

CHAPTER IV

RESEARCH FINDING AND DISCUSSION

A. Research Finding

In this chapter, the researcher presents the data obtained from the research conducted with seventh-grade students at SMPN 10 Kota Serang. The sample was divided into two groups: the control class, comprising 30 students from class 7A, and the experimental class, consisting of 30 students from class 7B.

To assess the impact of the TPRC strategy on reading descriptive text, the researcher examined several key results, including the students' scores before treatment, their scores after treatment, and the differences in pre-test and post-test scores between students taught using the TPRC strategy.

Data was collected by administering tests to both the experimental and control classes after implementing different teaching treatments. Initially, students exhibited challenges in reading comprehension in various tests before the introduction of the TPCR Strategy. They faced difficulties in comprehending the content of the text, resulting in poor reading comprehension. However, following the implementation of TPRC Teaching Strategies, students demonstrated improved achievements, as evidenced by the results of the pre-test and post-test assessments.

After finished the field research, the researcher describes the result of pre-test and of the students in experimental class in the table below:

Table 4.1
Students' score of Pre-test on Experimental class

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
1	AZS	28	27	55
2	AF	26	25	51
3	AS	34	20	54
4	AC	30	15	45
5	AM	12	30	42
6	ANP	24	40	64
7	ANF	18	30	48
8	BAL	26	55	81
9	D	26	39	65
10	ENR	30	25	55
11	FRH	20	40	60
12	FS	34	45	79
13	HM	30	49	79
14	JSF	34	40	74
15	KR	14	34	48
16	MWS	30	24	54
17	MA	34	45	79
18	MK	28	47	75

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
19	MAR	22	25	47
20	MFM	20	20	40
21	MTPA	22	25	47
22	NF	16	52	68
23	NN	32	44	76
24	NR	26	36	62
25	PNA	32	33	65
26	RA	20	30	50
27	RM	28	29	57
28	R	16	20	36
29	SKPK	14	40	54
30	SA	20	33	53
ΣX				1763
Mx				58,8

Determine mean score pre-test and post-test of Experimental class. The researcher follows the formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Pre-test} \\
 Mx &= \frac{\Sigma x}{Nx} \\
 Mx &= \frac{\Sigma 1763}{30} \\
 &= \mathbf{58,8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Notes:

Σx = Sum of deviation score in experimental class

M_x = Mean score of Pre-test the experimental class

N_x = Number of students of experimental class

The table above illustrates the pre-test and post-test scores in the experimental class for reading comprehension on descriptive text. In the pre-test, scores ranged from a minimum of 36 to a maximum of 81, with an average score of 58.8.

Table 4.2
Students' score of Post-test on Experimental class

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
1	AZS	14	58	72
2	AF	26	50	76
3	AS	18	60	78
4	AC	26	49	75
5	AM	22	60	82
6	ANP	24	55	79
7	ANF	22	59	81
8	BAL	34	59	93
9	D	24	55	79

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
10	ENR	30	45	75
11	FRH	30	47	77
12	FS	36	58	94
13	HM	32	60	92
14	JSF	32	55	87
15	KR	28	55	83
16	MWS	20	55	75
17	MA	30	55	85
18	MK	28	59	87
19	MAR	14	59	73
20	MFM	24	60	84
21	MTPA	28	60	88
22	NF	22	60	82
23	NN	24	60	84
24	NR	24	55	79
25	PNA	28	50	78
26	RA	26	50	76
27	RM	22	60	82
28	R	16	60	76
29	SKPK	28	36	64

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
30	SA	18	42	60
ΣX				2396
Mx				79,9

Determine mean score pre-test and post-test of Experimental class. The researcher follows the formula:

Post-test

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma x}{Nx}$$

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma 2396}{30}$$

$$= 79,9$$

Notes:

