

Needs Analysis For the Development Of Website-Based Interactive Infographic Modules in Arabic Grammar Learning

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Abstract

Technology in learning Arabic grammar can help students understand more easily and with fewer difficulties. Infographics are one of the alternatives of today's technology that aim to make learning information simple, exciting, and easy to understand. This study focuses on students' views on the need to develop web-based interactive infographic modules in learning Arabic grammar. This study uses the Design and Development Research approach. Researchers used questionnaire instruments to obtain analysis data related to learning materials, learning approach issues, the tendency to utilize innovation, and the need to use interactive infographics. A total of 205 students from Bachelor of Arabic Studies, UniSZA, who had taken Ibn Aqil's Syntax Text study, were made to be respondents that answered the questionnaire. Data were analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) software to obtain the mean and standard deviation. Interactive infographic content can attract students to understand complex lessons, and it should be developed.

Keywords: Arabic Grammar; Interactive Infographics; Technology; Website.

INTRODUCTION

The objective of learning a language's approach is to practise language proficiency without making mistakes (Abdul Hamid et al., 2020). Similar to Arabic, teaching and learning (TnL) places a strong emphasis on grammatical acquisition. Every language in the world, notably Arabic, is highly concerned with grammar in order to guarantee that the language is utilised correctly and accurately, claimed Abdul Karim et al. (2020). The grammar that serves as the foundation for the Arabic language's rules determines whether or not the Arabic language will serve its intended purpose (Jaffar & Sha'ari, 2016). According to Syed Ab Hamid et al. (2017), the weakness of mastery of the Arabic language as a whole is the result of failing to understand grammar well. The TnL method of Arabic grammar still focuses on the explanation of the textbook by the teacher and involves less two-way interaction. This is not in line with current developments, especially for generation Z students who prefer interactive learning, innovation and a variety of technology-based teaching aids. One factor contributing to this issue is the TnL methodology of Arabic grammar, which is synonymous with method and incorporates teacher-centred learning (Zaini et al., 2019). Due to teaching methods that are sometimes

unfocused and stagnant, particularly for non-native students who adhere to traditional and static learning styles, the discussion surrounding Arabic grammar is very broad (Husin et al., 2017). Arabic textbooks are filled with in-depth information that is given in the form of lengthy descriptions, which causes the content to be disorganised. This circumstance adds to the students' disinterest in studying the book's material further. As a result, the part that instructional materials perform is crucial in clarifying and improving learning measurement (Sjahrony et al., 2017).

Although the natural characteristics of the Arabic grammar method are complex, it does not mean that mastery of it is limited. Various teaching methodologies in TnL Arabic grammar have been practiced by teachers. However, the selection of a creative and appropriate approach needs to be widely practiced in line with current technological developments. This is able to impact TnL activities in addition to achieving the desired objectives (Ismail et al., 2018). Diverse learning methods and the use of learning aids that suit the student's ability need to be taken into account (Jamaluddin & Baharudin, 2021). An interactive and innovative teaching approach is more suitable and popular with students in this current era as compared to traditional methods that only focus on the teacher. One of the alternatives in practicing the approach is through the use of multimedia that acts as a teaching aid (Sallehin & Ab Halim, 2018). The use of multimedia can be practiced through the presentation of information through infographics. Information is presented in attractive graphics. According to a 2017 study by Mohd Noh et al., students are more likely to comprehend material when it is presented to them visually and through an appealing graphic combination. According to them, any information communicated must emphasise the use of attractive colours in conjunction with straightforward, understandable text, supported by pertinent diagrams, charts, or tables, in order to create an organised and efficient information display. The website will be used to develop the use of interactive infographics in this study. Students' interest in comprehending complex information, such knowledge on Arabic grammar, can be piqued through the interactive use of infographics. Students can select the content they want to focus on and can concentrate on with interactive infographics (Dur, 2014).

METHOD

This study uses a DDR approach that aims to promote the knowledge base of researchers and creativity in design and development by involving them in all phases of the design and development process, namely requirements analysis, design, development and evaluation (Siraj et al., 2020). The needs analysis phase is one of the key stages in this process. Prior to bringing the design and development process into action, this phase seeks to determine the model or module's development needs. In addition, the implementation of this phase is to evaluate the needs to be studied and then will determine the result of the results to be obtained. According to McKillip (1987), the process of analysing needs is also known as the process of identifying problems found among the selected population (target population). The needs analysis process also involves the process of identifying the most appropriate and best method to solve an issue in the study (Witkin & Altschuld, 1995). Needs analysis is important because research questions will be able to be explained and used to develop modules (Mohd Jamil & Mat Noh, 2020).

