

## ABSTRACT

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This study aims to design English reading materials needed for students in SMP Nur-Fadhila Medan and develop English reading materials for students in SMP Nur-Fadhila Medan. The research was conducted by Research and Development (R & D) design through six phases; gathering information and data, analyzing data, designing new materials, validating by experts, revising, and final product. It was conducted in SMP Nur-Fadhila Medan, especially grade VIII. The data were gathered by administering interview and distributing questionnaire to 21 respondents to get the students' needs. The interview and questionnaire results prove that the students need English reading materials which contain the appropriate knowledge or topic with the syllabus and students' level. Thus, developing materials are descriptive text. The descriptive text expose the text about environment which is adjacent with students' life. The products have been validated by experts. The average scores are 4,68 from English subject teacher and 4 English lecturer. It means the developing materials categorized as relevant or appropriate for students in SMP Swasta Nur-Fadhila Medan grade VIII.

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