Between Vocabulary and Digital Media: To what Extent the Implementation of TikTok in EFL Classroom Setting

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to determine whether TikTok can improve students' vocabulary mastery. With the rise of social media as an innovative educational resource, TikTok's engaging video format presents a unique opportunity for language learning. This is a quantitative study using pre-test and post-test design through written test in a form of Multiple Choice, fill in the blank, Mix and Match question and questionnaire. The subjects of this study consisted of 18 students from Class 10 at SMA Negeri 1 Tatoareng.The highest score on the pre-test was 50, while the lowest score was 20. In contrast, the post-test results showed a remarkable improvement, with the highest score reaching 100 and the lowest score being 80 while the mean score for the pre-test was 40, and the mean score for the post-test go up till to 85. These results indicate significant improvements, leading to the conclusion that TikTok is an effective learning medium for enhancing English vocabulary mastery among students at SMA N 1 Tatoareng.

INTRODUCTION

A language's vocabulary is its entire set of words. As a first step, someone should learn about vocabulary before studying English. In language teaching, as cited in Liando et al., (2021) "The main problem for Indonesian English learners is the lack of

vocabulary". Vocabulary is one of the most important factors, because students must learn words as they learn structure and practice sound systems. As said by (Saragi et al., 2023) The importance of vocabulary mastery of course helps students in the process of forming good linguistic sensitivity in the field of language itself and in literacy development. Besides that, said by (N. Liando, 2013) there is a significant correlation between the students' attitudes towards English and their achievements especially to improving new vocabulary, Students must be committed to learning new vocabulary.

Based on the observations of the teacher at SMAN 1 Tatoareng, the writer found that students have difficulty memorizing vocabulary. It occurs because the student has little prior knowledge of vocabulary (Nurhamdah, 2020). Additionally, each student memorizes vocabulary in a different way. Besides that, the writer found that the ability of students to pronounce vocabulary is bad. Because in pronouncing vocabulary, the students must know how to pronounce vocabulary because English vocabulary is not the same as Bahasa Indonesia in pronouncing vocabulary.

Then, the students have difficulty using vocabulary in sentences (Uzer, 2017). It is caused by the different kinds of word classes in English vocabulary, such as nouns, pronouns, verb 1, verb 2, verb 3, helping verbs, etc. Therefore, teachers should have several strategies to make their students motivated to learn English. The learners need a way of teaching that is enjoyable and practical so that finally they can integrate themselves into English, for example singing English songs can get the students integrated into English. It is assumed that they can contribute many things to improve students' capabilities, especially in their skill elements, such as vocabulary enrichment, listening and speaking. Singing English song is believed to have direct influence on the pronunciation skills(Sukrina, 2010). This paper tries to find out whether TikTok can improve achievement in vocabulary. From the phenomena, the writer tried to reduce the problems of the students' vocabulary, therefore, the writer had a study on improving students' vocabulary mastery by using English songs. However, the writer formulated a research question on how TikTok can improve the students' vocabulary mastery at SMA N 1 Tatoareng.

In this way, the jargon of the English language is the primary perspective Prior to moving to different parts of the English language like talking, tuning in, perusing, composing, or design/sentence structure which is introduced from the phases of perceiving, retaining, creating, and composing (Gushendra, 2017). In contrast, students will be able to memorize and master the vocabulary provided by the researchers in a short amount of time using the oral approach, and vocabulary exercises will be written back or correctly memorized, allowing the student to remember it with great force. Knowing by heart is the application of strategy.

English is getting more important as an international language. English is widely used not only in countries where English is the native language is English, but also in other countries where English becomes the second or even a foreign language, including Indonesia (Zakir Hussain, 2018). In Indonesia, English has been taught as an optional

subject at school, to help students face the progressing world that mostly uses english to do everything.

At this time, we live in an age of globalization, or it could be the age of modernization. Modernization itself in the social science transition is a form that changes from a situation that is not advanced or less developed to a better direction in the hope that society will get better.

