**THE USE OF MURDER STRATEGY TO INCREASE READING COMPREHENSION OF THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AT SMPN 27 MAKASSAR**

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**A THESIS**

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**ABSTRACT**

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The objective of this research was to find out whether or not the use of M.U.R.D.E.R Strategy can increase the students’ reading comprehension of the eighth grade students at SMPN 27 Makassar. In order to achieve the objective of this research, researcher applied a pre-experimental design with one class experimental was used. The population of this research was the eighth grade students at SMPN 27 Makassar in academic year 2016/2017 that consisted of 270 students. The researcher used cluster random sampling technique, with one class taken as the sample, the sample was class 8.3 which consisted of 27 students. The experimental class was taught by using M.U.R.D.E.R strategy. The data were colleted using multiple choice and analyzed using SPPS. The result of the pre-test and post-test showed that there was a significant improvement. It was proven by the students’ experimental post-test mean score of (80.92) was higher than their pre-test mean score of (65.40). In addtion, the t-test value of post-test was 0.00 which was smaller than ( α ) = 0.05. Therefore it concluded that using M.U.R.D.E.R was effective in increase the reading comprehension of eighth grade students at SMPN 27 Makassar.

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