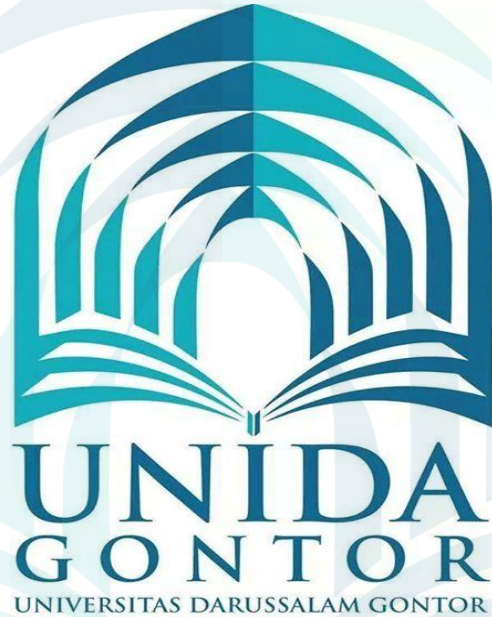


**AN ANALYSIS OF STUDENTS DIFFICULTIES IN  
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## ABSTRAK

### ANALISIS KESULITAN SISWA DALAM MEMBACA TEKS BAHASA INGGRIS DI KELAS 8U MTS MA'ARIF MUNGUNG PONOROGO

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Kemampuan membaca dalam bahasa Inggris merupakan keterampilan esensial yang harus dikuasai oleh siswa dalam pembelajaran bahasa. Namun, dalam praktiknya, banyak siswa menghadapi berbagai kesulitan dalam memahami teks bahasa Inggris. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis jenis-jenis kesulitan yang dialami oleh siswa kelas 8U MTs Ma'arif Munggung Ponorogo dalam membaca teks bahasa Inggris serta faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhinya. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif dengan partisipan sebanyak 10 dari 25 siswa. Selain itu, kelas 8U dipilih karena ketersediaan dan kesiapan siswa dalam mengikuti kegiatan penelitian dan Kelas ini juga menjadi representasi dari harapan pencapaian akademik sekolah di wilayah pedesaan. Teknik pengumpulan data berupa observasi, wawancara, dan dokumentasi.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa jenis kesulitan utama yang dihadapi siswa meliputi kelancaran membaca, kesulitan decoding, pemahaman kosakata, penentuan ide pokok bacaan, kesulitan budaya. Selain itu, faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi kesulitan siswa dalam membaca teks bahasa Inggris meliputi faktor psikologis, faktor kognitif, faktor linguistik, faktor sosial. Dengan memahami kendala-kendala tersebut, diharapkan guru dapat menerapkan strategi pembelajaran yang lebih efektif, seperti penggunaan media pembelajaran yang menarik, penerapan teknik membaca yang sesuai, serta peningkatan latihan membaca yang berkelanjutan. Hal ini bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan membaca siswa dalam memahami teks bahasa Inggris secara lebih optimal terutama di daerah pedesaan.

**Kata kunci:** *Membaca, Teks, Kesulitan Siswa.*

## ABSTRACT

### AN ANALYSIS OF STUDENT DIFFICULTIES IN READING ENGLISH TEXT IN CLASS 8U MTS MA'ARIF MUNGUNG PONOROGO

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Reading ability in English is an essential skill that students must master in language learning. However, in practice, many students face various difficulties in understanding English texts. This study aims to analyse the types of difficulties experienced by students of class 8U of MTs Ma'arif Munggung Ponorogo in reading English texts as well as the factors that influence them. This study used descriptive qualitative method with participants as many as 10 out of 25 students. In addition, class 8U was chosen due to the availability and readiness of students in participating in research activities and this class is also a representation of the school's academic achievement expectations in rural areas. Data collection techniques were observation, interview, and documentation.

The results show that the main types of difficulties faced by students include reading fluency, decoding difficulties, vocabulary comprehension, determining the main idea of reading, cultural difficulties. In addition, the factors that influence students' difficulties in reading English texts include psychological factors, cognitive factors, linguistic factors, social factors. By understanding these obstacles, it is hoped that teachers can implement more effective learning strategies, such as the use of interesting learning media, the application of appropriate reading techniques, and the continuous improvement of reading practice. This aims to improve students' reading ability in understanding English texts more optimally, especially in rural areas.

**Keywords:** *Reading, Text, Student Difficulties.*

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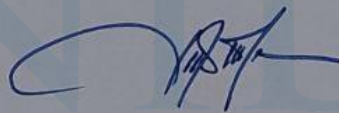
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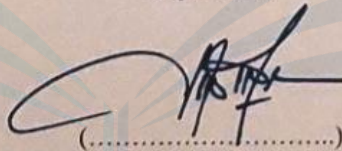
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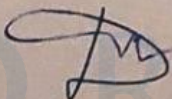
  
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*“verily, with every difficulty there is relief”*

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