In the era of modernization, like now, humans are very dependent on technology. This makes technology a basic need for every community. From parents to young people, especially students(Zakir Hussain, 2018). Lately, many students have opened social media to find information and learning resources. In the world of education today the teaching and learning process does not only focus on delivering information collect by classroom walls, but in accordance with the times that social media requires educational processes done in another virtual room(Chonnia & Izzah, 2022). Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested in analyzing using TikTok to improve students' vocabulary mastery. This research will focus on the 10 IPA 1 students as the subjects of the study. The purpose of this study is to find out whether the use of TikTok can improve students' vocabulary or not. Can the use of TikTok improve students' vocabulary mastery?

RESEARCH METHOD

In this research, the writer use quantitative research by using the test instrument through a pre-experimental design with one group pre-test and post-test. A pre-test was given before treatment while a post-test after the treatment. The pre-test and post-test were made to measure students' vocabulary bank. The following pre-experimental design model by Sugiyono, cited in Asri Arifatul Haniah, Rosnita, (2019)

$$O_1 \quad X \quad O_2$$
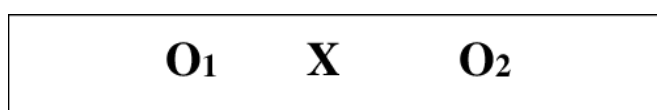
Where:
O_1 = Pre-test score (before giving the treatment)
X= Treatment (Tik-Tok)
O_2 = Post-test score (after giving the treatment)

The subject of this research is the 18 students of XI IPA of SMA Negeri 1 Tatoareng the academic year of 2023/2024. The instrument of this research is written tests for pre-test and post-test. Pre-test is to find out the students' ability before teaching using TikTok, while post-test to find out students' vocabulary mastery after treatment then the writer give a questionnaire. To analyze the data the writer using three forms of questions:

1) **Multiple choice**

Multiple choice is a form of question or test in which the participant must choose the answer from several of options provided.

For example:

FIND A SINONYM OF A WORD

1) BUY	**2) IMPORTANT**
a. PURCHASE	a. CRUCIAL
b. BUYER	b. CRUEL
c. BUILDER	c. EFFORTLESS

2) Fill in the blank

Fill in the blank is a form of activity in empty section of a text or statement.

For example: Find out the synonym of those words below then complete the dialogs from basic words (beautiful and old) to medium vocabulary

1. SHE WAS WEARING A _____RED DRESS. (the answer is Gorgeous)
2. CLEAOPATRA IS A PERSON WHO LIVED IN _____TIMES.(the answer is ancient)

3) Mix and Match

Mix and match is a concept in which different or diverse elements are combined to create unique or attractive combinations.

For example: find a synonym of GOOD, BAD, HAPPY to expand the vocabulary from basic words and make it become suitable matches.

Research Procedure

1. Making the lesson plan
2. Giving pre-test
3. Checking the result of pre-test
4. Treatment
5. Giving post-test
6. Comparing students' result from pre-test and post-test
7. Analyzing the data
8. Making the conclusion

Data Analysis

In analyzing data, the writer use mean score formula:

$$\overline{X} = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

(Sukardi, 2003)

Where: $\bar{x}$ = mean score

$\sum x$ = total score

N = number of students

The data will be presented in frequency distribution table computation of mean score.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Findings

In this research, the data were collected using pre-test and post-test methods. The pre-test and post-test data. This will present the improvement of students' scores in vocabulary mastery in a form of Multiple choice, fill in the blank, Mix and Match. Moreover, the writer administered a pre-test to the students without employing any helping media.in order to assess their vocabulary knowledge, the writer suggests using the TikTok app as a platform for discovering additional vocabulary that has been recently learned. The writer selected TikTok because those students always using TikTok. And TikTok offers distinctive features that address the development of our English vocabulary through creativity. One of them is selected as a channel for students to prevent students from becoming overly confused when trying to determine which channel is appropriate to they using. The writer using those channels to supported the learning process through the TikTok application there are, @Antonio Parlatic channel (6.2M Followers), @Fasterenglish404 Channel, (967.K Followers), @Leam_with_az (1.3M Followers).

