

## ABSTRACT

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This study concerns on improving the students' achievements in writing descriptive text by using cue cards media. The underlying objective of this study is to investigate whether teaching descriptive by using cue cards media potentially improves students' skill. The research was conducted by using Classroom Action Research (CAR). The population was the 2012-2013 eight grade students of SMP Negeri 1 Padang Bolak. The number of students was 36, consisting of females and males. The procedure of the research was administrated into two cycles where each cycle consisted of three meetings. Each meeting included four steps namely: planning, action, observation, and reflection. There were two kinds of data collected during the study, qualitative and quantitative data. The instrument for collecting the quantitative data was the writing of descriptive test while the qualitative data were gathered by using, diary notes and observation sheet. Based on the data analysis, the mean of students' score in Test I was **52.22**; for the Test II was **64.44**, and for the Test III was **75.55**. The qualitative data showed that the students were interested in the using of Cue Card media. The conclusion is that the using of Cue Card media in writing Descriptive text improves the students' achievement in writing descriptive.

