

**THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF USING "MY NEW WORDS" TEXTBOOK IN ENGLISH
LEARNING FOR FIFTH GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Abstract: *The background to this research is based on an understanding of the importance of learning English at the elementary school, especially in fifth grade, as a foundation for better language skills in the future. However, there are still several schools that have problems in providing adequate resources, including textbooks that suit students' needs. This lack of resources can hinder the development of students' language skills, especially in expanding their vocabulary. Therefore, this research will present the positive impact of using the textbook "My New Words" in improving English language learning in fifth grade elementary school. This study aims to investigate the positive impact of using the textbook "My New Words" in learning English for fifth grade elementary school. By using a qualitative research method by conducting a questionnaire, namely by making several questions using Google form to ensure that the material presented in the book has a positive impact and that it is presented in accordance with the needs of fifth grade elementary school students. This questionnaire can help researchers identify the suitability of book content with English language learning standards in fifth grade elementary schools. There are many positive impacts that students of fifth grade elementary school get from this book, such as everyday vocabulary, speaking in English, and being able to write in English. So, by using this questionnaire method researchers can gain a better understanding of the positive impact of using the textbook "my new words" in learning English in fifth grade elementary schools.*

Keywords: *Impact, textbook, benefits.*

Abstrak: Latar belakang penelitian ini didasarkan pada pemahaman akan pentingnya pembelajaran bahasa Inggris di tingkat sekolah dasar, terutama pada kelas lima, sebagai fondasi agar kemampuan berbahasa yang lebih baik di masa depan. Namun, masih ada beberapa sekolah yang memiliki kendala dalam menyediakan sumber daya yang memadai, termasuk buku teks yang sesuai dengan kebutuhan siswa. Kurangnya sumber daya ini dapat menghambat perkembangan keterampilan berbahasa siswa, terutama dalam memperluas kosakata mereka. Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini akan menyajikan dampak positif penggunaan buku teks "My New Words" dalam meningkatkan pembelajaran bahasa Inggris pada anak-anak sekolah dasar kelas lima. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menyelidiki dampak positif penggunaan buku teks "My New Words" dalam pembelajaran Bahasa Inggris pada anak sekolah dasar kelas lima. Dengan menggunakan metode penelitian kualitatif dengan melakukan kuesioner, yaitu dengan membuat beberapa pertanyaan dengan google form untuk memastikan bahwa materi yang disajikan di dalam buku tersebut memiliki dampak positif dan materi yang disajikan sesuai dengan kebutuhan siswa sekolah dasar kelas lima. Kuesioner ini dapat membantu peneliti mengidentifikasi kecocokan isi buku dengan standar pembelajaran bahasa Inggris di sekolah dasar kelas lima. Banyak dampak positif yang didapatkan anak sekolah dasar kelas lima dalam buku ini seperti vocabulary sehari-hari, berbicara menggunakan Bahasa Inggris, dan dapat menulis berbahasa Inggris. Jadi, Dengan menggunakan metode kuesioner ini peneliti dapat memperoleh pemahaman yang lebih baik tentang dampak positif penggunaan buku teks "my new words" dalam pembelajaran bahasa Inggris di sekolah dasar kelas lima.

Kata Kunci: Dampak, buku teks, manfaat.

INTRODUCTION

As quoted by Ahmadi and Uhbiyati (2015: 70) Education is essentially an activity that is conscious and deliberate, and full of responsibility carried out by adults on children so that there is interaction from both so that children reach maturity that is aspired to and takes place continuously. Based on the opinion of Ahmadi and Uhbiyati, education is an activity that is not only related to the transfer of knowledge, but also includes responsible interaction between adults and children. These interactions play an important role in shaping the character, abilities and potential of children.

In the context of English language education in Indonesia, the use of textbooks is an important factor in facilitating effective learning. One of the books provided is the "My Next Words" student book which is specifically designed for fifth graders. In addition to facilitating learning, this book also aims to build interaction between teachers and students, and encourage active and fun learning. This textbook also contains materials, exercises, instructions that are packed with full color which makes this book very interesting to research.