Those content focus to learn any vocabulary.After they studied the existing vocabulary, the writer asked them to write the meaning of the words and compare them. After studying it, the writer provided a second assessment sheet known as a post-test to evaluate their comprehension of vocabulary through TikTok prior to that.here there are 30 questions – consisting of three forms, namely 10 multiple choice questions, 10 fill in the blank questions and 10 mix and match questions. All those contain basic vocabulary which if observed will brings to a medium of vocabulary through the use of synonyms. Writer believe that expanding our vocabulary can significantly enhance our communication skills in English across various domains, including writing, reading, listening, and speaking.

The following table which compares the results of the pre-test and post-test can be seen down below:

Table 1 students score in Pre-test dan post-test

NO	Name	Pre-Test (O1)	Post-test (O2)	GAINED
1	Student 1	50	80	30
2	Student 2	53	80	30
3	Student 3	50	90	40
4	Student 4	40	80	40
5	Student 5	30	80	50
6	Student 6	50	100	50

NO	Student	O1	O2	
7	Student 7			60
8	Student 8	20	80	40
9	Student 9	40	80	40
10	Student 10	46	80	50
11	Student 11	50	100	60
12	Student 12	30	90	50
13	Student 13	36	80	60
14	Student 14	20	80	40
15	Student 15	40	80	40
16	Student 16	20	80	50
17	Student 17	40	90	40
18	Student 18	50	90	40
		63	100	
Total		$\Sigma O1 = 728$	$\Sigma O2 = 1540$	

Table 2 . Pre test Rank

NO	Categorize	Students score
1	The highest score	50
2	The average score	40
3	The lowest rank	20

Table 3 Post test Rank

NO	Categorize	Students score
1	The highest score	100
2	The average score	85
3	The lowest rank	80

Based on the data above, it can be seen that there is a significant comparison where in the pre-test the highest score achieved by students is 50 or only around 38% of 100% where around 31% of students get a score of 40 which is the average score in this pre-test while around 31% of others have less score and its around 20-30 points. This proves that most students have a vocabulary that mostly masters basic English vocabulary so they are confused when answering the questions given. While in the post-test there were 3 students who got a score of 100 or around (17%), and 4 students got a score of 90 around (22%) and the most who got a score of 80 around (61%) students. which illustrates that the treatment given was successful in

increasing students' interest in learning vocabulary, thus helping students. This development can also be seen from the increase in scores where there was an increase of around 40% in scores from the data in the pre-test to the data in the post-test. The subsequent calculation of the mean scores for Pre-test and Post-test data, as shown in table 2 below, is as follows:

Table 4. computation of mean score ($\overline{x}$) of Pre-Test (T1) and Post Test (T2)

Mean Score of Pre-Test= $\overline{x} = \frac{\sum X}{n}$	Mean Score of Post-Test= $\overline{x} = \frac{\sum X}{n}$
$\sum X$ = 728 N = 18 $\frac{\sum X}{n} = \frac{728}{18}$ $\overline{x} = \frac{\sum X}{n} = \frac{728}{18} = 40$	$\sum X$ =1.502 N = 18 $\frac{\sum X}{n} = \frac{1.502}{18}$ $\overline{x} = \frac{\sum X}{n} = \frac{1.502}{18} = 85$

Based on these findings, the Post-Test Mean score expanded significantly from the previous Pre-test Mean score of 40 to 85. This proved that using TikTok positively affects to rise students' vocabulary.

In the next table the writer wants to describe Frequency Distribution Matrix of Pre-test (T1) The following results of the data Frequency Distribution Matrix of Pre-test (T1) presented down below:

Table 5. Frequency Distribution Matrix of Pre-test (T1)

Score	Tally	Frequence	Freq-%
50	HHL	5	38%
40	III	4	31%
30	II	215%	
20	II	2	15%
10	-	-	-

From the data above, it can be concluded that around 38% of students managed to get a score of 50 and this proves that half of the students possess a less number of intermediate-level vocabulary items than the basic vocabulary that is usually used.Meanwhile, about 42% of students experienced confusion while answering, resulting in low scores. The most common reason for this was their belief that vocabulary was limitless to what they encountered, even though in the world of vocabulary there are several levels that can be learned. That is why media is needed as a learning medium and the author recommends the TikTok application and this

is used as a treatment in this study. Next, the writer presents a distribution matrix table of Post-test (O2) to see the comparison after the treatment is implemented.

