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ABSTRACT

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When the teacher is teaching English, he/she usually deals with vocabulary. Vocabulary is one of language elements that has a high influence in mastering the language skills such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking. However, the students get bored easily in learning vocabulary because most of the teachers still using the old method.

Considering the problem above, the writer conducted a study on the effect of Total Physical Response method with pictures and Translation method on the vocabulary achievement of second grade students of elementary school. The objective of this study is to find out which methods affect the students' vocabulary achievement better.

In this study, the writer used two classes of the second grade students of Santo Yusup Elementary School Sidoarjo, belonging to the school year of 2006-2007 as the subject of the study. The writer also developed a research instrument which contains 30 items. After three meetings of treatment, the writer administered a posttest to both classes.

Having collected the data, the writer counted the mean of posttest scores. She found out that the mean of posttest scores of experimental group was 78,43 and the control group was 59,06. After that, the writer analyzed the mean of gain scores using t-test for independent samples. The writer found out that the mean of gain scores of experimental group was 24,46 and the control group was 18,96. Despite the better mean of vocabulary achievement of the experimental group, statistically the mean of gain scores was not significantly different. It means that there is no significant difference between the vocabulary achievement of the second grade of elementary school students who are taught vocabulary using Total Physical Response method with pictures and those taught using Translation method.