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An Ethnopedagogical Approach in Developing Inferential Reading Materials in EFL Contexts: Integrating Lampung Local Wisdom

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ABSTRACT

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Ethnopedagogy emphasizes the integration of local wisdom into educational practices and has gained increasing attention in EFL contexts. This study aimed to develop inferential reading materials by integrating Lampung local wisdom through an ethnopedagogical approach. Employing a research and development (R&D) design based on the Thiagarajan and Semmel 4D model, the study involved four stages: define, design, develop, and disseminate. During the define stage, students' needs were examined through questionnaires and interviews. The design stage focused on syllabus development and the selection of reading theories, strategies, text genres, and culturally relevant materials rooted in Lampung local wisdom. In the develop stage, an inferential reading textbook was produced and validated by experts, while the disseminate stage examined students' responses to the materials. The participants consisted of one inferential reading lecturer and 70 undergraduate students from an English Education program at a public higher education institution in Indonesia. The findings reveal a strong need for culturally grounded inferential reading materials, as existing resources insufficiently support students' inferential comprehension skills. Students' responses indicated a highly positive evaluation of the materials in terms of relevance, clarity, and cultural integration, with a mean score of 3.48 on a 4-point scale, categorized as very good. These results suggest that an ethnopedagogical approach is both effective and feasible for developing inferential reading materials in EFL higher education contexts.

Keywords: EFL reading comprehension; ethnopedagogy approach; Lampung culture; local wisdom; Inferential reading.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's era of globalization, where people are increasingly drawn to global cultures and tend to overlook their local traditions, the ethnopedagogy approach offers a solution. It provides a learning model that emphasizes the importance of local wisdom in education. This approach not only promotes social cultural transformation and through education but also enriches the learning process by incorporating elements of local culture (Muzakkir, 2021). By integrating local wisdom into teaching, students can have a more meaningful and relevant learning experience, as it connects them to their immediate environment (P. Putra, 2017). This approach not only helps students understand and appreciate their local heritage but also strengthens national identity, which is rooted in the diversity of local cultures(Anwar, Ali; Hendrawan, 2020; Naden et al., 2021). Furthermore, culture-based education plays a crucial role in shaping students' character and values because local wisdom contains moral and ethical principles that are intentionally internalized through educational cultural practices and traditions, guiding learners' attitudes, behaviors, and social responsibility. (Zakaria, 2020).

So far, studies on the ethnopedagogy approach have largely focused on its concept and potential for implementation in Indonesia(Sugara & Sugito, 2022). This model has already been

successfully applied on both students' academic performance and character development. Previous studies have shown the that ethnopedagogical approach has been successfully implemented and has a positive impact on students' learning outcomes as well as social values, such as cooperation and unity among learners (Lestari & Bahri, 2021). Research has also explored the use of a culture-based curriculum through this approach such as a curriculum incorporates character-building activities like learning local languages, wearing traditional clothes, playing traditional games, singing regional songs, exploring local cuisines, participating in cultural visits, and observing customary practices (Lukitasari, 2017). In science education, the ethnpedagogy approach has been found to boost students' critical thinking, curiosity, patriotism, tolerance, and appreciation of local culture, while also fostering a sense of unity, love for peace, and care for the environment(Fahmi, 2016; Hernani et al., 2012; P. Putra, 2017; Rahmawati et al., 2020; Yuniarti & Yulian, 2019).

Based on previous research, the ethnopedagogy approach not only has a impact but also enhances students' learning by integrating local cultural values into education process. Lampung's rich cultural heritage, traditional including clothing, food, dances, houses, ceremonies, and local wisdom, offers a unique opportunity. To foster students' awareness, love, and care

for Lampung's culture, one approach is to incorporate its cultural elements into learning. For instance, Darwanto integrated Lampung's cultural values such as Piil Pesenggighi, bejuluk adok, nemui nyimah, nemui nyampukh, and sakai sambayan into set theory lessons(Darwanto al.. 2020). et Furthermore, integrating Lampung's local wisdom in social studies can be done by emphasizing its social environment, historical values, and local culture, making learning more meaningful for students (Karsiwan et al., 2023).