Table 4. Frequency Distribution Matrix of Post-test (T2)

Score	Tally	Frequency	Freq-%
100	III	3	17%
90	IIII	4	22%
80	XI	11	61%
70	-	-	-
60	-	-	-

From the data above,it can be seen that there was a significant increase in scores, where around 61% of students managed to get a high score,and its 80. And also supported by 39% of students who got a score of 90-100. This means that choosing TikTok as a learning medium is effective in increasing student motivation so that they are enthusiastic to learning vocabulary in English. The writer describe the data that has been processed in the form of a polygon graph in the next section.
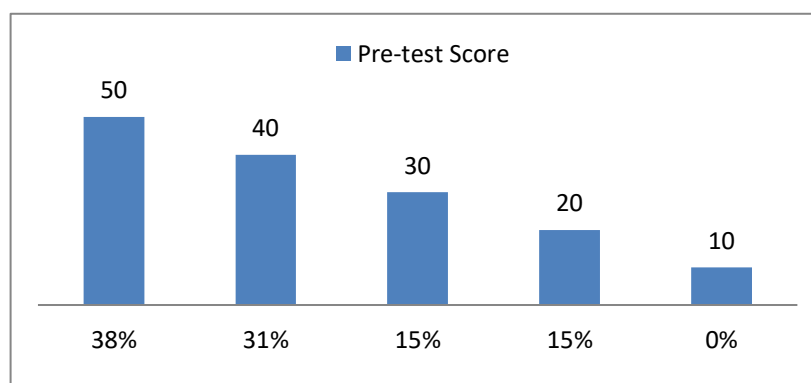
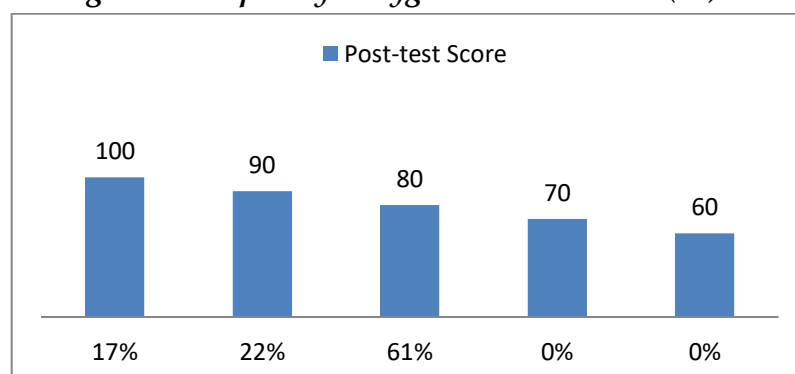*Figure 1 Frequency Polygon the Pre-Test (O1)*

Figure 2. Frequency Polygon the Post-Test (02)

As shown in the pre-test (figure 1), students received only a minimum score of 20 and a maximum score of 50. Once the treatment was applied, there was an increase,

with approximately 61% of students achieving a score of 80. Moreover, 39% of the students achieved a score between 90 and 100. This indicates that the TikTok application successfully contributes to the enhancement of students' English vocabulary at SMA N 1 Tatoareng.

Validity and Reability

After giving pre test and post test, the writer continue giving a questionnaire to students with a sample of 25 people to determine how students perceived the TikTok application to draw conclusions about whether TikTok is effective in improving students' vocabulary in English or not. Validity testing is carried out to measure whether data is valid or not. To assess the validity of the statement items in this study, the Pearson Product Moment correlation method was applied using SPSS 25. with the number of respondents being 25 people.The R table is 0.505. an item is considered valid when the calculated R value more than the R table value.Based on the calculation results in the table below, it can be seen that all the calculated R -value is greater than R-table values, so it means that all items are valid. Here the writer uses a Likert scale consisting of 5 scales:

Table 7. Likert Scale

STRONGLY DISSAGREE	DISSAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
1	2	3	4	5

