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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out with the aim to investigate the effects of Mnemonic techniques namely, using pictures, semantic mapping and making-up stories on the vocabulary retention of grade 6 students. The researcher conducted the study in 7 weeks with the participation of 40 students of grade 6. They have been learning English since grade 3, but many of them had difficulty in memorizing vocabulary. The data of the study was gathered through qualitative and quantitative methods. The qualitative data was collected by analyzing result of students' questionnaire and the class observation. Quantitative data was obtained from the students' scores of pretest and posttest. After intervention with Mnemonic techniques, the result of the posttest was remarkably higher than that of the pretest. This indicated that most of students improved their vocabulary retention. Besides, the questionnaire given after the posttest showed that a large number of students appreciated the effectiveness of using Mnemonic techniques and had positive attitude toward learning vocabulary. Finally, further some implications, limitations and suggestions for further studies were included in this study.

Key words: Mnemonic techniques, vocabulary retention

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

MT: Mnemonic techniques

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