

## ABSTRACT

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This study aims to determine the perceptions of manga readers towards English translated manga and the improvement of their reading skills while reading manga. The improvement of reading skills in this study was based on micro and macro skills of reading. The researcher employed a convergent mixed methods research design with two phases of data collection and analysis to find out (1) English translated manga readers' perception in improving English reading skills and, (2) kind of manga readers' English reading skills improvement. This study took place in the English Education Department of Antasari State Islamic University Banjarmasin. In the qualitative phase, the researcher conducted interview with 15 manga readers who are still actively reading English translated manga. In the quantitative phase, the researcher administered a questionnaire with 20 statements to 15 manga readers who are still actively reading English translated manga. The findings reveal that (1) the positive perception of manga readers toward English translated manga supports they self-directed learning and increase the manga readers' English reading skills (2) the kinds of improvement experienced by manga readers almost meets all aspects of micro and macro skills of reading, like in micro skills of reading manga readers can recognize linguistic aspects as grammatical form, word meaning, and text elements. While in macro skills of reading, manga readers can recognize the main ideas, find out the general information from the text, and improve their reading techniques.

Based on research findings and discussions, researcher suggest that English translated manga can be used to attract interest in reading and motivate students to read English reading materials because English translated manga has been proven to be effective in improving reading skills. For future researchers who want to take the same study, it is recommended that use similar media such as webtoons, comics, graphic novels, etc., or can use others skills such as writing skills, or future researcher can do a test to prove how far the manga readers' reading skills.