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ABSTRACT

Aulia Rahma. 181230157. 2023. Gen Z Students' Perception Toward The Impact of Utilizing Instagram Application To Enhance Vocabulary (A Survey Research at MAN 2 Cilegon)

The aim of this study was to explore Gen Z students' perceptions regarding the impact of employing Instagram applications to enhance vocabulary. This study used a survey method. The instruments used in this study were questionnaires and semi-structured interviews. Descriptive statistical analysis was used to analyze data from the questionnaire, and the data from interviews were analyzed using the Flow model by Miles and Huberman. This study was conducted at MAN 2 Cilegon with a population of students in the academic year 2022/2023. One hundred and twenty-five participated in this study (F=74, M=51). Then, twelve students participated in the qualitative data collection process. The research findings showed that most students had a highly positive perception of the impact that using Instagram applications to improve vocabulary and they were interested in employing this app as a means of acquiring new words outside of the classroom. It was also found that students were able to increase their vocabulary because Instagram offers entertaining, brief videos with straightforward explanations and accounts that can be followed to watch educational videos in English that cover topics like idioms, slang words, phrases, and daily words. However, they also point out that watching videos on Instagram might lead to other concerns including feeling uneasy when using the app and experiencing troubles with a poor internet connection and limited quota. The researcher concluded that Instagram had a significant effect on students' English vocabulary at MAN 2 Cilegon.

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