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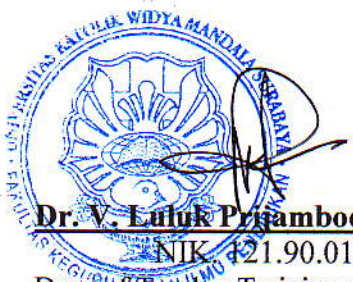


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Abstract

Reading is a skill which can help young learners gain information as much as possible. It is important to arouse their interests in reading because reading has a lot of benefits. There are three main reasons why the mastery of this ability will help young learners empower themselves maximally. The first reason is that reading fulfills our mind and soul. The second, reading is such a relaxing activity which also bridges young learners to reach out the world beyond them. The last but not least, reading sharpens our thinking process.

Considering the above mentioned importance of reading activity, it is fruitful to introduce the young learners to the activity. Young learners get bored easily; therefore the approach has to be interesting so that they can be more than attracted but immersed in the activity. One simple yet attractive way to familiarize the young learners with the reading habit is to create responses after they read. Meanwhile what they read has to be interesting. In this study, the writer chooses story books, and the writer would like to share his ideas and experiences about the influence of writing reading response on young learners' interest in reading. For this purpose, the writer observed his own private student, a young learner of English. The writer took six reading responses of her writing activities over a course of five months, and the writer found a very interesting fact that his own private student improved her writing skill tremendously, progressing from writing with lacks of details to write with ample details.

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