Source: Data Analysis SPSS 25 Version

		K_1	K_2	K_3	K_4	K5_TOTAL
K_1	Pearson Correlation	1	.229	.545**	.634**	.672**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.270	.005	<,001	<,001
	N	25	25	25	25	25
K_2	Pearson Correlation	.229	1	.654**	.651**	.781**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.270		<,001	<,001	<,001
	N	25	25	25	25	25
K_3	Pearson Correlation	.545**	.654**	1	.908**	.937**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.005	<,001		<,001	<,001
	N	25	25	25	25	25
K_4	Pearson Correlation	.634**	.651**	.908**	1	.956**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<,001	<,001	<,001		<,001
	N	25	25	25	25	25
K5_TOTAL	Pearson Correlation	.672**	.781**	.937**	.956**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<,001	<,001	<,001	<,001	
	N	25	25	25	25	25

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 5. Validity analysis (X) dan (Y)

Analysis of student satisfaction in using TikTok

NO	Statement	R Counting	R Tabel(1%)	Description
1	X1	0,672	0,505	Valid
2	X2	0,781	0,505	Valid
3	X3	0,937	0,505	Valid
4	X4	0,956	0,505	Valid

Analysis of students' perspectives on the use of TikTok

NO	Statement	R Counting	R Tabel(1%)	Description
1	Y1	0,562	0,396 (5%)	Valid
2	Y2	0,926	0,505	Valid
3	Y3	0,950	0,505	Valid
4	Y4	0,967	0,505	Valid
5	Y5	0,956	0,505	Valid
6	Y6	0,884	0,505	Valid

Based on the data above, the data in this questionnaire is valid. Thus, it can be used as an instrument to measure the relationship between two variable and the result is those students vocabulary can improve by TikTok.

RELIABILITY

Reliability testing is carried out to determine how consistent the data, and its analyzed using the Cronbach alpha method. The questionnaire is said to be reliable if the reliability coefficient is positive and greater than 0.7. The results of the reliability test by using SPSS version 25 can be seen on down below.

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Variabel	Coefesient Realibility	r-Critice	Description
X	0.865	0.700	Reliebel
Y	0.945	0.700	Reliebel

The reliability value of the statement items in the questionnaire for each variable being studied is greater than 0.70. This result indicates that the statement items in the questionnaire are reliable. Both data in the questionnaire are valid and reliable.

Table 9. The Following Presentation of Distribution Frequencies.

1. I am u user of TikTok

Categorizes	Frequency	Persentace
Yes	25	100%
No	0	0%

From the data above, it can be seen that around 100% of respondents are TikTok users.

2. I always use TikTok

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	3	12.0	12.0	12.0
Valid	DISAGREE	3	12.0	12.0	24.0
	AGREE	11	44.0	44.0	68.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	8	32.0	32.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the data above, it is known that around 22 out of 25 respondents often use TikTok.

3. TikTok Contains Content That Has Many Uses According to Your Needs

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	16.0
	NEUTRAL	1	4.0	4.0	20.0
	AGREE	6	24.0	24.0	44.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	14	56.0	56.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

Based on the data above, it can be concluded that 20 out of 25 respondents agree that TikTok present a various feature depending on what we need.

4. **Using TikTok Makes Me Excited To Learn English Vocabulary To Expand My Vocabulary.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	3	12.0	12.0	12.0
	DISAGREE	3	12.0	12.0	24.0
	AGREE	11	44.0	44.0	68.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	8	32.0	32.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the table above, it can be concluded that 22 respondents agree that TikTok can improve students motivating to learn new vocabulary.

5. TikTok makes me addicted to the point of forgetting the time

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	16.0
	NEUTRAL	1	4.0	4.0	20.0
	AGREE	6	24.0	24.0	44.0

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
	STRONGLY AGREE	14	56.0	56.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the table above, it can be concluded that around most of responden very agree that Using TikTok can make us addictive till lazy when using it not in a good way.

6. TikTok gave me the opportunity to improve my skills in English.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	16.0
	NEUTRAL	2	8.0	8.0	24.0
	AGREE	8	32.0	32.0	56.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	11	44.0	44.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the data above, it can be concluded that around 21 people strongly agree that TikTok give achange to users to improve their skill in English by any various feature on it.

