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ABSTRACT

Penelitian ini menyelidiki integrasi keterampilan berpikir tingkat tinggi

(HOTS) dalam pengajaran pemahaman bacaan kepada pembelajar EFL. Dalam

konteks pendidikan bahasa, pengembangan HOTS sangat penting untuk

mengembangkan kemampuan berpikir kritis pembelajar, yang menjadi kunci

untuk pemahaman yang lebih mendalam dan analisis teks. Penelitian ini

menggunakan pendekatan campuran, menggabungkan observasi kualitatif di kelas

dan analisis kuantitatif terhadap hasil tes pra dan pasca untuk menilai dampak

strategi berbasis HOTS terhadap kemampuan pemahaman bacaan siswa.

Temuan penelitian menyoroti efektivitas integrasi HOTS, seperti analisis,

evaluasi, dan sintesis, dalam praktik pengajaran yang bertujuan untuk

meningkatkan kemampuan pemahaman pembelajar EFL. Implikasi pedagogis

menekankan pentingnya pengajaran eksplisit HOTS melalui kegiatan berjenjang

dan instruksi yang berbeda untuk menyesuaikan dengan tingkat kemahiran yang

beragam. Secara keseluruhan, penelitian ini berkontribusi dalam wacana mengenai

metodologi pengajaran bahasa yang efektif dengan menekankan peran berpikir

kritis dalam meningkatkan kemahiran pemahaman bacaan di kalangan pembelajar

EFL.

Kata kunci: HOTS Strategi, pemahaman membaca, pengajaran

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ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates the integration of high-order thinking skills (HOTS) in the teaching of reading comprehension to EFL learners. In the context of language education, fostering HOTS is crucial for developing learners' critical thinking abilities, which are essential for deeper comprehension and analysis of texts. The study employs a quantitative and CAR methods approach, combining classroom action research observations and analysis of pre- and post-test results to assess the impact of HOTS-based strategies on students' reading comprehension abilities.

The findings highlight the effectiveness of integrating HOTS, such as analysis, evaluation, and synthesis, into instructional practices aimed at enhancing EFL learners' comprehension skills. Pedagogical implications underscore the importance of explicit teaching of HOTS through scaffolded activities and differentiated instruction to accommodate varying proficiency levels. Ultimately, this research contributes to the discourse on effective language teaching methodologies by emphasizing the role of critical thinking in enhancing reading proficiency among EFL learners

Keywords: HOTS strategies, reading comprehension, teaching

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