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- ❖ *Never put off what you can do today until tomorrow*
- ❖ *Where there is a will, there is away*
- ❖ *Actions speak louder than words*
- ❖ *Man proposes God disposes*
- ❖ *Give the best, get the best*
- ❖ *Look before you leap*
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The aims of this research were to know the students' competence in reading comprehension at the eighth year students of MTs Negeri Model Purwokerto and to know the problems of reading comprehension that the eighth year students of MTs Negeri Model Purwokerto have.

This research was a descriptive research. The population of this research was the eighth year students of MTs Negeri Model Purwokerto. Collecting the data was conducted on July 25, 2012. The writer took 32 students as the sample. The instrument of collecting the data was test, which consisted of five reading comprehension problems: main idea, vocabulary, identifying, reference, and inference.

Based on the research findings, the writer concluded that the average of students' competence in reading comprehension was 66.71%, and it showed that generally students had fair mastery in reading comprehension. In line with the percentage of students' mistake in reading comprehension on each problem, it could be concluded that the problem of reading comprehension which had the highest rank was *vocabulary* 40.62%, and the lowest rank was *inference* 26.56%. It meant that the eighth year students of MTs Negeri Model Purwokerto still have problems in reading. The most difficult problem was in vocabulary, and the lowest problem was in inference.