ABSTRACT

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This study focuses on the using Snowball Throwing Technique to improve the Listening Skill of First-Grade Students of SMAN 1 Pare. Based on the preliminary of the study it was found that most of the students had difficulty to understand the meaning that they had learned and still had low ability listening skill.

The subject of the study was the 1st grade students of SMAN 1 Pare, academic year 2017-2018. There were 36 students. The design of the study was Classroom Action Research (CAR). Based on Taggart and Kemmis, the procedure of CAR are planning, acting, observing and reflecting. To collect data, the researcher used some instruments such as observation checklist, pre-test and post-test.

The result of this research showed that the students' average score in pre-test was 57.41 and the average score in post-test was 84.83. The percentage of successful students in pre-test was 2.77%, the percentage in post-test was 94.44%. From the result, the students' responses showed that they were interested in learning listening through using snowball throwing. Moreover, the students' achievement in pre-test and post-test showed a significant improvement. So, the researcher concluded that using snowball throwing at 1st grade of SMAN 1 Pare can improve students' listening skill.