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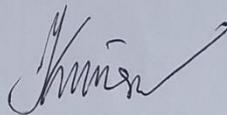
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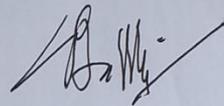
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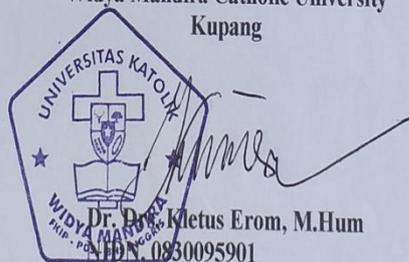
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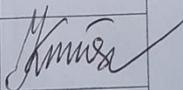
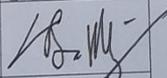
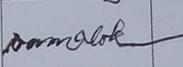
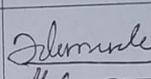
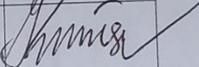
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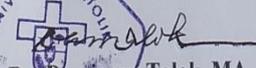


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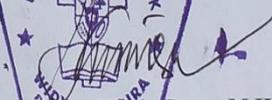
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ABSTRACT

A STUDY ON THE READING COMPREHENSION ABILITY OF THE TENTH GRADE STUDENTS OF SMAN 5 KUPANG IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2018/2019

This study is entitled “**A Study on the Reading Comprehension Ability of the Tenth Grade Students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao in the School Year 2018/2019**”. The study was conducted to answer the following questions, (1) Are the tenth grade students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao able to understand the text they have read? (2) What is the ability level of the tenth grade students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao in understanding the text they have read? The objective of the study are (1) to find out whether or not the tenth grade students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao comprehend the reading text. (2) to find out the ability level of the tenth grade students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao in comprehending the reading text. To answer the questions mentioned above the writer used the descriptive qualitative method. The aim of this method is to give or explain the data obtained when this research was conducted. The subject of this study was the tenth grade students of SMAS Taruna Mandiri Fatubenao. In this study the writer chose one class of the tenth grade students as the subject of the study namely class X science based on the recommendation from the teacher of English. The total number of the students are 26 and all the students were present in the class. In collecting the data the writer used “test” as the instrument. It consisted of 2 reading texts (1) “A National Historical Landmark”, (2) “A Woman and the Wolves”. The result of the study shows that (a) the tenth grade students were able to comprehend the text they read. (b) their ability level is “average” with a total score of 56,7% or 5,67 as the grade. Based on the result analysis the writer would like to offer some suggestions: (1) for the English teacher, in order to improve the student’s ability in reading comprehension, the English teacher should give more explanation about English reading text and they also should help them to master on vocabulary that can help them comprehend the reading text. (2) for the students, the writer suggests that they should practice English reading text. They should have English – English and English – Indonesia dictionaries to look up the difficult words they find in reading any text.

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