Σx = Sum of deviation score in experimental class

Mx = Mean score of Post-test the experimental class

Nx = Number of students of experimental class

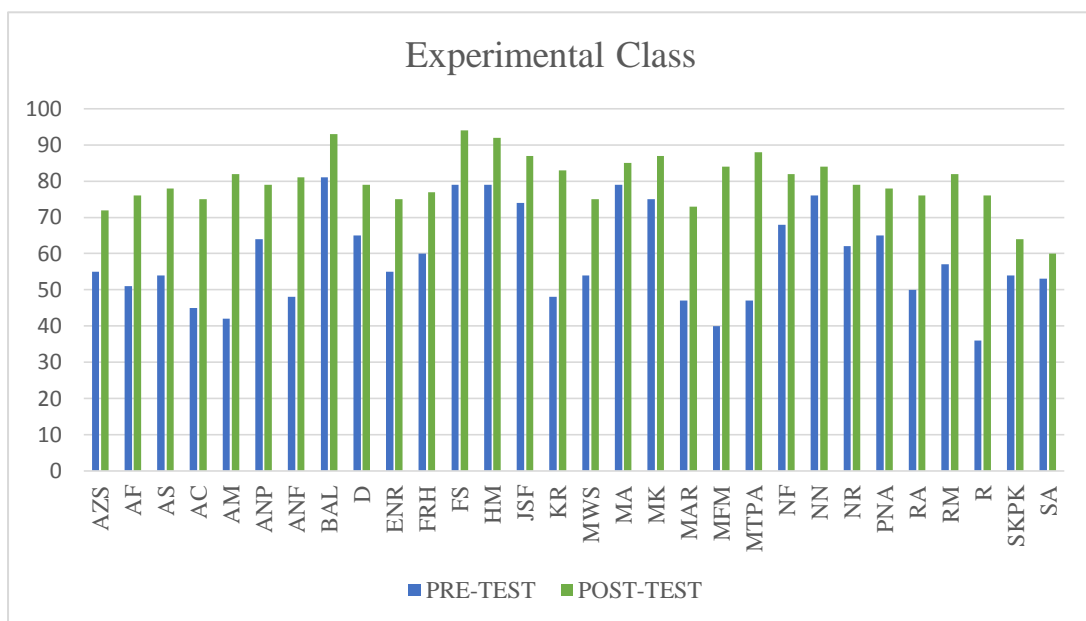
In the post-test, the scores ranged from a minimum of 60 to a maximum of 94, with an average score of 79.9. The test results indicate that the post-test scores were higher after implementing the Think, Predict, Read, Connect (TPRC) strategies for reading comprehension.

Upon calculating the pre-test and post-test scores from the assessment in the experimental class, it is evident that the experimental group exhibited significant improvement after receiving the treatment. The average score in the post-test (79.9) surpassed the pre-test average (58.8). These results indicate that the application of the TPRC strategy was successful in enhancing students' reading comprehension in descriptive text.

The researcher illustrates the improvement in students' scores from the pre-test to the post-test in the experimental class through the following graph:

Graphic 4.1

The score of pre-test and post-test in Experimental Class



After calculating the score from the Experimental class, then the researcher created assistant table to calculate mean score and standard deviation in the table as follows:

Table 4.3
Assistants Table to Find out Standard Deviation of
Experimental class

Responden	X	F	FX	x	x²	Fx²
1	60	1	60	-19,9	396,01	396,01
2	64	1	64	-15,9	252,81	252,81
3	72	1	72	-7,9	62,41	62,41
4	73	1	73	-6,9	47,61	47,61
5	75	3	225	-4,9	24,01	72,03
6	76	3	228	-3,9	15,21	45,63
7	77	1	77	-2,9	8,41	8,41
8	78	2	156	-1,9	3,61	7,22
9	79	3	237	-0,9	0,81	2,43
10	81	1	81	1,1	1,21	1,21
11	82	3	246	2,1	4,41	13,23
12	83	1	83	3,1	9,61	9,61
13	84	2	168	4,1	16,81	33,62
14	85	1	85	5,1	26,01	26,01

Responden	X	F	FX	x	x²	Fx²
15	87	2	174	7,1	50,41	100,82
16	88	1	88	8,1	65,61	65,61
17	92	1	92	12,1	146,41	146,41
18	93	1	93	13,1	171,61	171,61
19	94	1	94	14,1	198,81	198,81
	Σ	<u>30</u>	<u>2396</u>			<u>1661,5</u>
		<u>Mean</u> <u>/x̄</u>	<u>79,9</u>			

To determine the Standard deviation (σ) score of Experimental class, the researcher use the following formula:

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma FX}{\Sigma F}}$$

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1661,5}{30}}$$

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{55,38} = 7,44$$

Furthermore, the previous data were used to test it Normality by using Lilliefors formula as table follows:

Table 4.4
Normality Test of Experimental class

NO	X	Z	F(Z)	S(Z)	F(Z)-S(Z)
1	72	-1,06	0,1446	0,03	0,1113
2	76	-0,52	0,3015	0,07	0,2348
3	78	-0,26	0,3974	0,1	0,2974
4	75	-0,66	0,2546	0,13	0,1213
5	82	0,28	0,3897	0,17	0,2230
6	79	-0,12	0,4522	0,2	0,2522
7	81	0,15	0,4404	0,23	0,2071
8	93	1,76	0,0392	0,27	-0,2275
9	79	-0,12	0,4522	0,3	0,1522
10	75	-0,66	0,2546	0,33	-0,0787
11	77	-0,39	0,3483	0,37	-0,0184
12	94	1,90	0,0287	0,4	-0,3713
13	92	1,63	0,0516	0,43	-0,3817
14	87	0,95	0,2	0,47	-0,2956
15	83	0,42	0,3372	0,5	-0,1628
16	75	-0,66	0,2546	0,53	-0,2787
17	85	0,69	0,2451	0,57	-0,3216
18	87	0,95	0,2	0,6	-0,4289
19	73	-0,93	0,1762	0,63	-0,4571

NO	X	Z	F(Z)	S(Z)	F(Z)-S(Z)
20	84	0,55	0,2912	0,67	-0,3755
21	88	1,09	0,1379	0,7	-0,5621
22	82	0,28	0,3897	0,73	-0,3436
23	84	0,55	0,2912	0,77	-0,4755
24	79	-0,12	0,4522	0,8	-0,3478
25	78	-0,26	0,3974	0,83	-0,4359
26	76	-0,52	0,3015	0,87	-0,5652
27	82	0,28	0,3897	0,9	-0,5103
28	76	-0,52	0,3015	0,93	-0,6318
29	64	-2,14	0,0162	0,97	-0,9505
30	60	-2,67	0,0038	1	-0,9962

Then, to determine Z score, the researcher used the following formula as follows:

$$Z = \frac{X - \bar{x}}{SD}$$

$$Z = \frac{72 - 79,9}{7,44} = -1,06$$

From the calculations above, it can be concluded that the average score of the experimental class was 79.9, the standard deviation was 7.44, the L count was -0,2787 and L table was 0,161 (see Appendix: critical value L for Lilliefors test). Based on previous data, the researcher compares the value of L count and L

table. The result shows that L_0 score $(-0,2787) < L_t (0,161)$. T means that the data of experimental class has normal distribution and can be employed for research data.

After obtaining data from the experimental class, now researcher process data from the control class, as follow table:

Table 4.5
Students' score of Pre-test on Control class

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
1	AM	6	30	36
2	AHR	20	30	50
3	AMH	20	35	55
4	AN	20	33	53
5	APR	22	37	59
6	ANS	20	25	45
7	BBH	20	40	60
8	DNP	24	27	51
9	D	30	35	65
10	FAR	22	30	52
11	FA	12	30	42
12	GA	24	30	54
13	H	18	33	51

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
14	JP	8	33	41
15	KA	30	40	70
16	MAZ	10	25	35
17	MR	14	32	46
18	MAG	20	30	50
19	MF	14	36	50
20	MS	12	40	52
21	NA	34	40	74
22	N	22	40	62
23	RKH	10	38	48
24	RBA	28	40	68
25	RSR	28	44	72
26	RI	20	25	45
27	R	20	35	55
28	SPS	20	25	45
29	SG	20	30	50
30	SM	18	30	48
ΣX				1584
M_x				52,8

Determine mean score pre-test and post-test of Control class. The researcher follows the formula:

Pre-test

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma x}{Nx}$$

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma 1793}{30}$$

$$= 52,8$$

The table above presents the pre-test and post-test scores in the control class for reading comprehension on descriptive text. In the pre-test, scores ranged from a minimum of 35 to a maximum of 74, with an average score of 52.8.

