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**ABSTRACT**

**DEVELOPING SPEAKING SKILL MATERIALS BASED ON PODCAST AS A TEACHING MEDIA FOR GRADE VIII STUDENTS OF**

**SMP N 2 PADANG BOLAK**

***SITI HAJAR HARAHAP***

The objective of this research was to develop speaking skill materials based on podcast as a teaching media for gradeVIII students of SMP N 2 Padang Bolak. This research used Model of Development. It was undertaken to develop podcast as a teaching media. To gain the purpose, it was needed a research approach that highlights an effort to produce the teaching reading strategy. Therefore, in designing the model, the researcher used Research and Development approach by adapting Borg and Gall Model. The subject of this research was students of SMP N 2 Padang Bolak at the grade VIII in the academic year of 2021/2022. This subject was determined by using cluster random sampling technique. The researcher used two data collection techniques, they were descriptive qualitative data and quantitative data. Qualitative data and quantitative results were obtained from questionnaire validation expert, reviews of material expert and teaching media expert. The data was from the field trials obtained from the comments or responses, questionnaire result and test results. The instruments of data collection were gathered by administrating interview and distributing questionnaire to 20 respondents to get students’ needs. The mean of the questionnaire related to the materials appropriateness is . the mean value falls into “Very Good” category since it is in the interval 3.25 < x < 4. The result indicates that the reading materials are appropriate for Grade VIII of SMP N 2 Padang Bolak students. The researcher used test to know the students’ speaking skill based on podcast as a teaching media and the test was done twice; pre-test and post-test. Then Then, t-test was used to analyze the data. The result of the data above is the value of t-test was higher t table (8.7 > 1.734) at the level significance 0.05 for one tailed and degree of freedom (df) = 20-2 = 18. It means that speaking learning material based on Podcast significantly affects the students’ speaking skill.

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