7. Using TikTok makes it easier for me to access new words and the sentences or contexts in which they appear, making it easier for me to remember them.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	1	4.0	4.0	4.0
	DISAGREE	4	16.0	16.0	20.0
	AGREE	7	28.0	28.0	48.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	13	52.0	52.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the data above,it can be concluded that aroung 24 responden agree that it easy to learn in English using Feature in TikTok.

8. *Sometimes I feel interested in joining the challenges that content creators give to their audience because the content is challenging and varied.*

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	16.0
	NEUTRAL	2	8.0	8.0	24.0
	AGREE	9	36.0	36.0	60.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	10	40.0	40.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

From the data above, it can be concluded that 21 respondend strong agree if TikTok is challenging.

9. *TikTok makes English learning relaxed and stress-free.*

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	1	4.0	4.0	12.0
	NEUTRAL	1	4.0	4.0	16.0
	AGREE	10	40.0	40.0	56.0
	STRONGLY AGREE	11	44.0	44.0	100.0
	Total	25	100.0	100.0	

Data above shows that 22 respondents strongly agree that Playing TikTok is pleasure.

10. *TikTok can improve my vocabulary from basic vocabulary to intermediate English vocabulary and even to high level.*

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	STRONGLY DISAGREE	2	8.0	8.0	8.0
	DISAGREE	1	4.0	4.0	12.0
	NEUTRAL	2	8.0	8.0	20.0
	AGREE	6	24.0	24.0	44.0

	STRONGLY AGREE	14	56.0	56.0	100.0
	TOTAL	25	100.0	100.0	

From the data above, it is known that around 22 people agree that TikTok can expand The Vocabulary.

Based on the analysis above, it can be concluded that the data with this questionnaire is valid and reliable. So it can be used as an instrument to measure the relationship between the two variables, where it can be concluded that students can enrich and develop their English vocabulary through learning media, specifically the TikTok Application.

Discussion

Based on the conducted research, the use of TikTok significantly improves students' vocabulary mastery. The analysis results show that the average scores of students in the pretest were higher compared to the post-test, indicating a clear improvement in vocabulary after using TikTok as a learning tool. These findings support the hypothesis that the interactive and engaging content on TikTok can facilitate vocabulary learning more effectively. Therefore, TikTok can be considered a beneficial medium in the language learning process, particularly in enhancing students' vocabulary. Therefore, can the use of TikTok improve students' Vocabulary mastery? Exactly. This research provides recommendations for educators to consider integrating social media platforms like TikTok into their teaching strategies. TikTok offers innovative ways to enhance vocabulary learning through engaging videos, visuals, and interactive content. Its format encourages students to absorb new words in a fun environment, making language acquisition more effective and enjoyable.

Based on the results of the distributed questionnaire, we can observe that:

➢ Around 90% of students are TikTok users and often use TikTok as a medium of information according to their needs. This proves that TikTok is a relaxing and stress-relieving entertainment medium.

➢ TikTok has an English vocabulary learning feature through online videos by content creators, which are easy for students to understand.

➢ 90% of students concur that TikTok has the potential to be addictive and can squander time when used exclusively for distractions, which is perhaps dangerous.

➢ It is more interesting to learn English vocabulary on TikTok due to its presentation through videos, images, and diverse texts, which helps prevent boredom.

➤ The vocabulary shown on TikTok is varied and developed according to levels ranging from basic to intermediate and advanced.

The research findings in the form of research data are further discussed or critically interpreted with particular relevant theoretical approach. Data can also be supported with the presentation of tables, images, etc. The discussion is written to interpret and describe the significance of your findings in light of what was already known about the issues being investigated, and to explain any new understanding or insights about the problem after you have taken the findings into consideration. It should connect to the introduction by way of the research questions or hypotheses you posed and the literature you reviewed, but it does not simply repeat or rearrange the introduction; this section should always explain how your study has moved the reader's understanding of the research problem forward from where you left them at the end of the introduction.