This article seeks address to shortcomings in the literature, which has generally framed local culture curriculum and the implementation of local wisdom in teaching and learning, by positioning Lampung local wisdom as teaching materials in the Inferential Reading Ebook. Inferential reading refers to the ability to comprehend texts by interpreting implicit meanings, drawing conclusions, and making logical inferences, which is essential for developing critical reading skills among EFL learners. It thus seeks to answer the questions: first, how is the development model of the Inferential Reading E-book using the ethnopedagogy approach that integrates Lampung local wisdom? Second, how is the feasibility and students' responses to the Inferential Reading E-book using the ethnopedagogy approach that integrates with Lampung local wisdom? These two questions are central to this article's discussion, and the answers to them will be explored in detail in the following sections.

This research aims to build on previous studies (Izhar, 2022) that has examined the incorporation of Lampung cultural values in Indonesian language learning and its implications for students' development, character This distinguishes itself by situating those cultural values within the context of English language instruction, Particularly in the teaching of inferential reading. The study is founded on three assumptions. First, Lampung's culture is a valuable ancestral heritage that must be preserved to prevent its disappearance (K. Putra, 2018). Second, Inferential Reading is a core course for students in the English Education Study Program. By incorporating local wisdom from Lampung's culture into the learning materials, students can connect with the content more easily, as it reflects their everyday experiences. This approach not only helps students grasp the material better but also deepens their appreciation for their local heritage and strengthens their sense of national pride (Haka et al., 2020). Third, the use of e-book as a learning resource offers significant advantages: it promotes independent learning, accessible anytime is anywhere, reduces printing costs, and makes learning more engaging through the inclusion of images and interactive features (Jannah et al., 2017). combination of cultural integration and

modern technology enriches the overall learning experience for students.

METHOD

Research Design

This study employed a research and development (R&D) design aimed at validating producing and inferential reading materials grounded in ethnopedagogical perspective. Research development is defined systematic and creative research approach that integrates the process of developing educational products with the analysis of their pedagogical effectiveness (Hidayat & Nizar, 2021). In line with this orientation, the present study focused not only on designing instructional materials but also examining their relevance and on feasibility for EFL learning contexts through qualitative analysis.

The development process guided by Thiagarajan and Semmel's 4-D model (Thiagarajan et al., 1974), which consists of four sequential stages: Define, Design, Develop, and Disseminate. This model was selected due to its structured flexible framework. which particularly suitable for educational material development. During the define stage, learners' needs, learning objectives, and contextual factors related to Lampung local wisdom were identified. The design stage involved planning the structure, content organization, and instructional inferential strategies the reading materials. develop stage, the In the

materials were produced and refined through expert validation and revision processes. Finally, the disseminate stage focused on introducing the finalized materials for broader instructional use.

Respondent

The respondents of this study were 40 students who had taken the Inferential Reading course and one lecturer of the Inferential Reading course. The researchers also involved three lecturers as experts of this book: an expert in material, an expert in language, and an expert in media.

Research procedures

The steps in developing teaching materials are as follows

- 1. Define: at this stage, a need analysis was conducted to determine the necessary teaching materials for development. The researcher interviewed the lecturer of Inferential Reading course and distributed questionnaires to 40 English Education department students who have completed the course.
- 2. Design: at this stage, the researchers also prepared the semester learning Plan (RPS), along with the materials on Reading Comprehension, Reading Strategies, Inferential Reading, Types of Texts and examples of text which integrated with Lampung Local Wisdom. These texts highlight aspects such