This study uses a questionnaire instrument for the needs analysis phase to identify the needs in developing an interactive infographic module based on students' views using the Design and Development (DDR) approach (Richey & Klein, 2007). This approach

involves the requirement analysis phase as the first phase before the module design phase is implemented. This study involved 205 students as respondents. These are students who have completed the required course for ISM Arabic Studies at UniSZA, Ibn 'Aqil's Syntax Text Study. This course is offered in the third semester of the study programme. Convenience sampling is the method used to choose the study's sample. This sampling strategy is conveniently accessible for gathering study participant input and works well with readiness-based studies.

The instrument used in the first phase of the study is a questionnaire. A set of needs analysis questionnaires were distributed online to get students' feedback and views on the extent of the need for the development of an animated infographic module in Arabic grammar learning at UniSZA. The questionnaire used is a structured questionnaire that is modified based on the questionnaire instrument for the study of module design and technology. This questionnaire contains five parts, namely part A related to demographic information, while parts B, C, D, E contain five Likert scale questions, namely (1) Strongly Disagree (2) Disagree (3) Not Sure (4) Agree (5) Strongly agree. This section is related to aspects of the use of learning materials, learning approach issues, the tendency to use innovation and the need to use interactive infographics in learning Arabic grammar. Data from a series of online questionnaires given to 205 UniSZA Arabic Studies ISM students were analysed as part of the needs analysis phase. Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) software version 23 was used for data analysis. The mean and standard deviation were used in a descriptive analysis that was performed. Based on students' perspectives, the descriptive analysis results were utilised to assess the necessity of an interactive graphical module for learning Arabic grammar. The mean score and standard deviation were analysed to obtain the level of student agreement. Mean interpretation scale obtained from Nunnally and Bernstein, (1994) as in Table 1.

Table 1. Mean Interpretation Value

| Mean Score | Interpretation |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1.00 – 2.00 | Low |
| 2.01 – 3.00 | Average |
| 3.01 – 4.00 | Above Average |
| 4.01 – 5.00 | High |

Source: Nunnally dan Bernstein (1994)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Use Of Learning Materials

The following result in Table 2 shows the mean score and standard deviation of the respondents' feedback on the use of learning materials.

Table 2. Use of Learning Materials

| B: Use of Learning Materials | Mean | SD | Interpretation |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| B1 I use the main reference book | 3.99 | .962 | Above Average |
| B2 I use additional reference books | 3.77 | .904 | Above Average |
| B3 I use library materials | 3.09 | 0.998 | Above Average |
| B4 I use internet materials | 4.56 | .681 | High |
| B5 I use simple notes made by myself | 3.90 | .860 | Above Average |
| B6 I use a computer software to study | 3.98 | .896 | Above Average |
| B7 I use graphic note summaries | 4.16 | .825 | High |
| B8 I used the notes shared by the lecturer | 4.58 | .686 | High |
| B9 I use an interactive website | 4.15 | .793 | High |
| Average | 4.02 | .845 | High |

Table 2 shows that the interpretation of the data for the aspect of the use of learning materials by students is at a high level, which is at an overall mean value of 4.02 and a standard deviation of .845. Based on the analysis of this data, it is known that students use learning materials that support their learning activities at a high level. The use of notes shared by the lecturer recorded the highest mean score, which is (M=4.58, SD= .686) followed by the use of internet materials (M=4.56, SD= .681). The use of graphic note summaries (M=4.16, SD=.825) and the use of interactive websites (M=4.15, SD= .793) as learning materials also recorded a high mean score.

The use of learning materials that shows an above average level is the use of the main reference book with the value of (M=3.99, SD=.962), followed by the use of computer software to learn with values of (M=3.98, SD=.896). This was followed by the use of self-made simple notes with the values of (M=3.90, SD=.860) and the use of additional reference books (M=3.77, SD=.904). The use of library materials recorded the lowest mean score value, which is (M=3.09, SD=0.998). However, all items recorded mean values at high and above average levels only.

Learning Approach Issues

The second question in this study is 'What are the learning approach issues faced by students?'. The following result in Table 3 shows the mean score and standard deviation of the respondents' feedback on learning approach issues.

Table 3. Learning Approach Issues

| C: Learning Approach Issues | | Mean | SD | Interpretation |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| C1 | Traditional teaching (full explanation by the teacher) is not enough to understand the course content | 3.40 | 1.118 | Above Average |
| C2 | Difficulty connecting with lecturers and friends outside the lecture | 3.03 | 1.129 | Above Average |
| C3 | Limited time to delve into topics during lectures | 3.72 | 1.061 | Above Average |
| C4 | A large measure of topics | 3.45 | 1.122 | Above Average |
| C5 | Complex teaching information and notes | 3.56 | 1.025 | Above Average |
| C6 | Lack of electronic material on the internet | 3.04 | 1.143 | Above Average |
| C7 | High cost of additional reference materials | 3.05 | 1.119 | Above Average |
| C8 | There are no complete teaching aids | 2.72 | 1.114 | Average |
| C9 | No interactive website learning materials | 2.86 | 1.134 | Average |
| Average | | 3.203 | 1.1072 | Above Average |

