Quality Assessment of English Learning in Junior High School Using the Online Photo Essay Assignment Method

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	Development in information technology, especially the internet and social media today, opens up opportunities for education practitioners (lecturers/teachers) to innovate in improving the quality of learning for their students. It is done to look up the conventional learning methods as investigated in this study, that is, the assessment of the quality of learning using the online photo essay assignment method. This type of research is quantitative by taking samples in two classes at the Junior High School in English. Primary data is obtained from calculating the percentage of answers to surveys given to students, as well as assessments from teachers on the results of online photo essay uploads conducted by students. This research aims to provide alternative learning methods adapted to the development of information technology so that the learning process is expected to be more exciting and can impact optimal learning outcomes. The result showed that the student assignment method in the form of online photo essays positively contributed to the quality of English learning by reviewing the process, media, and results aspects.

INTRODUCTION

Internet technology has developed as a multifunctional medium that allows users to connect without colliding with space and time boundaries. Ahmadi (2017) argued that the method instructors use in their classes to facilitate the language learning process is one of the crucial learning elements. Aslan (2017) stated that the developments in information and communication technologies had removed barriers among countries, and on this occasion, information sharing and communication have become prominent. Therefore, according to Xiao (2019), language educators must pay attention to and feel confident in embracing innovation by embedding digital technologies in students' learning. The internet offers two main benefits: communication and information (Warren et al., 1998). Communication via the internet can occur through various platforms, such as email, chat, or social media services. Furthermore, the internet is capable of being a medium of providing information and entertainment in various forms, whether in writing, photos, or videos. All this information is accessible to internet users through specific sites.

Along with the conveniences offered by the internet, it is not surprising that internet users are growing explosively worldwide. According to research from Kemp (2018) in We are Social, internet users worldwide have reached 4 billion. There is an increment from the previous year of only 3.8 billion users. Considering this vast increase, it is said that more than half of the world's population has been connected to the internet and not to mention social media users. The research of Kemp (2018) also stated that social media users in the world have grown by 13% in the last 12 Months. Central and South Asia recorded the fastest gains of 90% and 33%, respectively. Saudi Arabia experienced the

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