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#### **ABSTRACT**

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In the context of implementing the Merdeka Belajar curriculum, for the learning process to be effective, teachers need to be able to design learning modules. However, many teachers are still unable to compile teaching modules independently. The purpose of this study was to explore how teachers understand the implementation of the Merdeka Belajar Curriculum, teachers' readiness in the process of developing learning modules, and the challenges faced in the preparation of learning modules. This study used qualitative methods and in-depth interviews to explore teachers' understanding of implementation of the Merdeka Belajar Curriculum, their readiness in developing learning modules, and the challenges they face in developing learning modules. Based on the results of this study, the data shows that teachers' understanding of the implementation of the Merdeka Belaja Curriculum can be said to be good because this is supported by several things, including teachers can understand their main focus in teaching and, learning objectives, teachers are also able to understand the strategies that must be carried out in terms of implementing learning in accordance with the Merdeka Belajar Curriculum. Regarding teachers' readiness in the development of teaching modules, teachers can develop teaching modules quite well because almost all English teachers have participated in various workshops related to teaching modules and are able to use any media and be able to adapt material from various sources. In addition, the teachers also revealed some challenges they faced in implementing the Merdeka Belajar Curriculum and the development of teaching modules. However, teachers were able to overcome these challenges with the assistance from schools and the utilization of technology. This research reveals that despite various obstacles, support from schools and the use of technology are keys in facilitating the implementation of

the curriculum and the development of more effective modules. The implications of this research for other schools are to be a reference and input in the implementation of the Independent Curriculum and the development of teaching modules. For teachers, this research can be a further illustration of teachers' readiness in designing teaching modules. For researchers who are prospective educators, the results of this study have implications for expanding knowledge and insight into teacher readiness in the development of teaching modules so that they can be a provision for researchers when entering the world of education later.

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