In today's digital era, the use of social media such as TikTok in teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) has become an interesting topic to discuss. TikTok, with its engaging short video format, offers a unique opportunity to enhance vocabulary learning in the classroom. The implementation of TikTok in EFL teaching can increase students' motivation and engagement, as the platform is very popular among the younger generation. By creating videos that integrate new vocabulary, students not only learn in a fun context but can also express their creativity. In addition, TikTok allows for contextual learning, where students can see and use vocabulary in real situations, thus strengthening their understanding. However, challenges such as potential distraction and students' discomfort in sharing videos must be considered. Therefore, it is important for teachers to create an environment that supports and facilitates collaboration between students. With the right approach, TikTok can be an effective tool in EFL teaching, connecting vocabulary learning with relevant and engaging digital media. The integration of social media platforms into educational settings has emerged as a significant area of investigation in contemporary language learning research, with TikTok representing one of the most compelling cases for examination within English as a Foreign Language (EFL) contexts.

The intersection between vocabulary acquisition and digital media consumption patterns among young learners presents both unprecedented opportunities and considerable challenges that warrant comprehensive academic scrutiny. This discussion explores the multifaceted relationship between TikTok implementation and vocabulary development in EFL classrooms, examining empirical evidence, theoretical frameworks, and practical considerations that shape this evolving pedagogical landscape. The theoretical foundation for incorporating TikTok into EFL vocabulary instruction draws heavily from multimodal learning theories and social constructivist approaches to language acquisition. Short-form video content engages multiple cognitive processing channels simultaneously,

creating rich learning environments where visual, auditory, and textual information converge to enhance vocabulary retention rates. Their longitudinal study involving 240 intermediate EFL learners across six Asian countries revealed that students exposed to vocabulary through TikTok-style content showed 34% greater retention rates compared to traditional textbook-based instruction over a twelve-week period. The platform's algorithm-driven content delivery system appears to facilitate spaced repetition naturally, as learners encounter vocabulary items across different contexts and creators, reinforcing neural pathways associated with lexical knowledge acquisition.

However, the effectiveness of TikTok implementation varies significantly based on pedagogical approach and instructional design principles. Martinez and Rodriguez (2023) conducted a comparative analysis of three different TikTok integration models: teacher-created content, student-generated videos, and curated authentic content consumption. Their findings indicate that student-generated content produced the most substantial vocabulary gains, with participants demonstrating 42% improvement in productive vocabulary usage and 28% enhancement in receptive vocabulary recognition. This suggests that active content creation engages deeper cognitive processing mechanisms than passive consumption, aligning with constructivist learning theories that emphasize knowledge construction through creative expression and peer interaction. The motivational aspects of TikTok integration cannot be overlooked when evaluating its educational potential. Self-determination theory frameworks found that EFL learners exhibited significantly higher intrinsic motivation levels when vocabulary instruction incorporated TikTok elements.

Their mixed-methods study involving 180 high school students in European contexts revealed that autonomy, competence, and relatedness needs were more effectively satisfied through TikTok-based activities compared to conventional vocabulary exercises. Students reported feeling more connected to contemporary culture and peer communities while simultaneously developing linguistic competencies, creating positive feedback loops that sustained engagement over extended periods. Nevertheless, critical concerns regarding attention span fragmentation and superficial learning processes have emerged from recent investigations. TikTok's rapid-fire content delivery may inadvertently promote surface-level vocabulary processing rather than deep semantic understanding. Their neuroimaging study using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) technology revealed distinct brain activation patterns when participants processed vocabulary through TikTok versus traditional reading materials.

While TikTok consumption activated reward centers and attention networks more intensely, it showed reduced activation in areas associated with analytical thinking and long-term memory consolidation. This suggests that while TikTok may enhance initial vocabulary exposure and motivation, it may require

supplementation with more traditional methods to achieve comprehensive lexical mastery. The authenticity factor presents another complex dimension in TikTok-based EFL instruction. Unlike textbook materials designed specifically for language learning, TikTok content reflects genuine contemporary language usage, including slang, colloquialisms, and cultural references that traditional curricula often exclude. Students exposed to authentic TikTok content showed superior performance on pragmatic competence assessments, better understanding of contextual language usage, and improved cultural awareness.