Table 4.6
Students' score of Post-test on Control class

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
1	AM	20	18	38
2	AHR	24	30	54
3	AMH	18	38	56
4	AN	24	30	54
5	APR	18	38	56
6	ANS	22	30	52
7	BBH	28	35	63

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
8	DNP	26	25	51
9	D	32	35	67
10	FAR	24	34	58
11	FA	12	30	42
12	GA	24	25	49
13	H	30	15	45
14	JP	30	15	45
15	KA	32	49	81
16	MAZ	16	25	41
17	MR	20	32	52
18	MAG	28	25	53
19	MF	32	20	52
20	MS	30	33	63
21	NA	34	45	79
22	N	28	54	82
23	RKH	28	20	48
24	RBA	28	49	77
25	RSR	26	48	74
26	RI	22	24	46

NO	NAME	SCORE MP	SCORE ESSAY	TOTAL SCORE
27	R	26	30	56
28	SPS	28	21	49
29	SG	24	18	42
30	SM	24	20	44
ΣX				1669
Mx				55,6

Determine mean score pre-test and post-test of Control class. The researcher follows the formula:

Post-test

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma x}{Nx}$$

$$Mx = \frac{\Sigma 1895}{30}$$

$$= 55,6$$

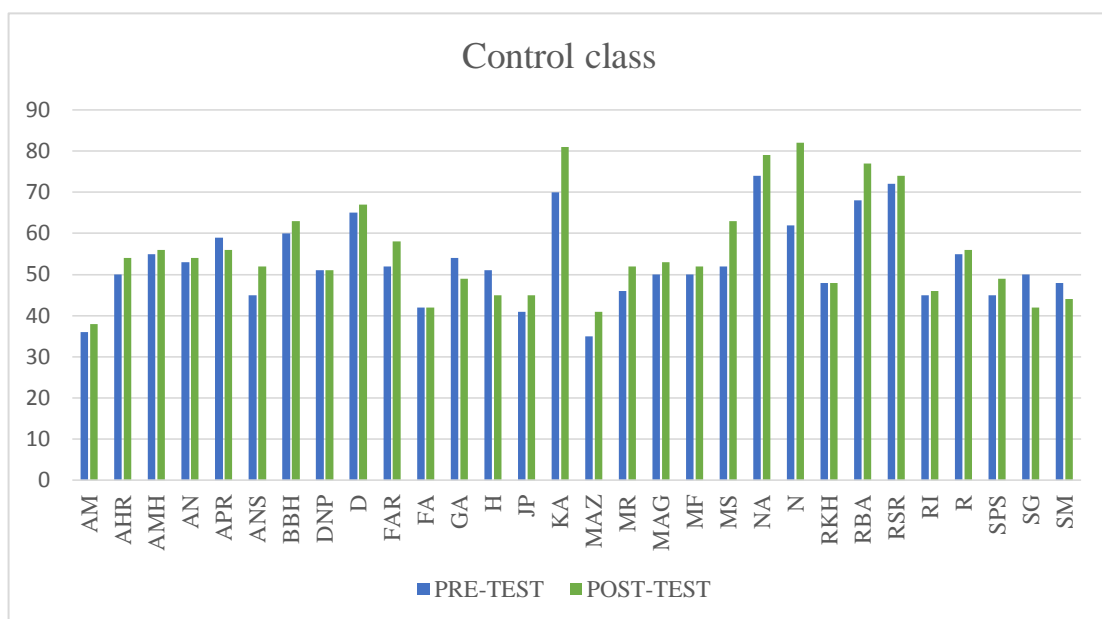
In the post-test, scores in the control class ranged from a minimum of 38 to a maximum of 82, with an average score of 55.6.

The comparison of assessment scores between the control class and the experimental class indicates that the control class did not perform as well as the experimental class. This is evident from the lower average post-test score in the control class

compared to the experimental class ($55.6 < 79.9$). The difference can be attributed to the fact that the control class did not implement the TPRC strategy, which proved effective in enhancing students' reading comprehension in descriptive text in the experimental class.

Graphic 4.2

The score of pre-test and post-test in Control Class



Based on the graph above, it can be seen that the learning outcomes of the control class did not experience a significant increase after receiving treatment. This can be seen from the average pre-test and post-test scores of $52,8 < 55,6$. This class also experienced an increase but was lower than the experimental class.

