

ABSTRACT

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This study was concerned with improving students' achievement in finding topic sentence in a paragraph of descriptive text through pre-teaching vocabulary. The study was conducted by applying Classroom Action Research. The subject of this study were Grade XI of private SMA SWASTA KRAKATAU MEDAN, consisting of 32 students. The study was conducted in two cycles and each cycle consisted of three meetings. The instrument of data collection consisted of qualitative and quantitative data. The quantitative data were taken from students' reading test and the qualitative data were taken from diary notes, interview, and observation. The results show the improvement of the students' score from the orientation test II and III. The mean of the students' score (cycle II) was 74.53. Based on the observation sheet, it was found that the teaching-learning process ran well. The new active and enthusiastic in reading. In line with the data, it was found that Pre-Teaching Strategy improve students' achievement in finding topic sentence in a paragraph of descriptive text