- as life principles, traditional customs, wedding traditions in the Lampung community.
- 3. Develop: at this stage, the researchers developed the teaching materials based on the established design. After completing the materials, they were validated by experts in content, language and media to ensure the quality and effectiveness.
- 4. Disseminate: At this stage, the developed materials were evaluated through expert an validation process involving content, language, and media validators. The validation was conducted using structured Likert-scale questionnaire the main as instrument. Experts also provided qualitative feedback. The materials based revised on these evaluations before publication and distribution

Research Technique

The data of this study were collected through questionnaires and interviews. Questionnaires were employed to assess the needs for Inferential Reading materials for English Education Department This included a validation students. questionnaire for the teaching materials, which were reviewed by experts in language, and media. content, Additionally, a product trial questionnaire was administered to English Education

Department students participating in the research. Interview was conducted with the head of the program and lecturer of Inferential Reading Course to collect information about the syllabus, teaching materials, course content, and students achievements in the Inferential Reading course at IAIN Metro.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Development Model of the Ethnopedagogically-Based Inferential Reading E-Book Integrating Lampung Local Wisdom

This section outlines the development process of the Inferential Reading E-Book grounded ethnopedagogical approach that integrates Lampung local wisdom. The development model employed in this study follows a structured and iterative framework to ensure both pedagogical effectiveness and cultural relevance. Accordingly, the described process is through three interrelated stages: Define, Design, and Develop, which explain how learners' needs, instructional objectives, and local cultural elements were systematically transformed into a digital reading resource for EFL instruction.

Define

This research aimed to develop an Inferential Reading E-book using ethnopedagogy approach that integrates with Lampung local wisdom. The first step taken by the researchers was to analyze

the needs of English Education Department students in understanding English texts, specifically in Inferential Reading. This needs analysis conducted to identify the difficulties students face in learning and to determine which materials they have already covered and what gaps remain. This ensures that the teaching materials developed are both relevant and beneficial for the students.

To assess these challenges and needs, the researchers distributed a Google form questionnaire to 40 students of the English Education Department who had completed the Inferential Reading course.

Needs analysis of students in the English Education program for the Inferential Reading be course can categorized into three aspects. First, necessities, which refer to the need for comprehensive reading skill theories to support the Inferential Reading course. lacks, which involve Second, the difficulties encountered by students in comprehending texts at the inferential level. Third, needs, which relate to the materials instructional required by students to effectively learn and practice inferential reading skills.

The findings indicate that English reading comprehension is a fundamental academic skill for university students; however, achieving proficiency in this area remains a significant challenge. In response to these difficulties, the instructional materials are required to incorporate several key features. First, the

materials should be presented in a digitally accessible and portable format to support flexible and independent learning. Second, they need to provide engaging and meaningful content that facilitates vocabulary development. Third, the topics should be closely connected to students' the local everyday experiences and wisdom of Lampung, thereby enhancing contextual relevance. Fourth, the materials should comprehensive integrate theoretical foundations of reading, including reading strategies, text types, procedural steps and in reading comprehension. Finally, beyond theoretical explanations, the materials should include visual supports structured inferential reading exercises to promote deeper understanding and active practice.

Besides the questionnaire, the conducted interview researcher AHM, A lecturer of Inferential Reading course. The interviewed revealed that the current course materials use mostly general texts, with some cultural texts, but none specifically related to Lampung's local culture. AHM also noted that some students struggle with reading skills due to their limited English vocabulary. AHM suggested that teaching materials should include reading strategies, reading steps, sample of texts, and exercises to help students improve their reading skills. The combination of theory and practice would make learning easier, helping students become more independent and active

learners. He also emphasizes that the students need digital materials which are flexible and portable.

After reviewing the results of need analysis, the researchers designed an Inferential Reading e-book using ethnopedagogy approach that integrated with Lampung local wisdom.

Design

Αt this stage, the researchers studies collected data from previous related to the development of reading materials, ethnopedagogy approach and the integration of Lampung local wisdom in teaching and learning. This data used as reference for developing more effective teaching materials that align with the objectives of this research. Additionally, the researchers prepared a syllabus that served as the foundation for developing these materials.

