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Abstract

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Reading plays an important role in learning a language because it needs students to know and understand what they are reading.

This paper is to investigate if there is a strong correlation between vocabulary size and the students' ability to comprehend reading passages and to know the vocabulary size owned by senior high school students in a private school in Surabaya. Knowing the amount of words the students have will help the teacher to predict their ability in understanding reading passages in the foreign language.

The instrument used in this study is Nation's Vocabulary Level Test (level 3000) and the participants were senior high school students in a private school in Surabaya.

The result reveals that there is a positive and strong correlation between vocabulary size owned by students and their ability in understanding reading comprehension.