

THE INFLUENCE OF INTERACTIVE DIGITAL STORIES FOR ELEMENTARY PUPILS

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With the advent of modern technology teachers daily lesson, the teaching-learning process is evolving and expected to become productive and responsive to the needs of the students. As classrooms transition from traditional methods to more technology-driven environments, the teachers are also expected to become responsive to the newest trends in teaching. But then again, the shift from traditional classroom phase towards a modernized environment is an adjustment period for teachers and the learners. Nonetheless, the change in the delivery of teaching must cope with the changing trends over time. Teachers and the pupils must embrace the change brought about by the digital age.

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One instrument that can be effective in enhancing learning is interactive digital stories. These stories blend text, images, and interactive elements to create a fun and engaging experience for pupils. It is an interactive way of learning. Learners do not sit and listen, instead they interact with the data and recognize it into a story that requires them to understand it completely.

Interactive digital stories provide notable advantages to improved reading comprehension. According to Vidal (2022), the use of multimedia and text-based reading approaches contributes to enhancing students' reading comprehension skills. By integrating these methods, pupils can be better understanding and engage with texts. In addition, interactive learning inspires learners to actively engage, lead in capturing learners' attention and increasing interest in exploring new ideas. When utilized effectively, digital stories make the activities engaging and also improve the ability to

analyze and comprehend text easily. Because of this, learning becomes more meaningful, active, and enjoyable. Furthermore, interactive digital stories suited to different learning styles, benefiting visual learners through pictures and animations and kinesthetic learners through interactive elements, ultimately leading to long-lasting knowledge retention.

The ability to develop critical thinking skills is considered to be one of the advantages of interactive learning as they often students require to answer the questions in the story they read. Since reading comprehension remains a challenge for many students, digital stories serve as an effective tool to strengthen creativity, independent thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Essentially, integrating interactive digital stories into education provides numerous advantages, from improving reading comprehension to fostering creativity and developing critical thinking. These innovative tools play an important role in enhancing reading comprehension skills.

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