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ABSTRACT

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The results of the PISA show that Indonesian literacy is low, strengthened by the result of the English Proficiency Index 2023 showing that English proficiency in Indonesia is low. This is because of several reasons including uninteresting activities in teaching and learning. Many researches show that digital storytelling could improve and help students learn. Moreover, using animation in digital storytelling could help to engage students' attention. Therefore, the research is objective to investigate whether the use of Animation-Based Digital Storytelling significantly affects students' writing descriptive reports and to describe the students' and teacher's perspectives. Hence, this study employs a mixed-method study. The researcher used a sequential explanatory mixed method that displays a descriptive analysis of quantitative data and an in-depth understanding of qualitative data. The research design used a pre-experimental design with pre-test and post-test for quantitative and used interviews and questionnaires for qualitative. To analyze the data, the researcher used SPSS 25.0 for quantitative data and thematic analysis for qualitative data. The findings revealed an increase from the pre-test mean score of 44.77 to 86.93 in the post-test mean score. The p-value is lower than the significance level (0.000 < 0.05). Moreover, the N-Gain test result was 76% which was categorized as high. It can be concluded that the use of Animation-Based Digital Storytelling significantly affects students' writing skills. The writing aspect that increased significantly from the average pre-test to post-test score was language use with an increase of 52.8%, followed by the vocabulary aspect at 45.6%, organization aspect at 44%, content aspect at 33.9%, and mechanics at 15.4%. Students were able to write descriptive report texts grammatically, used the appropriate words, structured their texts coherently, wrote more detailed information and explored their ideas, and used spelling and punctuation better in writing sentences. The Animation-Based Digital Storytelling created a positive atmosphere in the teaching and learning process in writing class. The students were enjoyable, excited, and interested in the lesson. The use of Animation-Based Digital Storytelling provides benefits: students are motivated to learn, improve their writing skills, develop their creativity, make the material easier to understand, and learn independently. This study expects to contribute to the improvement of student writing and make an enjoyable learning experience.

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