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"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is
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SUMMARY

This research is a classroom action research that was conducted collaboratively by the researcher with the English teacher. It used STAD technique to improve the VIIIF grade students' reading comprehension achievement at SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul in the 2013/2014 academic year.

This research was begun by conducting an informal interview as the preliminary study with the English teacher of the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul. It was revealed that the eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul, especially VIIIF grade, it was known that the students in the VIIIF class still got difficulties to comprehend the text. The teacher stated that only 32.43% of students could reach the standard score of *Standar Kompetensi Minimum* (SKM) of 75. It means that the students' reading comprehension achievement was still low. In addition, he said that the students had less vocabulary. They rarely used English in their daily lives. Therefore, they need a model of teaching learning process that can increase students' participation and interaction to study English, especially for reading comprehension.

To overcome the problems above, applying an appropriate technique in teaching reading became important. The teaching technique that was used in this research was Student Teams-Achievement Divisions (STAD). It was used because STAD technique is one of cooperative learning types that could help the students to improve their active participation and achievement.

The data in this research were collected by administering reading comprehension achievement test after the actions and by having observation in the class in each cycle during the implementation of the action. The research design was Classroom Action Research (CAR) with cycle model. Each cycle consisted of four stages of activity: the planning of the action, the implementation of the action, observation and evaluation, and data analysis and reflection of the action.

This research was conducted at SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul. The eighth grade students of SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul, especially VIIIF class in the 2013/2014 academic year, were the research subjects of this research. Based on the results of the data analysis and discussion, it could be concluded that teaching reading by using STAD technique in two cycles was able to improve the eighth grade students' reading comprehension achievement at SMP Negeri 3 Tanggul in the 2013/2014 academic year. The improvement was from 62.16% in cycle 1 to 78.37% of students who got score of 75 or higher in cycle 2.

It also showed that the STAD technique was applicable to the eighth grade students in improving the students' active participation. It was supported by the improvement of the results of observation that was from 72.97% in Cycle 1 to 86.48% of the students who actively participated in the teaching learning process of reading comprehension in cycle 2.

Finally, the result findings in Cycle 2 indicated that STAD technique could improve the students' reading comprehension achievement and their active participation. Therefore, the English teacher is suggested to use the STAD technique as an alternative technique in teaching the reading skill.

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