After calculating the score from the Control class, then the researcher created assistant table to calculate mean score and standard deviation in the table as follows:

Table 4.7
Assistants Table to Find out Standard Deviation of Control
class

Responden	X	F	FX	x	x²	Fx2
1	38	1	38	-17,6	309,76	309,76
2	41	1	41	-14,6	213,16	213,16
3	42	2	84	-13,6	184,96	369,92
4	44	1	44	-11,6	134,56	134,56
5	45	2	90	-10,6	112,36	224,72
6	46	1	46	-9,6	92,16	92,16
7	48	1	48	-7,6	57,76	57,76
8	49	2	98	-6,6	43,56	87,12
9	51	1	51	-4,6	21,16	21,16
10	52	3	156	-3,6	12,96	38,88
11	53	1	53	-2,6	6,76	6,76
12	54	2	108	-1,6	2,56	5,12
13	56	3	168	0,4	0,16	0,48
14	58	1	58	2,4	5,76	5,76
15	63	2	126	7,4	54,76	109,52

Responden	X	F	FX	x	x²	Fx²
16	67	1	67	11,4	129,96	129,96
17	74	1	74	18,4	338,56	338,56
18	77	1	77	21,4	457,96	457,96
19	79	1	79	23,4	547,56	547,56
20	81	1	81	25,4	645,16	645,16
21	82	1	82	26,4	696,96	696,96
	Σ	<u>30</u>	<u>1669</u>			<u>4493</u>
		<u>Mean</u> <u>/x̄</u>	<u>55,6</u>			

To determine the Standard deviation (σ) score of Control Class, the researcher use the following formula:

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma FX}{\Sigma F}}$$

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{4493}{30}}$$

$$SD (\sigma) = \sqrt{149,77} = \mathbf{12,24}$$

Furthermore, the previous data were used to test it Normality by using Lilliefors formula as table follow.

Table 4.8
Normality Test of Control class

NO	X	Z	F(Z)	S(Z)	F(Z)-S(Z)
1	38	-1,44	0,07	0,03	0,0416
2	54	-0,13	0,4483	0,07	0,3816
3	56	0,03	0,488	0,1	0,3880
4	54	-0,13	0,4483	0,13	0,3150
5	56	0,03	0,488	0,17	0,3213
6	52	-0,29	0,3859	0,2	0,1859
7	63	0,60	0,2742	0,23	0,0409
8	51	-0,38	0,352	0,27	0,0853
9	67	0,93	0,1762	0,3	-0,1238
10	58	0,20	0,4207	0,33	0,0874
11	42	-1,11	0,1335	0,37	-0,2332
12	49	-0,54	0,2946	0,4	-0,1054
13	45	-0,87	0,1922	0,43	-0,2411
14	45	-0,87	0,1922	0,47	-0,2745
15	81	2,08	0,0188	0,5	-0,4812
16	41	-1,19	0,117	0,53	-0,4163
17	52	-0,29	0,3859	0,57	-0,1808
18	53	-0,21	0,4168	0,6	-0,1832

NO	X	Z	F(Z)	S(Z)	F(Z)-S(Z)
19	52	-0,29	0,3859	0,63	-0,2474
20	63	0,60	0,2742	0,67	-0,3925
21	79	1,91	0,0281	0,7	-0,6719
22	82	2,16	0,0154	0,73	-0,7179
23	48	-0,62	0,2676	0,77	-0,4991
24	77	1,75	0,0401	0,8	-0,7599
25	74	1,50	0,07	0,83	-0,7665
26	46	-0,78	0,2177	0,87	-0,6490
27	56	0,03	0,488	0,9	-0,4120
28	49	-0,54	0,2946	0,93	-0,6387
29	42	-1,11	0,1335	0,97	-0,8332
30	44	-0,95	0,1711	1	-0,8289

Then, to determine Z score, the researcher used the following formula as follows:

$$Z = \frac{X - \bar{x}}{SD}$$

$$Z = \frac{38 - 55,6}{12,24} = -1,44$$

From the calculations above, it can be concluded that the average score of the experimental class was 55,6, the standard deviation was 12,24, the L count was -0,4163 and L table was 0,161 (see Appendix: critical value L for Lilliefors test). Based on

previous data, the researcher compares the value of L count and L table. The result shows that L_0 score $(-0,4163) < L_t (0,161)$. T means that the data of control group also has normal distribution and can be employed for research data.

