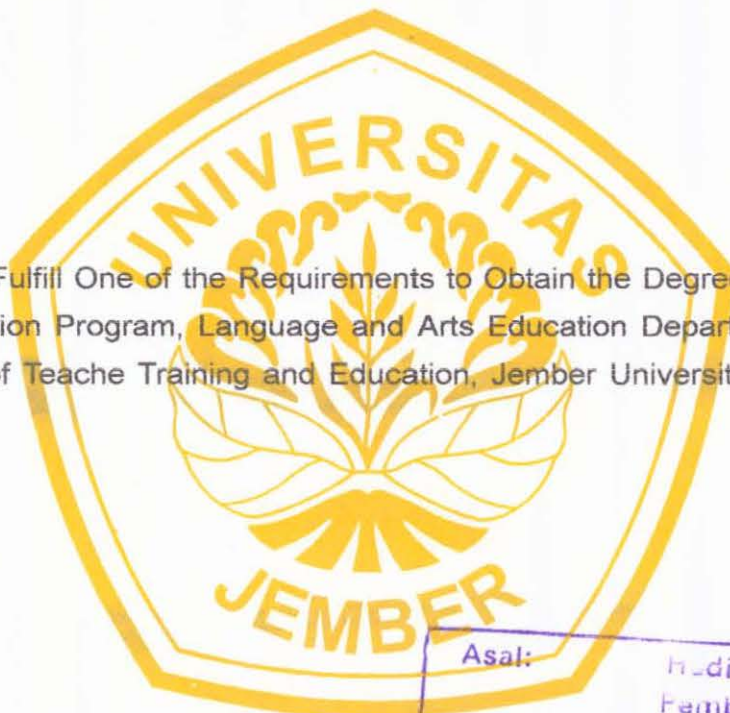




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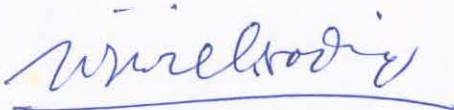
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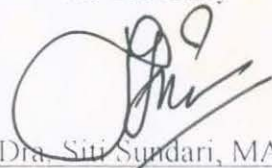
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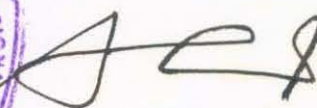


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ABSTRACT

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Character is one of the elements in the short story, and comprehending short story can be done through analyzing it. In relation to the idea above, the objective of this research was intended to describe the students' ability in comprehending short story from the characters. There were three kinds of data collecting methods used: test, interview and documentation. The research design was descriptive qualitative study. The respondent was determination population method. The number of the respondents was 24 students of the third year of the language program of SMU Muhammadiyah 3 Jember in the 2003/2004 Academic Year. The results of the data analysis demonstrated that 5 % of the students' ability in comprehending short stories from the characters' revelation was classified as excellent. 13,3% of that was classified as good, 24,17% of that was classified as fair, 37,5% of that was classified as fair and 20% of that was classified as poor. Thus, it is suggested that the teacher must give more short stories to the students in order to improve their' ability in comprehending short stories from the character revelation.

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