This research aims to evaluate the positive impact and benefits of using the student book "My Next Words" in improving the English language skills of fifth grade elementary school students. This research can enable us to know to what extent this book can improve the vocabulary, text comprehension, speaking and writing abilities of fifth grade elementary school students. Apart from that, this research also aims to reveal the potential of the student book "My Next Words" in improving English language learning at the elementary level.

This research is important in improving education in Indonesia because the aim of National Education is to educate the nation's life and develop the Indonesian human as a whole, namely humans who believe and are devoted to God Almighty and have noble understanding, knowledge and skills,...(Hidayat and Abdillah, 2019 : 25). Therefore, it is hoped that the results of this research will provide an understanding of the positive impact of the student book "My Next Words" which is effective in developing the language skills of fifth grade elementary school children, and can contribute to improving the quality of English education in Indonesia.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses a qualitative research method with a survey approach, or it can also be called a "qualitative survey". This research uses a questionnaire with a qualitative approach in data collection and analysis. The questionnaire consists of 12 questions that ask for answers "yes/no/maybe" and that ask about opinions. Respondents were asked to specify gender (female/male) so that researchers could compare answers between female and male respondents. By using this qualitative survey method, researchers can find out about the strengths and weaknesses of books and gain a better understanding of the positive impact of using textbooks in learning English in elementary schools.

This textbook, designed for elementary school learners in Indonesia, was published by the Ministry of Education & Culture and the student book "My Next Words" for fifth graders in first and second semesters of elementary school has 136 pages. Based on a brief description of this textbook, the study collected data through the contents of the English textbook "My Next Words" for fifth grade elementary school children. Then, researchers used document analysis and qualitative surveys to collect data and prove the results of the evaluation in this study.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study show various variations in responding to the textbook "My Next Words". A total of 19 respondents, consisting of women and men who work or work as teachers, lecturers, students or who have a basic knowledge of English, also responded in filling out the questionnaire. Data obtained through a Google Form questionnaire found that the student book "My Next Words" for fifth grade elementary school children had strengths and weaknesses. Then, the researchers also evaluated the contents of the book and then found; positive impacts, benefits, and increased abilities for elementary school children in fifth grade. It is hoped that the results of this research can be a reference for teachers in choosing appropriate and useful learning materials for their students.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Based on the survey questionnaire, the data collected was 19 participants consisting of male and female with diverse opinions. A total of 13(68.4%) female respondents and 6(31.6%) male respondents participated in the questionnaire. Questions data and the percent of respondents will be showed for each questions. Table 1 refers to the total summary of several questions that asks for opinions yes, no, possible from respondents.

Table 1. The total summary of several questions from respondents

Question	Yes	No	Possible
Is this book cover suitable to be used as a textbook cover for fifth grade elementary school children?	19(100%)	-	-
The snakes and ladders game in the book "My Next Words" for a textbook for fifth grade elementary school children, is it suitable as "learning through games"?	16(84,2%)	-	3(15,8%)
Are the songs used in this textbook effective in training listening to 5th grade elementary school children?	18(94,7%)	-	1(5,3%)
Can the task of writing a story, like the question in the picture below, improve the ability of fifth grade elementary school children to write using English?	17(89,5%)	-	2(10,5%)
Is the vocabulary used in the conversation in the picture appropriate for fifth grade elementary school children?	17(89,5%)	-	2(10,5%)
Can the tasks contained in the book "My next Words" below improve grade 5 students' knowledge about numbers in English?	17(89,5%)	2(10,5%)	-
Can the pictures in the book "My Next Words" increase the enthusiasm of fifth grade elementary school students in learning English?	16(84,2%)	-	3(15,8%)

Then, the results that the researchers found were advantages and disadvantages in the textbook "My Next Words", this can be seen in the results of the respondents' answers.