1. Determine t-test

Following the collection of data from both pre-test and post-test assessments in the two classes, the researcher proceeded to analyze the data using the t-test formula, as outlined in the accompanying table:

Table 4.9
Score Distribution Frequency of Experimental class and Control Class

NO	SCORE		x_1	x_2	x_1^2	x_2^2
	X_1	X_2	(X_1-M_2)	(X_2-M_2)		
1	72	38	-7,9	-17,6	62,4	309,8
2	76	54	-3,9	-1,6	15,2	2,6
3	78	56	-1,9	0,4	3,6	0,2
4	75	54	-4,9	-1,6	24,0	2,6
5	82	56	2,1	0,4	4,4	0,2
6	79	52	-0,9	-3,6	0,8	13,0
7	81	63	1,1	7,4	1,2	54,8
8	93	51	13,1	-4,6	171,6	21,2
9	79	67	-0,9	11,4	0,8	130,0

NO	SCORE		x_1	x_2	x_1^2	x_2^2
10	75	58	-4,9	2,4	24,0	5,8
11	77	42	-2,9	-13,6	8,4	185,0
12	94	49	14,1	-6,6	198,8	43,6
13	92	45	12,1	-10,6	146,4	112,4
14	87	45	7,1	-10,6	50,4	112,4
15	83	81	3,1	25,4	9,6	645,2
16	75	41	-4,9	-14,6	24,0	213,2
17	85	52	5,1	-3,6	26,0	13,0
18	87	53	7,1	-2,6	50,4	6,8
19	73	52	-6,9	-3,6	47,6	13,0
20	84	63	4,1	7,4	16,8	54,8
21	88	79	8,1	23,4	65,6	547,6
22	82	82	2,1	26,4	4,4	697,0
23	84	48	4,1	-7,6	16,8	57,8
24	79	77	-0,9	21,4	0,8	458,0
25	78	74	-1,9	18,4	3,6	338,6
26	76	46	-3,9	-9,6	15,2	92,2
27	82	56	2,1	0,4	4,4	0,2
28	76	49	-3,9	-6,6	15,2	43,6
29	64	42	-15,9	-13,6	252,8	185,0

NO	SCORE		x_1	x_2	x_1^2	x_2^2
30	60	44	-19,9	-11,6	396,0	134,6
<u>Σ</u>	<u>2396</u>	<u>1669</u>	<u>-1,00</u>	<u>1,00</u>	<u>1661,5</u>	<u>4493,0</u>

Using the data from the preceding table, the researcher gathered values such as $\Sigma X_1 = 2396$, $\Sigma X_2 = 1669$, $\Sigma x_1^2 = 1661.5$, and $\Sigma x_2^2 = 4493.0$. Additionally, a comparison of post-test results from both classes was conducted by applying the t-test formula as outlined below:

$$t = \frac{M_1 - M_2}{\sqrt{\left\{ \frac{\Sigma x_1^2 + \Sigma x_2^2}{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{N_1 + N_2}{N_1 \cdot N_2} \right\}}}$$

$$t = \frac{79,9 - 55,6}{\sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1661,5 + 4493,0}{30 + 30 - 2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{30 + 30}{900} \right\}}}$$

$$t = \frac{24,3}{\sqrt{\left\{ \frac{6154,5}{58} \right\} \left\{ \frac{60}{900} \right\}}}$$

$$t = \frac{24,3}{\sqrt{\{106,11\}\{0,66\}}}$$

$$t = \frac{24,3}{\sqrt{70,03}}$$

$$t = \frac{24,3}{8,37}$$

$$t = 2,90$$

2. Degree of Freedom

$$Df = N + N - 2$$

$$= 30 + 30 - 2$$

= 58

Following the t-test analysis, the researcher compared the obtained t-value with the critical t-value at a significance level of 5%, which was 1.61. The result of the t-test indicated that t_o (2.90) $>$ t_t (1.61). In summary, the t-test demonstrated the acceptance of the alternative hypothesis (H_a), while rejecting the null hypothesis (H_0). This signifies a significant influence of utilizing the Think, Predict, Read, Connect strategy on students' reading comprehension in descriptive text among seventh-grade students at SMPN 10 Kota Serang.

Based on the formula t-test above, it can be seen that the value of was 2,90 and for the degree of freedom was 58.