The syllabus developed for the Inferential Reading materials integrating Lampung local wisdom was structured into twelve chapters. Four chapters were establishing dedicated students' foundational knowledge of reading comprehension, while the remaining eight chapters focused on Lampung's cultural heritage as contextual content for reading instruction. The theoretical chapters addressed kev topics such Understanding Reading Comprehension, Reading Strategies, Inferential Reading, and Genres in Reading Comprehension. oriented The culturally chapters

incorporated various aspects of Lampung local wisdom, including Sakura Tradition, Nyubuk Piil Pesenggighi, Majeu, Sebambangan, Buharak, Nyambai, Nemui *Nyimah*, and Selimpok Bungking. This structure was designed to balance theoretical understanding and cultural contextualization, thereby supporting the development of students' inferential reading skills.

Develop

At this stage, the researchers systematically delineated the core conceptual framework underpinning the instructional materials, encompassing key constructs such as reading comprehension, reading strategies, inferential reading, and text genres in reading comprehension. These concepts were operationalized through the selection and development of reading texts that authentically represent Lampung local wisdom, ensuring cultural relevance and contextual coherence. In parallel, a set of instructional exercises was carefully designed align with established indicators of inferential reading, including the ability to interpret implicit meanings, draw logical conclusions, integrate and textual information with prior knowledge. Based this conceptual and pedagogical framework, the overall product design of Inferential Reading E-Book was formulated to support systematic skill development and effective learning engagement.

Cover

This section describes the design features of the front and back covers of the Inferential Reading book developed in this study. The front cover presents the title Inferential Reading: Theory and Practice, which reflects the dual focus of the material on theoretical foundations of reading comprehension and practical exercises targeting inferential reading subtitle Lampung skills. The Local Wisdom Literature-Based Reading that the reading signifies texts are culturally grounded, incorporating literary and contextual elements derived from Lampung local wisdom.

Visually, the front cover incorporates an illustration of the Siger Tower, a cultural symbol of Lampung, depicted through nine golden-yellow cone-shaped forms arranged linearly. This design is inspired by the traditional Siger crown worn by Lampung brides, which symbolizes dignity, prosperity, and noble character. The inclusion of this cultural icon was intended to represent the richness of Lampung's cultural heritage and to reinforce the ethnopedagogical orientation of the instructional materials. integrating culturally meaningful symbols into the cover design, the book aims to establish a strong cultural identity while enhancing students' engagement with the reading materials.

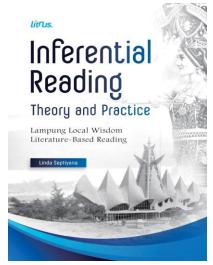


Figure 2 Front Cover

In addition to the front cover, the back cover was designed to reinforce the instructional and cultural orientation of the book. It includes the book title and a concise synopsis that provides readers with an overview of the scope and focus of the content. The synopsis serves to communicate the pedagogical objectives of the book and to inform potential users about its emphasis on inferential reading theory and practice within an ethnopedagogical framework.

The back cover also features an illustration of a young Lampung woman carrying a pahar. In the Saibatin tradition of Lampung culture, the pahar is traditionally carried on the head and contains provisions for the bride during the ceremonial procession known lampit pesirihan. The inclusion of this imagery was intended to symbolize cultural continuity and preparedness, thereby strengthening the connection between the instructional materials and rich cultural Lampung's heritage. Together, the visual and textual elements of the back cover complement the front cover design, creating a coherent of representation the book's ethnopedagogical foundation.



Figure 2 Back Cover

Table of Contents

The table of contents presents a structured list of chapter titles and subheadings accompanied by their page corresponding numbers. This organizational layout was intentionally designed to facilitate efficient navigation and enable readers to quickly locate specific sections of the book. By providing a clear overview of the content structure, the table of contents supports ease of use and enhances readers' orientation within instructional the material. thereby promoting more effective and autonomous engagement with the Inferential Reading book.

