ABSTRACT

This paper discusses teaching vocabulary for mentally retarded children at SLBK Sang Timur. It aims to help the students learn English Vocabulary easily and interestingly and to give new ideas for vocabulary teaching. The topic of vocabulary taught this research are animals and money taken from their curriculum.

The respondents of the research are seven students whose age is between 16 to 18 years old. The teaching of English vocabulary to the students uses realia technique and repetition. In order to know the students' progress in understanding the material, some quizzes and a final test (EHB) are conducted in the classroom. The research shows that mentally retarded have short term memory. Students make a good progress in their vocabulary learning.