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## SUMMARY

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This classroom action research was intended to improve the fifth grade students' writing achievement and active participation at SD Al – Baitul Amien Jember 2010/2011 academic year by using pictures. The subjects of this research were the students of class V B which were determined purposively. The research subjects were chosen because the average score of writing achievement in this class was 67.40 while the minimum standard scores (SKM / Standard Kelulusan Minimal) for writing was 70. The students still experienced difficulties in applying the verb form that was suitable for a certain tense required, for example "Ann goes to school every day". The verb form of simple present tense as ' goes' was still rarely found in students' answers. They tended to use verb of Present Continuous Tense like 'is going'. They could not differentiate between Simple Present and Present Continuous Tense. In addition, they always forgot to use a capital letter in the first sentence and for the name of people. The English teacher said that the English teacher did not use any teaching aids in the teaching and learning process. Because of that, it was found that the students felt bored easily and did not concentrate on the English lesson.

This classroom action research was done in cycle. The cycle covered four stages of activities namely; planning of the action, implementing of the action classroom observation and evaluation, and reflection of the action. The cycle was conducted in three meetings. The data about the students' sentence writing

achievement were collected from writing test and observation. Observation was used to observe the students' activities during the writing teaching and learning process by using pictures.

Writing test was used to measure the students' ability in writing sentences. The result of this writing test was used to decide whether the students had achieved the target minimum or not. The students' writing was evaluated based on the writing aspects they are grammar, mechanics, and organization. The cycle of this research was considered successful if the mean score of the students achieved the standard score that was 70.

The mean score of the students' sentence writing achievement had improved compared with the previous score from 67.40 to 76.46. Moreover, the percentage of the students who were actively involved in the teaching and learning process by using pictures in this cycle improved from 50% in before being given the action to 73% in the first and 77% second meeting. In conclusion, the action was stopped because the first cycle had achieved the target minimum requirement and the limitation of the time from the school. It means that the action of teaching writing through pictures could improve the students' sentence writing achievement.