Effect size:

$$r^2 = \frac{t^2}{t^2 + df}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{(2,90)^2}{(2,90)^2 + 58}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{8,41}{8,41 + 58}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{8,41}{66,41}$$

$$r^2 = \mathbf{0,13}$$

The result above show that the effect of using TPRC on reading descriptive text is 13%, it means it is categorized as moderate effects according to Gravetter's criteria:

$r^2 < 0,25$ = large effect

$0,09 < r^2 < 0,25$ = Moderate Effect

$0,01 < r^2 < 0,09$ = Small Effect

B. Discussion

Based on observations in the experimental class, students had a good atmosphere and were more enthusiastic when researchers used the TPRC method by creating small groups. This makes students more eager to learn. Students also easily exchange ideas with their groupmates, thus making their knowledge of the reading text more and more. The impact of the TPRC (Think, Predict, Read, Connect) strategy on students' reading comprehension in a descriptive text. The observations in the experimental class indicate a positive atmosphere and increased enthusiasm among students when the TPRC method is employed through the formation of small groups.¹ This collaborative approach based on Gokhale encourages students to exchange ideas, fostering a deeper understanding of the reading material.²

¹ C. Yan-me, "Experimental Research on Changes of The Group Teaching In The Public Physical Education In University," *Journal of Anyang Normal University*. (2015).

² Anuradha A. Gokhale, "Collaborative Learning Enhances Critical Thinking," *Journal of Technology Education* 7, no. 1 (September 1, 1995): 579–589, <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JTE/v7n1/gokhale.jte-v7n1.html>.

The results of the pre-test and post-test scores in the experimental class indicate that the lowest score in the pre-test was 36, with the highest score being 81. The average pre-test score was 58.8. In the post-test, the lowest score was 60, the highest score was 94, and the average post-test score was 79.9. The calculations regarding the pre-test and post-test scores in the experimental class reveal significant improvement after the implementation of treatment, specifically, learning through the use of the TPRC strategy. This outcome aligns with the findings of a similar study conducted by Solikhah.³ This can be seen from the average value in the post-test which is higher than the pre-test, $79.9 > 58.8$.

In the experimental class, the average pre-test score was 58.8, and the average post-test score was 79.9, reflecting a substantial increase of 21.1 points. Conversely, in the control class, the average pre-test score was 52.8, and the average post-test score was 55.6, indicating a marginal increase of 2.8 points. These results highlight the success of implementing the TPRC strategy in enhancing students' reading comprehension of descriptive text. The effectiveness of Think, Predict, Read, Connect (TPRC) surpassed conventional strategies, as TPRC actively engages students in the process of constructing meaning.

³ Hani Atus Sholikhah and Mar'atul Azizah, "Improving Reading Achievements in Descriptive Text by Using TPRC (Think, Predict, Read and Connect) Strategy," *Southeast Asian Journal of Islamic Education* 1, no. 2 (June 30, 2019): 165–180, <https://journal.iain-samarinda.ac.id/index.php/SAJIE/article/view/1481>.

The researcher sets up two hypotheses to interpret the results: the alternative hypothesis (H_a) suggests a significant influence of the TPRC strategy on students' reading comprehension. This result similar with the research conducted by Rahmah.⁴ while the null hypothesis (H_0) posits no significant influence. The statistical analysis supports the alternative hypothesis, as the calculated value (t_o) is higher than the critical value (t_t), leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis. This implies that the TPRC strategy has a meaningful impact on improving students' reading comprehension in descriptive text.

Based on the data, the value of t_o (2.90) exceeds t_t (1.61), indicating that the alternative hypothesis is accepted, and the null hypothesis is rejected. These results affirm that the implementation of the TPRC strategy has successfully contributed to the improvement of students' reading comprehension in descriptive text.

Think, predict, read, connect (TPRC) is more effective than other strategies because with TPRC, students are being actively engaged in meaning construction. Where with this strategy students will predict an event contained in the text and they also learn how to make a correction, verify the prediction and connect their prediction with the text. This means that students' predictions in the text make them active in reading.

⁴ R. Rahmah, U., Loeneto, B., & Inderawati, "Improving Reading Descriptive Text Achivement of the Tenth Grade Student of SMA Negeri 10 Palembang Through Think, Predict, Read, and Connect (TPRC) Strategy." 4 (2020): 1-11.

In conclusion, the experimental results support the idea that the TPRC strategy is more effective than other strategies in improving students' reading comprehension. The engagement of students in the meaning-making process through thinking, predicting, reading, and connecting contributes to the observed positive outcomes. These findings suggest the potential benefits of incorporating TPRC strategies into teaching practices to enhance students' reading comprehension skills.