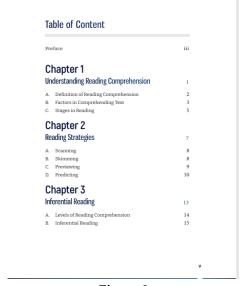


Figure 3
List Table of content

Materials

The teaching materials were organized into twelve chapters, comprising four chapters devoted to reading theory and eight chapters centered on Lampung local wisdom. This structure was deliberately designed to balance theoretical foundations with culturally contextualized content in order to support the development of students' inferential reading skills. The theoretical chapters provide essential concepts related to comprehension, reading reading strategies, inferential processing, and text genres, which serve as a cognitive for understanding framework how meaning is constructed beyond the literal level. In contrast, the chapters integrating Lampung local wisdom function

contextualized reading resources that activate learners' background knowledge and facilitate deeper engagement with the texts. By embedding local cultural content within reading instruction, the materials aim to enhance relevance, motivation, and comprehension, while simultaneously promoting cultural awareness. combination of theory-driven instruction and culturally grounded texts reflects the ethnopedagogical orientation the materials and supports a more meaningful and effective learning experience in EFL contexts.



- A. Reading Comprehension
 - Sekura Tradition; The Joyful Essence of Eid Al Fitr within the Masked Festival

It is a regular event organized by the community of West Lampung Regency to welcome the Eid al-Fitr celebration

Masks are a vital part of Lampung's traditional culture. The art of mask-making in Lampung has roots dating back to when the province was under the Banten Sultanate. There are various types of mask arts in Lampung, including the sckura tradition from west Lampung.

Sekura is a type of mask worn during the sekura festival. Someone is considered 'ber-sekura' when part or all of their face is covered. This covering can be a wooden mask, glasses, cloth, or colorful makeup. To add to the celebration, sekura can be paired with colorful and striking outfits.

The sekura festival is a tradition in West Lampung Regency, held to celebrate Eid al-Fitr. Participants wear masks with different characters and expressions, expressing gratitude and joy for the holy day.

At the sekura festival, everyone comes together to socialize and bond. Participants bring food gathered from house visits, which they share with each other in a warm atmosphere. It's a time for neighborly connections and friendship.

Source: https://indonesiakaya.com/pustaka-indonesia/tradisi-sekurakemeriahan-hari-raya-di-balik-pesta-topeng/

Figure 4 The examples of book contents

Validation Results

After the Inferential Reading textbook, integrated with Lampung local wisdom, was developed, the next step was to have it validated by experts to ensure its quality and suitability. These experts provided feedback and evaluations using assessment forms designed bv researcher. Three specialists were involved in the validation process were a content expert, a language expert, and a media expert.

Content Validation

The evaluation from the content experts served as a crucial reference to assess the quality of teaching materials, particularly in terms of content related to Inferential Reading with a focus on Lampung local wisdom. This validation was conducted before the product was tested on respondents to minimize potential errors during learning process.

The content validators were CA from UIN Raden Intan Lampung.

Table 1 Results of Content Validation

	Assessment Indicator	Rating			
No		1 2	3	4	5
1.	Relevance of the title				\checkmark
	to the topics covered				
	in the teaching				
	materials			,	
2.	Completeness/			$\sqrt{}$	
	Breadth of the				
	materials			,	
3.	Depth of the materials			$\sqrt{}$	
4.	Currency/ Relevance				
	of the materials				
5.	Materials presented				$\sqrt{}$
	aligns with learning				
	objectives			,	
6.	Effectiveness of the			$\sqrt{}$	
	examples presented				
	in the teaching				
_	materials				,
7.	Relevance of				$\sqrt{}$
	questions/				
	competency tests to				
	the material				
0	presented		1		
8.	Coherence of		V		
	materials presentation		_	0	•
	Total Score		2	3	3
	Total Score x Rating		6	12	15
	Scale Grand Total	22			
		33			
	Score Percentage Remarks	82.5%			
	Kemarks	Good			

The validation results for this teaching material yielded a grand total score of 33, corresponding to an 82.5 % rating. When assessed on a 5- point scale, it indicated that the E-book for Inferential Reading, employing an ethnopedagogy approach integrated with Lampung local wisdom, is well-suited for use in the learning process.