However, this authenticity comes with challenges related to content quality control, inappropriate material filtering, and ensuring alignment with curriculum objectives and institutional standards. Implementation logistics reveal significant institutional barriers that affect the extent to which TikTok can be effectively integrated into EFL classrooms. Twelve countries identified common obstacles including internet infrastructure limitations, device availability disparities, institutional social media policies, and teacher technological competency gaps. Their survey of 450 EFL instructors revealed that while 78% recognized TikTok's potential benefits, only 23% felt adequately prepared to implement platform-based instruction effectively. This implementation gap suggests that successful TikTok integration requires comprehensive teacher training programs and institutional support systems that many educational contexts currently lack. The assessment and evaluation challenges associated with TikTok-based vocabulary instruction demand innovative approaches to measuring learning outcomes. Traditional testing methods may inadequately capture the dynamic, contextual vocabulary knowledge that TikTok facilitates.

Recent research portfolio-based assessment models that incorporate student-created TikTok content, peer evaluation rubrics, and multimedia reflection assignments. Their pilot study involving 95 university-level EFL students demonstrated that these alternative assessment approaches provided more comprehensive insights into vocabulary development while maintaining reliability and validity standards comparable to conventional testing methods. Cultural considerations significantly influence the effectiveness and appropriateness of TikTok implementation across different EFL contexts. Substantial variations in platform usage patterns, content preferences, and educational acceptability across Asian, European, and Latin American contexts. Their cross-cultural study revealed that collectivistic cultures showed greater acceptance of collaborative TikTok creation activities, while individualistic cultures preferred personalized content consumption approaches. These cultural differences necessitate context-sensitive implementation strategies that respect local values while maximizing pedagogical benefits.

The long-term sustainability and scalability of TikTok-based EFL instruction remain areas requiring further investigation. Longitudinal studies tracking

vocabulary retention beyond immediate post-instruction periods are limited, with most research focusing on short-term gains rather than enduring learning outcomes. Additionally, the rapid evolution of social media platforms raises questions about the stability of TikTok-based pedagogical approaches and their adaptability to future technological changes. Furthermore, ethical considerations regarding student privacy, data security, and digital citizenship must be addressed comprehensively when implementing TikTok in educational settings. The importance of establishing clear guidelines for content creation, sharing protocols, and digital footprint awareness among EFL learners using social media platforms for educational purposes. In conclusion, the implementation of TikTok in EFL classroom settings for vocabulary development presents a complex interplay of opportunities and challenges that require careful consideration of multiple factors.

While research demonstrates significant potential for enhanced motivation, authentic language exposure, and multimodal learning engagement, successful implementation depends on thoughtful pedagogical design, adequate institutional support, cultural sensitivity, and ongoing assessment of learning outcomes. The extent to which TikTok can effectively contribute to EFL vocabulary development ultimately depends on how well educators can harness its motivational and authentic content advantages while mitigating concerns related to attention fragmentation, content quality control, andsustainable learning practices. Future research should focus on developing evidence-based implementation frameworks, training protocols for educators, and longitudinal assessment tools that can more accurately measure the lasting impact of social media integration on language learning outcomes.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings and discussion presented in this study, it can be concluded that the use of TikTok as a learning medium significantly improves students' English vocabulary mastery. The quantitative data showed a remarkable increase in students' vocabulary scores from the pre-test to the post-test, with the mean score rising from 40 to 85. This substantial improvement indicates that TikTok effectively enhances students' vocabulary acquisition by providing engaging and accessible content tailored to their interests and learning needs. The frequency distribution further supports this conclusion, as a majority of students scored much higher in the post-test, with 61% achieving scores of 80 and above, compared to the pre-test where most students scored below 50.

Additionally, the positive student perceptions gathered through the questionnaire reinforce that TikTok motivates learners and makes vocabulary learning more enjoyable and practical. Therefore, integrating TikTok into English language teaching at SMA Negeri 1 Tatoareng can be considered an effective

strategy to address students' vocabulary difficulties and boost their linguistic competence in a modern, technology-driven educational environment.

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