

ABSTRACT

English teachers for SMA complain that their students are not interested in the reading class. There are some factors that can cause students' lack of reading interest. In this paper there would be a discussion on the factors that can cause students' lack of reading interest. They are: the instructional activities, the teacher's role, the materials and the students' interest on reading. From the psychological aspect, there would be a discussion on motivation, since it can also determine the success of the language learning especially in the reading class.

By knowing those factors above, we can find a way to solve the problem of the lack of reading interest among SMA students. The students are not interested in the reading class because they are not interested in the topics of the reading materials available in the English textbooks.

Sma students are teen-agers, they like relaxation and pleasure very much. We can find reading materials which can motivate the students' interest and also give pleasure and relaxation. The writer suggests simple funny stories for the reading materials, so the students will have reading for enjoyment. It is hoped that the students will enjoy the reading class and will also be motivated to attend the reading class since they still have to achieve the objective of the reading class, that is comprehensive reading.