

THE STUDENTS' DIFFICULTIES IN DECIDING MAIN IDEA ON DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

ABSTRACT

The objectives of research are to find out students' difficulties in deciding main idea of descriptive text. The researcher used descriptive qualitative. Subject of this research students at the second grade of MAN 2 Langsa in class XI IPA ¹. The data used observation and interview to find out students difficulties in deciding main idea. The results of study based on the interview and observation show that there are six problems faced by the students in finding the main idea, that are : 1). students lack of interest, 2). lack of vocabulary knowledge, 3). had problem in identifying the main idea of the passage with very long sentence, 4). students poor reading strategy, 5). students had problem in sentence pattern (grammatical confusion), 6). there were students ignorance of paragraph components. And the results of students perception toward a reading test are that according to them, reading test is a difficult task. Based on the interview the researcher found that student have difficulties in deciding main idea on descriptive text.

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