Data interpretation for Table 3 above is related to the issues of learning approach faced by students. The learning approach issues faced by students as a whole are at an above average level with a mean score of 3.203 and a standard deviation of 1.1072. Two items recorded a mean score that was at a medium level, namely the item "no interactive website learning materials" with a value of (M=2.86, SD=1.134) and the item "no complete teaching aids" with a value of (M=2.72, SD =1.114). Other items recorded a mean score that was at an above average level. The learning issue that recorded the highest mean score was the item "limited time to study the topic during lectures", which is (M=3.72, SD=1.061). This is followed by the item "complex teaching information and notes" which recorded a value of (M=3.56, SD=1.025). Then followed by other themes that are at an above average level, namely "a lot of topic measurement" with the value of (M=3.45, SD=1.22), "traditional teaching (full explanation by the teacher) is not enough to understand the course content" with the values (M=3.40, SD=1.118), "high cost of

additional reference materials" with (M= 3.05, SD=1.119), "lack of electronic materials on the internet" with (M=3.04, SD=1.143) and "difficulty relating to lecturers and friends outside the lecture" with a values (M=3.03, SD=1.129).

Tendency to Use Innovation

The third question in this study is 'What is the tendency of students towards the use of innovation?'. Table 4 shows the mean score and standard deviation of respondents' feedback about the tendency to use innovation in learning courses.

Table 4. Tendency to Use Innovation

| | D: Tendency to Use Innovation | Mean | SD | Interpretation |
|----|--|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| D1 | I like learning that applies technology | 4.26 | .822 | High |
| D2 | I like interactive learning materials | 4.35 | .762 | High |
| D3 | I like picture notes in course learning | 4.48 | .690 | High |
| D4 | I like coloured notes in course learning | 4.55 | .696 | High |
| D5 | I like reading information that has interesting graphics | 4.55 | .667 | High |
| D6 | I like information that has interesting writing | 4.56 | .674 | High |
| D7 | I like the information based on the website | 4.21 | .834 | High |
| | Average | 4.423 | .735 | High |

Based on table 4 above, the data shows that the tendency of students to use innovation in learning is at a high level with an overall mean score of 4.423 and a standard deviation of .735. These results show that students tend to use innovation in learning at a high level. All items recorded a mean score at a high level, preceded by the item "information that has interesting writing" with a value of (M=4.56, SD=.674), then followed by an item that recorded the same mean score, namely "information that has graphics interesting" with a value of (M=4.55, SD=.667) and the item "coloured notes in course learning" with a value of (M=4.55, SD=.696). Next followed by the item "photographic notes in course learning" with a value of (M=4.48, SP=.690), "interactive learning materials" with a value of (M=4.35, SD=.762), "learning that applies technology" with value (M=4.26, SD=.822) and the item "web-based information" with value (M=4.21, SD=.834).

Infographic Use Requirements

The final question in this study is 'What are the students' views on the need to use interactive infographics?'. Table 5 shows the mean score and standard deviation of the respondents' feedback about the need to use interactive infographics.

Table 5. Infographic Use Requirements

| | E: Infographic Use Requirements | Mean | SD | Interpretation |
|----|--|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| E1 | I believe interactive infographics make information easier to understand | 4.61 | .682 | High |
| E2 | I believe interactive infographics make information more interesting and concise | 4.63 | .640 | High |
| E3 | I believe interactive infographics can improve creative thinking | 4.60 | .668 | High |
| E4 | I believe interactive infographics strengthen understanding in learning | 4.61 | .689 | High |
| E5 | I believe interactive infographics help students remember concepts easily | 4.63 | .640 | High |
| E6 | I believe interactive infographics add focus in learning | 4.60 | .690 | High |

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|----------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| E7 | I believe interactive infographics make learning faster | 4.60 | .705 | High |
| E8 | I believe interactive infographics motivate students to study harder | 4.54 | .703 | High |
| E9 | I believe interactive infographics make learning more fun | 4.65 | .652 | High |
| E10 | I believe learning through interactive infographics is more effective | 4.59 | .671 | High |
| Average | | 4.606 | .674 | High |

Based on table 5 above, data interpretation shows that students' perception of the need to use interactive infographics in learning is at a high level with an overall mean score of 4.606 and a standard deviation of .674. This data shows that students believe that interactive infographics should be used as learning material at a high level. All items recorded a mean score at a high level. The item with the highest mean value is "interactive infographics make learning more fun" with a value of (M=4.65, SD=.652), followed by the item with the same mean score, which is "interactive infographics help students remember concepts easily" with a value of (M=4.63, SD=.690) and the item "interactive infographics make information more interesting and simpler" with a value of (M=4.63, SD=.640). Next, the items "interactive infographics make information easier to understand" with a value of (M=4.61, SD=.682), "interactive infographics strengthen understanding in learning" with a value of (M=4.61, SD=.689), "interactive infographics can increase thinking creativity" with a value of (M=4.60, SD=.668), "interactive infographics increase focus in learning" with a value of (M=4.60, SD=.690), "interactive infographics make learning faster" with a value of (M=4.60, SD=.705), "learning through interactive infographics is more effective" with a value of (M=4.59, SD=.671) and "interactive infographics motivate students to study more diligently" with a value of (M=4.54, SD=.703).

