Digital Comic-based Modules in EPT Preparation Classes and the Impacts on Students' Scores

PROBLEMS

EPT score certificate becomes one of the requirements for students' graduation. Students faced difficulties and failed their EPT tests.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

- Many studies suggested a preparation class as an ideal solution to deal with the problems.
- To arouse students' interest and create a motivating learning environment, instructors can make use of digital comics in teaching.

PURPOSE

It was conducted to measure the impact of digital comic-based modules on students' English proficiency test scores.

METHOD

- This current research applied a preexperimental design.
- The participants were 157 third-year university students.
- The data were collected by the pretest and posttest EPT scores.
- The EPT preparation classes were held once a week for 16 weeks (March to June 2022).





RESULTS

After using digital comic-based modules in a four-months preparation class, a significant increase in students' EPT scores is revealed as shown by the difference between pretest scores (M = 360, SD = 7.117) and posttest scores (M = 432, SD = 44.927). It also obtained a p-value result of 0.000 (p<0.05), indicating that there is a significant influence after the use of digital comic-based modules on students' EPT scores. the results of Cohen's d effect size which is equal to 1.324 (> 0.8), indicate that the use of digital comic-based modules has a large effect.

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