut”
- N : “Mungkin dari ee... tergantung dari authornya, kalau emang author aslinya itu adalah orang indonesia yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggris untuk karyanya, itu akan lebih mudah ya untuk mudah dipahami Bahasa Inggrisnya, nah tapi kalau misalnya memang bahasa inggrisnya itu ternyata dari level yang tinggi banget, bahasanya sangat tinggi itu akan cukup sulit untuk dipahami tapi balik lagi kita mungkin bisa ngambil poin-poin dari kalimatnya aja, tidak perlu mesti eee.... mengartikan semuanya secara keseluruhan”
- I : “Apa yang kalian pikirkan saat mempelajari keterampilan membaca dengan Wattpad? Apakah berhasil untuk meningkatkan minat baca kalian atau tidak?”
- D : “Eee... menurut saya jika seperti yang dikatakan teman saya tadi, bila ceritanya itu cukup mudah dipahami Bahasa Inggrisnya ee... mungkin meningkatkan minat baca, tetapi apa bila bahasanya terlalu sulit untuk dipahami, itu akan mmbosankan dan malah menurnkan minat baca, kalau menurut saya seperti itu”
- N : “Kalau saya cukup setuju dengan apa yang dikatakan oleh temen saya ini, tergantung dari bagaimana sistematika pembahasaannya, Bahasa Inggrisnya itu mudah dipahami atau level bahasanya cukup tinggi, nah kalau misalnya level bahasanya masih standar atau sesuai dengan standar saya, itu akan cukup mudah untuk dipahami dan saya mungkin akan sangat senang untuk melanjutkan membaca cerita tersebut, nah tapi apabila bahasanya sudah termasuk Bahasa Inggris yang tinggi, akan cukup sulit bagi saya untuk mengartikan ataupun mengambil poin dari ee... bacaan tersebut dan itu akan

membuat saya cukup bosan dan akan berhenti ditengah jalan mungkin ya”

- I : “Apa sih yang memotivasi kalian untuk menggunakan Wattpad?”
- D : “Kalau saya sendiri menggunakan Wattpad untuk mencari pengalaman baru, karena saya baru tau kalau di Wattpad bisa membaca komik juga, setau saya Wattpad hanya platform untuk membaca novel saja. Jadi sebelum saya membaca Wattpad, saya itu membaca komik seperti Webtoon. Karena saya udah merasa bosan membaca Webtoon akhirnya saya beralih pindah ke Wattpad”
- N : “Ya... untuk saya sendiri motivasi saya menggunakan Wattpad itu karena emang Wattpad udah terkenal banget di Indonesia ya kak ya, banyak sekali yang meggunakan Wattpad untuk membaca novel maupun membaca komik ber-genre lainnya. Nah, itu yang membuat saya jadi penasaran ‘kayak gimana sih Wattpad itu, kok orang-orang pada suka baca di Wattpad’, artinya rasa penasaran saya jadi salah satu motivasi saya. Nah, kemudian ee...seperti yang dikatakan patner saya, pengalaman juga penting dalam membaca jadi kita bisa tau cerita-cerita kehidupan ataupun cerita fiksi yang terdapat di Wattpad itu sendiri, karena Wattpad berdasarkan dari pola pikir orang-orang yang menggunakan imajinasinya”
- I : “Untuk genre nih, apa sih... genre apa yang kalian suka saat membaca di Wattpad?”
- D : “Saya sendiri lebih menyukai genre romance, fantasi, atau drama seperti itu”
- N : “Kalau saya sendiri suka ee... menyukai genre fantasi, komedi, maupun genre yang agak sedih ya...melankolis seperti itu”
- I : “Nah, bagaimana sih pengalaman membaca kalian saat membaca Wattpad sejauh ini?”
- D : “Untuk saya menyenangkan, karena saat saya membaca Wattpad saya mendapatkan info terbaru kayak apa itu namanya... kayak kesehatan mungkin atau info apa yang baru menurut saya”
- N : “Wattpad menurut saya ee... cukup memberikan pengalaman yang menyenangkan ya dalam membaca, karena di Wattpad sendiri itu ada banyak sekali cerita-cerita dari berbagai perspektif atau berbagai genre, jadi pastinya pengalaman membaca itu lebih meningkatkan wawasan kita terhadap suatu hal dalam pikiran orang-orang”

- I : “Nah, kalian sejauh ini suka membaca cerita pendek atau cerita panjang di Wattpad dan kenapa?”
- D : “Kalau saya lebih suka yang short stories, karena lebih cepat selesai jadi saya lebih cepat untuk membaca cerita lain seperti itu”
- N : “Nah, kalau saya pribadi saya lebih suka yang long stories, karena biar lebih detail. Jadi, kita... jadi ceritanya itu terlihat tidak terburu-buru, melihat sudah terstruktur dan rapi sehingga saya sendiri bisa memahami situasinya dengan baik tanpa membuat alur cerita jadi terburu-buru gitu kak”
- I : “Nah, kalau saran nih, saran apasih yang akan kalian berikan kepada seseorang yang baru pertama kali membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad untuk skill membaca mereka?”
- D : “Menurut saya kalau mau membaca Bahasa Inggris di Wattpad jangan bosan buka Google Translate aja sih, dikarenakan kita apa namanya kita gatau arti katanya apa, jadi kayak kita harus bolak-balik ke Google Translate, jadi jangan bosan-bosan kaya gitu aja sih”
- N : “Kalau aku pribadi kayaknya konsisten aja sih, kalau misalnya emang niat membaca ini mau belajar Bahasa Inggris, biar hobi membaca dan terus pengen ningkatin Bahasa Inggris dengan membaca itu tetep konsisten aja selalu membiasakan diri membaca Wattpad itu dimulai dengan Bahasa Inggris terus menerus nanti lama kelamaan kamu akan terbiasa dengan pengucapan Bahasa Inggrisnya atau penggunaan Bahasa Inggrisnya, malahan kamu bisa menjadi ‘aku mau membaca asalkan Bahasa Inggris’, terkadang ada beberapa orang yang seperti itu. Nah, jadi kuncinya itu konsisten, sabar dan pastinya jangan cape untuk bolak-balik google translate”