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Education is an admirable thing, but it well rememders from time that
nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

(Oscar Wilde, The Critic as Artist)

The things taught in school and colleges are not an education, but the means of
education.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson, Journal)

Education as a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can
defeat, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave. At home a friend,
abroad an introduction, in solitude a solace and in society an ornament. It
chastens vice:
it guides virtue. It gives, at once, grace and government to genius. Without it,

What is a man? A splendid slave. reasoning savage.

(Joseph Addison- 1672-1719, The Spectator)
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ABSTRACT

The aims of the study is to know whether or not Semantic Mapping is effective in improving Student’s Reading Comprehension on The Second Grade of MTs Ma’arif NU 12 Arenan, Purbalingga in Academic Year 2009/2010. The method used was quasi experiment. The population of this research was the second grade of MTs Ma’arif NU 12 Arenan, Purbalingga in Academic Year 2009/2010. And there were 113 students. Students were divided into two groups. There were experiment class and control class. The data was collected from 3 May to 4 June 2010. To analyzed the data the writer used T-Test. After the data has been computed by T–Test formula, it revealed that Semantic Mapping technique was effective in improving students reading comprehension. It can be seen from the difference of T-Test result 2.37 and the T-table 1.99 and with df 74 at the level of significance 0.05. By consulting the T-table, T-Test was higher than T-Table (2.37 >1.99). It means the hypothesis was accepted.

Key words: Effectiveness, Semantic mapping, Experiment, Reading comprehension
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