The overall results of the descriptive analysis indicate that an interactive infographic module based on the website is required. The results of every aspect examined which are at a high and above average level are able to demonstrate this. The data for the overall use of learning materials recorded a high level. Students most often use lecture notes as their primary source of learning materials. In reality, students only use the notes that the lecturers supply them to cover learning measures. This contributes to how frequently students use the content because it is concentrated and straightforward to obtain. Together with the usage of interactive websites and graphic note summaries, the utilisation of internet resources also produced the highest mean score. In keeping with the necessities of the modern world and the progress of technology, information is readily available online. By using devices like computers and mobile phones to access the internet, students may swiftly discover information. Students now also prefer to read information through graphic notes because it is able to facilitate understanding and interest them. Notes or learning that contain information and graphics can attract students' interest with the advantages found in it (Dewi et al., 2021). The use of interactive websites is also frequently used by students, but for learning Arabic grammar, the available websites do not focus on infographic features that include simple information and interesting graphics. The use of library materials is less used by students because a lot of reference information can now be accessed online. The tendency of students to use technology leads to the need to develop a special module based on interactive

infographics as a new alternative to make learning Arabic grammar more interesting and easier.

The results of the problems that students encountered with the learning approach also made this module necessary to build. According to the data, the majority of students agree that there is not sufficient time for study during lectures. Students only have three hours each week to study the Ibn 'Aqil Syntax Text Study Course. The issue prevents the learning measures from being fully learned. For self-study, students require an extra module to aid them with this problem. Furthermore, according to students' opinions, information-related and difficult teaching note issues also had the highest mean scores. Ibn Aqil's Syntax Text Study course textbook is written as a lengthy description and doesn't concentrate on the main content. This is coupled with the problem of large-scale learning. Teacher-centred teaching is also an issue for students to understand the content of the course because the method becomes a factor for students to easily feel bored or lose interest. Ahmid et al. (2018) stated that teacher-centred teaching through traditional delivery such as the translation method only causes students to be passive and lack motivation to learn. In addition, issues involving the high cost of additional reference materials, lack of electronic materials on the internet, difficulty in connecting with lecturers and friends outside of lectures, no interactive website learning materials and no complete teaching aids are also factors. to the production of an innovative, simple, easily accessible and interesting learning support material.

The findings related to the tendency to use innovation show that students are more inclined to learning content that applies innovation and technology. The content of Arabic grammar learning textbooks is presented in the form of long descriptions without focusing on interesting visual elements. Because today's generation is more impacted by technology and the digital world, this leads to students becoming bored easily. Compared to traditional techniques, technological innovation encourages students to study and learn autonomously, claim Ismail et al. (2021). Their inclination towards new features in learning content is considerable, as seen by their interest in information that applies the selection of writing, graphics, picture notes, interactive information, technology applications, and accessible through websites. The interactive infographic module that will be created has all of these elements.

The need to use the interactive infographic module that will be developed based on the students' views can be seen with the data results that show a high interpretation of all items. The advantages found in interactive infographics encourage students to consider that this module is a necessity to develop. Interactive infographics make learning more interesting and fun. Based on the study of Ahmed Ismaeel and Al Mulhim (2021), interactive infographics are able to attract the interest and focus of students and make learning fun. In addition, interactive infographics can make information more interesting and concise and help students remember the information or concept of a topic easily. They easily remember learning information with infographic-assisted methods compared to traditional methods (Wulandri et al., 2019). Interesting and simple information can also strengthen understanding in learning. In addition, learning information is also easier to understand and makes learning faster. Based on the findings and discussion above, a module will be developed according to the characteristics of interactive infographics that use the medium of websites. This module will combine static infographics and animated infographics presented interactively on the website. Learning information is organised centrally to make it easier for students to find and understand it.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the findings of each aspect presented become a factor in the need to develop an interactive infographic module based on a website in learning Arabic grammar. The module to be developed combines infographic elements interactively through a special website. The learning content combines the topics found in Ibn Aqil's Syntax Text Study Course. Information is presented interactively by providing systematic search buttons based on learning metrics. Discussion and training activities will also be provided to meet the elements of a learning module. This interactive infographic website will make it easier for students to find information in a simple, graphic, interactive and easily accessible way.

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