Language Validation

The language evaluation aimed to assess the effectiveness, accuracy, and clarity of the language used in the teaching materials. The expert contributing to the development of this material was PM, an English lecturer from STAI Sufyan Tsauri Majenang.

Table 2 Results of Language Validation

	Assessment	Rating					
No	Indicator	1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Using proper and					$\sqrt{}$	
	correct English						
	language rules						
2.	Using terms that				$\sqrt{}$		
	align with the						
	concept in each						
	topic						
3.	Sentences convey				$\sqrt{}$		
	the intended						
	massage and						
	information						
4.	Language used is					$\sqrt{}$	
	clear and easily						
	understood by the						
	students				,		
5.	Sentences are				$\sqrt{}$		
	simple and effective				,		
6.	Accuracy in				$\sqrt{}$		
	language choice						
	when explaining						
	the material				,		
7	Terms used are				$\sqrt{}$		
	consistent						
	Total Score				5	2	
	Total x Rating Scale				20	10	
	Grand Total			30			
	Score Percentage			86			
	Remarks			Go	ood		

Based on the calculations, the feasibility score for language validation was 30, which corresponded to a percentage of 80%. When compared to the achievement level table based on

percentages, this score was rated as good or acceptable.

Media Validation

Media validation addressed the visual design, layout, typography, and overall usability of the e-book as a digital learning resource. The media expert evaluated the effectiveness of visual elements, navigation structure, and integration of images in supporting learning objectives. The results of this validation indicated that the e-book design was visually appealing, well-organized, and functionally supportive of digital learning. The media components were found to enhance learners' engagement and facilitate ease of use, contributing positively to the instructional quality of the materials. In this development process, the media expert was DM, a lecturer at the University of Lampung who teaches the media learning course.

Table 3
Results of Media Validation

No	Assessment	Penilaian				
	Indicator	1	2	3	4	5
ASPECT OF PHYSICAL APPEAL						
1.	The physical					
	appearance of the					
	teaching material					
	is appealing					
ASPI	ECT OF DESIGN					
2.	The paper size					
	used meets the					
	standard for					
	teaching materials					
3.	The cover design				$\sqrt{}$	
	is attractive and					
	proportional					
4.	The cover design				$\sqrt{}$	
	aligns with the					

	title			
5.	The color scheme		\checkmark	
	used is			
	harmonious		,	
6.	The font size		\checkmark	
	presented is			
	proportional			,
7.	The font type			$\sqrt{}$
	used is clear			
8.	The size ratio of			
	layout elements is			
	proportional			
ASPE	CT OF LEARNING			
9.	The images and	$\sqrt{}$		
	illustrations used			
	are engaging and			
	relevant to the			
	materials			
10.	The placement of	\checkmark		
	images			
	corresponds with			
	the presented			
	material			
11.	The combination			$\sqrt{}$
	of text and			
	background is			
	appropriate			
12.	The overall layout		\checkmark	
	is appealing and			
	proportional			
	Total	2	6	4
	Total x Rating	6	24	20
	Scale			
	Grand Total	50		
	Score Percentage	83%		
	Remarks	Good		

Based on the calculations, the material's feasibility score reached 50, translating to 83% when expressed as a percentage. According to the achievement level table, this score fall into the good or acceptable category. However, some aspects still need revision to enhance the final quality of the developed product.

