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Listening comprehension is a fundamental skill in language learning because it helps students understand spoken language effectively. However, students can struggle with listening due to things such as lack of motivation or not inadequate teaching resources. To address these, teachers employ various media and materials, such as song and videos, to help students get better at listening. This study compared R&B song "Here With Me" by David from YouTube Music and TikTok video "Together" by Catempt to improve listening comprehension for eighth-grade students at SMP Negeri 2 Gurah. These materials were selected for their authenticity, accessibility, and relevance to students' daily media consumption habits.

This study employed a quantitative quasi-experimental design involving 67 students from two classes, VIII-I and VIII-H, at SMP Negeri 2 Gurah. The sampling technique used was nonprobability sampling, specifically purposive sampling. Class VIII-I served as the experimental group and was taught using R&B song "Here With Me" by David from YouTube Music, while class VIII-H functioned as the control group and received instruction through TikTok video "Together" by Catempt. Data were collected by pre-test and post-test and analyzed using the Mann-Whitney U test. The choice of this nonparametric test was due to the control group's final test scores having a significance value of 0.042, which is less than 0.05, indicating that the data were not normally distributed.

The result of this study found that both classes improved, but the class taught with songs improved more. The experimental group mean score rose from 52.88 to 81.36, while the control group score went from 49.41 to 69.71. Statistical analysis using the Mann-Whitney U test confirmed that student taught using song was significantly more effective (Asymp. Sig. = 0.000 < 0.05) than student taught using video. Songs help because they are repetitive, rhythmic, and emotionally engaging, which helps students remember and stay interested. Furthermore, using songs to teach listening made it easier to teach, especially when schools lack resources, since students can use their gadget.

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