Advantages

Researchers found several advantages of the "My Next Words" textbook based on questions created to ask about opinions. The researcher chose these questions to be 3 out of 12 questions from which the researcher had sorted the answers from the respondents, namely as follows; (1) In your opinion, does the book "my next world" have a positive impact on grade 5 elementary school children regarding vocabulary knowledge at home and at school? Answers given by respondents; First, *"Yes, because it can make a child's memory stronger."* Second, *"Yes, it may be used as a learning resource at school, and the teacher may provide additional directions or explanations about the vocabulary found in the book. Parents can also help strengthen vocabulary by discussing books with their children at home."* (2) Do you think the book "my next word" can make 5th grade elementary school children like English? Answers given by respondents; First, *"Certainly, because the image displays are attractive and the text is not too much and can make it easier for children to learn and be enthusiastic."* Second, *"That's right, because the book has interesting pictures so children don't get bored easily with the book, and also the English pronunciation is relatively easy for them to learn."* (3) Based on several questions and pictures that have been shown previously, can this textbook be used in the future or does it need to be changed? If yes, give your opinion how good it is and if no, also give the reason! Answers given by respondents; First, *"So far, nothing, because you have included various content in this book which is definitely in line with your target, namely elementary school children, especially grade 5."* Second, *"Yes, because this lesson is better taught to grade 5 children because they can already understand the lessons given."* Third, *"This textbook can be used for the future, and if possible, you can also develop pictures and new things for them to learn"*.

Disadvantages

Apart from the advantages of the textbook, researchers also found that there were shortcomings that were conveyed by the respondents through the questions in the survey questionnaire, namely; (1) In your opinion, does the book "my next world" have a positive impact on grade 5 elementary school children regarding vocabulary knowledge at home and at school? Answers given by respondents; First, "Too difficult for 5th grade". Second, "Commands about questions should be accompanied by the meaning in Indonesian". (2) Based on several questions and pictures that have been shown previously, can this textbook be used in the future or does it need to be changed? If yes, give your opinion how good it is and if no, also give the reason! Answers given by respondents; First, "I think this book can be used, but it's a good idea to always upgrade it so that children don't get bored of both the game pictures and the vocabulary." Second, "You can add a barcode that directs you to the English song or video used in the book. You can also add a logo or writing on the cover based on what curriculum this book was made for, such as using the K-13 curriculum or the independent curriculum".

BOOK EVALUATION

Researchers conducted a book evaluation, through the book evaluation the researchers found that this book was an effective learning resource in improving children's English language skills. Then, the results of the evaluation are as follows.

Positive Impact

In the book "My Next Words" there are many interesting and varied lessons and characters, which can help children not get bored easily in the learning process. Apart from being interesting in the form of good and colorful pictures, there are also games that children can play so that the learning atmosphere doesn't feel tense and the teacher can easily explain the material.



Picture 1. Snakes and ladders game
Source: My Next Words Grande 5. 2021. Page 61.

Researchers found several factors that have a positive impact on elementary school children when learning English, namely; [1] Children become more familiar with English vocabulary, by presenting various vocabulary words in an interesting and fun context, this can help children learn new vocabulary in a more natural and easy to remember way. [2] There are many pictures that make it easier for children to understand the meaning of the vocabulary in the book without having to know the meaning because the pictures in the book already show the meaning of the vocabulary. By having images that attract children's attention and interest, it will make it easier for them to understand new vocabulary, have skills in sparking children's imagination and creativity. [3] By reading these books often, children will remember every word in the book while seeing real objects or in the form of pictures. According to Ni Made (2017: 28) with good reading skills they can understand information from a variety of texts read. [4] The English sentences used in the book "My Next Words" are easy to understand because the vocabulary used is often used or seen in everyday life. This book contains simple sentences or vocabulary that are often used in everyday life, so it is easy for children to understand and remember them. [5] This textbook has many unique and interesting pictures that can increase children's enthusiasm. With visuals such as pictures, illustrations, and characters in books, it can increase interest in learning and make it easier for children to understand concepts and information more easily. [6] At the end of each chapter in the book "My Next

Words" there is also a reflection for students to improve their critical and analytical thinking skills, so that they can improve their writing and creative thinking abilities.