Feasibility Evaluation and Students' Responses toward the Ethnopedagogical Inferential Reading E-Book

The inferential reading teaching material, designed with an ethnopedagogy approach that integrates local wisdom from Lampung culture, had been revised based on experts feedback. Following these improvements, the textbook was printed and tested to gather students' responses. The trial involved 30 students from English education department who had taken the Inferential Reading course, representing a range of academic abilities low, medium, and high. The students' evaluations of the e-book were as follows:

Table 4
The Students' Responses toward Inferential
Reading Materials

	Statements	SA	Α	LA	D		
Ma	Material						
1	The content in the teaching materials is quite broad and profund	13	15	2	0		
2	The exercises in the teaching materials based on Lampung local wisdom text	22	8	0	0		
3	The teaching materials can help the students in practicing reading comprehension skill especially in Inferential reading	15	12	3	0		
4	The teaching materials align with the learning objectives	20	8	2	0		
La	Language						
5	I easily understand the language used in the teaching materials	18	5	7	0		
6	The use of language is effective and efficient	14	10	6	0		
7	The use of English structure is good and right	18	7	5	0		
Presentation							

8	The font face used is easy to read	17	13	0	0
	The writing layout is				
9	consistent, neat, and interesting	14	13	3	0
1 0	The paper size used is suitable with standard textbook	19	11	2	0
1 1	The overall layout is attractive and proportionate	20	8	2	0
	Sum	190	11 0	30	0
	Sum x research scale	760	33 0	60	0
	Total	1150			
	Percentage	87.129	%		
	Average	3.48			
	Description	Very	Good		

Based on the results of the large- scale trial, it can be concluded that the Inferential Reading E--book using ethnopedagogy approach that integrates with Lampung local wisdom, was rated very positively by English education department students. This was reflected in the average score, which after being converted into qualitative data, reached 3.48.

After the trial with fifth-semester English education department students, the book was revised based on the feedback provided, make it more suitable and practical for teaching Inferential Reading. The final step of the research was distribution, where the textbook was printed and shared with students for use in their learning process.

Some feedback from students regarding the Inferential Reading e-book integrated with Lampung local wisdom content highlighted that the developed materials helped them better understand

English texts because the content was relatable to their daily lives and enriched knowledge of Lampung wisdom. Several students also mentioned that the E-book of Inferential Reading with Lampung local cultural content helped the students in improving their English vocabulary, especially in the sub-chapter "It's Boogle Time", which focused on cultural terms. They found that the lesson to be well-organized and engaging, with theories presented clearly and aligned with learning objectives. Additionally, the students were more motivated to continue learning, as the e-book was accessible anytime and anywhere.

In conclusion, according to the survey results and feedback from the students, it can be concluded that the development of Inferential Reading e-book which integrated with Lampung Local Wisdom, is highly effective and suitable for use by English education department students.

CONCLUSION

This study concludes that the development inferential reading materials using an ethnopedagogical approach integrated with Lampung local wisdom is necessary for students in the Education Department. The English findings indicate that university students consider English reading comprehension an essential skill, yet they experience difficulties mastering inferential in reading. Therefore, learning materials

need to be designed in a digital and accessible format, enriched with engaging content, contextual topics related to daily life and Lampung local wisdom, clear explanations of reading theories and strategies, and supported by visual elements and practice exercises to enhance students' comprehension skills.

The development process followed the four stages of the 4D model-define, design, develop, and disseminate – resulting in an inferential reading e-book that received positive responses from students. Overall, students perceived the materials as relevant, useful, appropriate for supporting their inferential reading development, indicating that the ethnopedagogical approach is feasible for application in EFL reading instruction.

Despite these positive outcomes, this study has several limitations. The research involved a limited number of participants from a single institution and focused primarily on students' perceptions rather than measuring learning outcomes through experimental testing. Further research is recommended to examine the developed materials in a broader context, involve larger and more diverse samples, and examine their effectiveness through quasi-experimental or experimental designs. Additionally, further studies may explore the integration of local wisdom into reading materials using different pedagogical approaches digital platforms to enrich students' learning experiences and cultural awareness.

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