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Dedication

To my parents

To my wife and children

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Abstract

This study aimed at investigating reading comprehension problems among EFL learners. The case study of second year Klakla Model Secondary School students . The researcher used a test to accept or refute the hypotheses mentioned in chapter one. The researcher also has used the descriptive analytical method to analyze the collected data . The study found out that the EFL learners face many problems such as slow reading, poor background knowledge, lack of vocabulary and lack of reading habits . The researcher recommended that families and teachers should concern building rich background knowledge by encouraging students to read materials full of cultural information . Teachers should choose short text according to students' level and devote enough time for silent reading

Abstract (Arabic Version)

مستخلص البحث

هدفت هذه الدراسة تهدف الي تقصي المشاكل التي تواجه دارسي اللغة الانجليزية لغة اجنبية دراسة حالة طلاب الصف الثاني بمدرسة الكلاكلة النموذجية الثانوية. الباحث استخدم الإختبار لطلاب الصف الثاني ثانوي، للتحقق من صحة الفرضيات التي ذكرت في الفصل الاول. كما استخدم الباحث المنهج الوصفي التحليلي لتحليل البيانات التي تم جمعها. خلصت الدراسة الي أن طلاب الصف الثاني ثانوي يعانون، بن قراءتهم بطيئة وقلّة معلوماتهم العامة وضعف ذخيرتهم اللغوية، مما أدى الي عدم رغبتهم في دراسة اللغة الانجليزية. يوصي الباحث الأسر والأساتذة بالإهتمام بإثراء المعلومات العامة وحث الطلاب علي قراءة مواد ثره بالثقافة. كما يوصي الأساتذة بإختيار مواد تتناسب مع مستويات الطلاب ومنحهم زمن كافي لممارسة القراءة.

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List of Abbreviations

SPLA: Sudan People liberation Army

STDEV : Standard deviation

SPSS : Statistical Package for Social Sciences