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ABSTRACT

Dewi, Purnama RS. 2014. *The Correlation between Reading Attitude and Frequency of Reading at 9th Grade in SMP Islamic QON Gresik*. Thesis, English Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education University of Muhammadiyah Gresik. Advisor: (I) Dr. Khoirul Anwar, M. Pd., (II) Slamet As'ari, M. Pd.

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Reading attitude is how a student feels about reading and what type of reaction he or she has to read. Students with a positive attitude feel that reading is pleasurable, while students with a negative attitude do not. Attitudes influence a student's desire to read. Positive and negative attitude toward their reading measured by amount of books with no regard for the length of the books or the actual amount of time spent to read.

From that reason, the writer wants to prove whether there is really positive correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading at junior high school. Therefore the writer is interested in finding out the correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading.

This study was aimed to find out the correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading. The writer chooses the students of SMP Islamic QON Manyar, Gresik at IX grade and the writer uses questionnaire as an instrument.

The research finding showed that: (1) the statistical analysis of reading attitude and frequency of reading showed that the p -value is 0,000. The significant level is smaller than 0,05 it means the null hypothesis (H_0) can be rejected. Based on the result, it could be concluded that there was significant correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading. (2) There is positive correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading. It can be seen from the r -value (Spearman Correlation) that is +0,630. It means the correlation in a positive direction that was variable X and variable Y were straight line, if the value of variable X was higher, variable Y will get higher value as well. (3) Based on the data result, there were high correlation between reading attitude and frequency of reading. It was showed from the r -value +0,630 > +0,600.

The writer also concludes that most students are still weak not only in their reading attitude, but also time to waste in reading, for example they read indolently, especially reading academic book and also they waste a little time to read every day.

For suggestion, reading is one of the important things to increase our knowledge. So, if we want to develop our knowledge, we should increase reading activity. For the explanation above, we know that reading attitude and frequency of reading has relationship each other. If the learner did not have a good reading attitude, of course they would get a poor or low score in learning process. Furthermore, the learners did not have knowledge enough if they still bad in reading attitude.

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