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In learning English we must master some skill namely reading, speaking, listening and writing. In Indonesian students commonly start to learn English at the elementary school, junior high school and senior high school. The teacher must be creative and should do many ways to teach. For example, by using tehniqe in teaching learning. The researcher hopes that the technique is able to make teaching learning activity interesting and enjoyable. So, the students' problem can be avoided.

Reading is one of the important skills in English and it gives many benefits for us. To master reading, students need to have reading desire and must try to read something intensively and continually. In teaching reading, we can use technique to improve students' reading ability. The technique is Numbered Heads Together. Numbered Heads Together is a simple four-step stucture. Its main strength is in building mastery. This technique could make students enjoyable in class. The statement of problem of this research are "how is the implementation of the numbered head together to improve students' reading skill at eighth grade of SMP Muhammadiyah 1 Ponorogo in academic year of 2013/2014?". The purpose of this research is to improve students' reading skill by using numbered heads together at eighth grade of SMP Muhammadiyah 1 Ponorogo in academic year of 2013/2014.

The research was done in SMP 1 Muhammadiyah Ponorogo started on 8th January 2014 until 17th January 2014. The subject of this research was class VIII.A consisted of 19 students.

By using action research methodology, the researcher applied the technique for student of class VIII.A The research was done in two cycles. The researcher used three research instruments. There were observation, questionnaire and test.

The result of observation and questionnaire in cycle 1 could be concluded that the students were confused and not interesting. But, in cycle 2 the students were in good response. They looked so enthusiast, joyful and interested when teaching learning process used the technique. Besides, on test of first cycle, the students obtained an average score 69.89. The mean was lower than the target learning mastery. But, after the researcher made improvements in the second cycle, the score increased to average value of 85.68. It could be concluded, that the teaching writing by using Think, Pair and Share technique can improve students' writing skill especially in Recount text.

Therefore, teacher should use variation teaching method, strategy, and technique in order to improve students' English skill and the students will become interest in English lesson.

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"God has given everything you need to be successful."

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