CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This last chapter provides the conclusion of the research findings and some suggestions concerning the research.

5.1 Conclusions

Extensive Reading Activity that was done by the students in the experimental group was an effective way to improve students' reading comprehension. The statistical computation results gave evidence that the reading comprehension improvement of the experimental group was more significant than the improvement of the control group which did not participate in Extensive Reading Activity.

The questionnaire result showed that there were some benefits that students gained after participating Extensive Reading Activity, such as developing their vocabulary knowledge, improving their skill in guessing and predicting the meaning of the unknown words, increasing reading speed, and improving students' speaking and writing skills. Besides that, the students in experimental group also showed their positive attitude toward reading. Some students who were reluctant in reading English materials became eager in reading it after they had participated in Extensive Reading Activity.

Based on the research findings, it can be concluded that Extensive Reading Activity is a strategy that can help students in improving their reading comprehension and can be used as a technique in teaching reading activity.

5. 2 Suggestions

The research findings indicate that Extensive Reading Activity could be applied in teaching reading since it could motivate the students to be eager and get used to reading, especially reading English materials, and could help the students to improve their reading comprehension. As the result, some suggestions are proposed as follows:

- 1. Teachers should be able to encourage and motivate the students to participate in Extensive Reading Activity.
- Teachers and schools should provide a number of reading materials for the students.
- Teachers should give opportunity to the students to choose their own reading materials.
- Teachers should monitor the students when they are doing the Extensive Reading by sharing what they have read and checking their reading records.
- 5. For future researchers who want to use Extensive Reading Activity, it would be better if the next research is conducted in a longer period.