Benefit

In the book "My Next Words" there are many visuals that can please children, are interesting to learn, vocabulary and sentences that are easy to understand, so that they can improve children's ability to study textbooks. Then, we found several benefits in learning English for elementary school children, namely; [1] Can improve children's vocabulary in a fun and effective way. The new words, clear context, and illustrations contained in textbooks can help children expand their vocabulary and become more adept at communicating. [2] Develop a desire to learn because the pictures are interesting. With interesting images such as characters, food, fruit and other objects, it will increase enthusiasm and curiosity when studying textbooks. [3] In this textbook there are interesting practice questions that can hone children's thinking skills, because there are pictures that attract children's attention, so they will create a sense of enthusiasm in children when working on these practice questions. [4] Children become accustomed to writing in English. With practice questions, children will get used to writing in English, because there is clear information or explanations in the textbook, picture support, and vocabulary that is easy to understand, children will become familiar with English. As Ni Made (2017: 29) quotes from Harmer who says that writing is an import communication tool because through writing, learners can express thoughts and feeling, can explain or save something important. [5] With many pictures that are appropriate to the environment and life around children in the book "My Next Words" it will make it easier for children to increase understanding and strengthen children's memory in learning English.

Skill Improvement

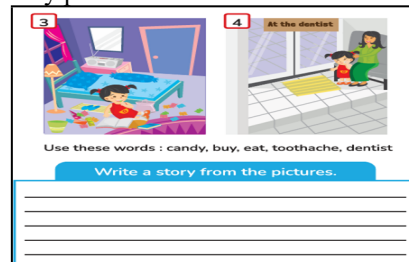
The book "My Next Words" contains many practice questions and activities specifically designed to improve children's abilities, especially fifth grade elementary school students in Indonesia, such as listening to or singing English songs contained in the book "My Next Word". As Salim (2024: 106) said, to improve your English language proficiency, there are many way to dod so, with going in proper manner, as I mentioned the very first medium of any language, "listening", you should start listening English song and other to make your self better in English language. This helps children develop their listening skills in English and helps them understand English intonation, accent and rhythm. This helps improve children's reading skills and expands their vocabulary, helps them recognize sentence structures, and improves their understanding of English texts. Reading can also expand children's vocabulary. According to Zahid (2023: 60) reserch indicates that children who are avid readers have significantly larger vocabularies than their non-reading counterparts.This means that reading has many benefits because when reading, children will often discover new words that can expand their understanding of English. In addition, reading can increase children's understanding of the world, help gain new insights and help develop children's analytical thinking abilities.



Picture 2. Song about body parts



Picture 3. Conversational writing practice



Picture 4. Essay writing practice

Source: My Next Words Grande 5. 2021. Page 16, 44 & 57.

In this context, the exercises involved are such as writing sentences based on pictures that have been determined by the book, answering questions from daily conversations, or playing by saying the names of animals in the book. This activity can help children to expand their skills in writing, speaking, composing words and developing their creativity. Even though the results they gave were not completely correct, it could be said that they could understand the contents of this textbook.

Based on these three aspects, the book "My Next Words" provides writing and speaking exercises, vocabulary memorization and listening and reading exercises with the aim of providing a comprehensive learning experience, both intellectually and socially. So, their communication skills can be both written and verbal and memorizing vocabulary helps them develop a better understanding of the English language.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we investigated the positive impact of using the textbook "My New Words" in learning English in fifth grade elementary school children. Through qualitative research methods and using questionnaires, we were able to identify that this book had a lot of positive impacts on fifth grade elementary school children.

The research results show that the use of the textbook "My New Words" has a significant positive impact on English language learning. Fifth grade elementary school children get benefits such as increased daily vocabulary, speaking ability in English, and ability to write in English.

Based on the findings of this research, the next steps that can be taken are; first, encourage the use of the textbook "My New Words" in more schools: Research results show that this textbook has a positive impact on English language learning. Therefore, it is recommended to encourage more schools to use this book as an English language learning resource in fifth grade. Second: Research, further to evaluate the effectiveness of this textbook: Although this research shows a positive impact, further research can be conducted to further in-depth regarding the effectiveness of the textbook "My New Words". This can involve broader data collection and more in-depth research methods, such as case studies.

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