

ABSTRACT

Bora, M. S. (2023). Improving Storytelling Technique with Picture to Improve Speaking Ability of the Eight Grade Students of SMPN 4 Sukawati in Academic Year 2022/2023. The First Advisor: Luh Ketut Sri Widhiasih, S.Pd., M.Pd. and The Second Advisor: I Gusti Agung Putri Wirastuti, S.S., M.Hum.

Speaking is one of the most important skills in English language that should be mastered by students. In fact, speaking is the hardest skill for some students because it is a productive skill. Based on the observation it showed that students in VIII G class at SMPN 4 Sukawati in academic year 2022/2023 had problems in Speaking ability especially students were afraid to make mistakes in speaking English and they are not usually able to speak English as their second language the lack of vocabulary makes the students difficult to express their feelings, opinions, and in delivering messages or communication. Moreover, the objective of this study is to find out whether speaking ability can be improved through storytelling techniques combined with pictures of the eight-grade students in SMPN 4 Sukawati in academic year 2022/2023. Based on the problem, the researcher decided to conduct classroom action research which was done in two cycles to achieve the objective of this study. There are two kinds of research instruments such as; tests and questionnaires, which are used to collect the required data. The data were analyzed by comparing the results of the pre-test and post-tests. The result of the analysis showed there were significant improvements of the subjects from the pre-test to post-tests. The questionnaire was used to support data at the end of the study. In addition, the results of the questionnaire data showed positive responses from the subjects on the implementation of storytelling techniques. Based on the results of the research instruments data, it to be summarized that speaking ability can be improved through storytelling techniques combined with pictures of the grade students in SMPN 4 Sukawati in academic year 2022/2023.

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