

ABSTRACT

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This study is concerned with developed reading text materials for vocational school. This study was conducted by using Research and Development (R & D) design through seven phases; analyzing the existing syllabus, existing reading materials, and students' needs to identify problems, reviewing the theory of principle of effective reading materials, developing the reading materials, making the first draft, revising the new reading materials as suggested by experts, providing the final draft, and validating new reading materials to the experts.

The subject of this research was students in grade XI of agricultural department in SMK N PP 1 Kualuh Selatan. Instruments for collecting data were questionnaire and interview. After analyzing the data, the researcher got the students' need in learning English in term of vocation that they have. The data were gathered by administering interview and distributing questionnaire to 37 respondents to get the students' needs. The interview and questionnaire results prove that the students need English reading materials which contained English for agricultural major. The developed teaching materials were related to the vocation that the students had. The products have been validated by experts. The average scores are 4.25 from English teacher and 4 English lecturer. It means the developing materials are categorized as relevant or appropriate for students of agricultural department in grade XI.

Key words: *reading materials, agricultural, vocational school.*