Increased Interest in Reading and Writing in Students of SB Kampung Bharu 
Kuala Lumpur Malaysia through Image Media

Agus Rohmat Hidayat¹*, Aldo Hermaya Aditiya Nur Karsa², Septien Dwi Savandha³

¹UNICIMI Universitas Cendikia Indonesia, Indonesia
²AMIK Bumi Nusantara Jakarta, Indonesia
³Universitas Swadaya Gunung Djati Cirebon, Indonesia
Email: ¹ghousun99@gmail.com, ²aldohermayaaditia@gmail.com, ³dwisavandha9@gmail.com

Abstract
The purpose of this study was to determine the increase in reading and writing interest of 
Sanggar Bimbingan (SB) students of Kampung Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia through 
visual media. This study used descriptive research methods, specifically using classroom 
action research. This approach includes four distinct stages: planning, execution, 
observeration, and reflection. The study involved a sample size of 10 students. The results 
of data analysis in cycle 1 showed that children developed interest in reading and writing 
with the picture method reaching 58% to 72%, while in cycle 2 of meetings 1 and 2 the 
level of interest increased. In reading, writing and counting using visual methods. 
Reached 95.4%. This shows that the teacher's actions are good.

Keywords: Hobby; Reading; Writing; Visual Communication

INTRODUCTION
Technological developments in the era of globalization make it easier for humans 
to obtain information quickly (Keshav et al., 2022). One of the processes of finding 
information that is effective and easiest to do is through reading and writing activities 
through image media. In other words, technological developments demand the creation 
of a society that likes to read and write. People who like to read gain new knowledge and 
insights that will further increase their intelligence so that they are better able to answer 
the challenges of life in the future.

Therefore, reading and writing activities are basic things in everyday life. Every 
aspect of life in society will involve reading and writing. Locher (2020) suggests that 
reading is increasingly important in the increasingly complex life of society. Reading and 
writing activities are mandatory abilities that must be possessed by someone as a member 
of society living in this modern era. Nowadays, the delivery of information in written 
form is increasing. By reading and writing, one can open one's horizons and expand the 
world to the vast amount of knowledge and information that exists. Thus, reading and 
writing activities are demands of the reality of everyday life. In the world of education, 
reading and writing activities are non-negotiable. Most of the acquisition of knowledge 
and knowledge is carried out by students through reading and writing activities. The 
success of a student's studies will be largely determined by his ability and willingness to 
read it (Hidayat, 2020).
Even after students have completed their studies, the ability and willingness to read and write will greatly affect the breadth of views on various issues. Therefore, Indonesian language learning which has the task of fostering and improving students' reading and writing skills through image media should pay sufficient attention to efforts to improve students' reading ability and willingness (Hapsari & Sukavatee, 2018).

According to Fiske (2018) in everyday life, interest is often equated with attention, but actually between interest and attention have different meanings. Attention is temporary (not for a long time) and not necessarily followed by pleasure. While interest is always followed by a feeling of pleasure and from there satisfaction is obtained. An interest can be expressed through a statement that shows that a student shows / likes one thing more than another. It can also be manifested through its participation in an activity. Students who have an interest in a particular object tend to pay greater attention to that object. Interest has a great influence on learning, because if the learning material is not in accordance with student interests, students will not learn as well as possible, because there is no attraction for them.

Students are reluctant to learn, and do not get satisfaction from the lesson. Study materials that interest students, will be easier to learn and store (Suswandi & Ripandi, 2024). The seeding of the reading tradition absolutely needs to be done as early as possible, before the problems and difficulties of instilling the reading tradition faced are getting worse as the child gets older. Children must be taught very early through a process of subtly conditioning to be familiar and become accustomed to the pleasure of reading and writing. Interests are personal (individual). That is, everyone has interests that can be different from the interests of others. Interests are closely related to a person's motivation, something learned, and can change depending on needs, experiences, and fashions that are trending, not innate from birth. The factors influencing the emergence of a person's interest depend on physical, social, emotional and experiential needs (Hidayat et al., 2022).

Learning interest refers to a state of desire and readiness, accompanied by focused attention and deliberate involvement, which leads to a sense of pleasure related to knowledge acquisition, attitude development, and skill acquisition (Rini, 2017). Interest can be defined as a positive emotional response and enjoyment to something or an activity, regardless of external influences or enticements. Based on preliminary observations, researchers suggest that the use of process skills approaches can stimulate interest in the learning process effectively. This approach helps overcome passivity and encourages an interactive, dynamic, and motivating classroom environment (Akmal, 2020). The process skills approach is rated as an effective method to foster student involvement in learning, covering cognitive, emotional, and psychomotor aspects. According to (Pangestu, 2019), learning to read and write is traditionally structured as learning and practice. Learning activities are currently receiving less attention.

Based on the description above, it can be concluded that efforts have emerged in increasing interest in reading, writing, in students through the school literacy movement program. Therefore, researchers use a process skills approach in order to stimulate interest in the learning process effectively. This approach helps overcome passivity and encourages an interactive, dynamic, and motivating classroom environment to recognize the role of literacy, barriers and efforts made by schools in increasing students' interest in reading.

Purpose this study aims to obtain clear information about "increasing interest in learning in Sanggar Bimbingan (SB) students of Kampung Bharu, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia through image media”. The purpose of this study was to obtain descriptive information on the use of drawing methods with procedural skill approaches to increase interest and improve learning outcomes of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Increase interest in learning these dynamics by using procedural skills approach. Increase and encourage interest in learning by using procedural skills approach. Increase the impact on student outcomes using a procedural skills approach.

Interest can be shown through statements that indicate that students will enjoy something or can be shown through participation in an activity. Students who are interested in a particular topic tend to pay more attention to the topic. Interest is not inherent, but rather develops over time. Interest in learning is a determining factor for the continuity of learning and the development of new interests. Educators assert that the optimal approach to stimulate students' enthusiasm for learning is to leverage their existing interests and foster new interests (Laila, 2019). Expression of students' interest in learning: attention, interest and pleasure. Attention indicators are divided into three parts, namely: Pay attention to the content of the lesson, study the content of the lesson and solve the lesson questions. Interest is divided into interest in subjects and how to solve subject problems. Enjoyment includes the pleasure of knowing the learning material, understanding the learning material, and problem-solving skills. The utilization of image media for teaching reading, writing, and numeracy has emerged as a noteworthy phenomenon (Budiarti & Muhammad, 2013). There is growing concern among parents regarding their children's ability to keep up with school lessons without early exposure to reading, writing, and numeracy skills through visual media. As a result, parents may put pressure on their children to engage in learning activities (Amalia Yunia Rahmawati, 2020).

Interest is a key factor in encouraging reading (Crystallography, 2016). This defines interest as a positive tendency, liking, or pleasure towards something. According to Aswan & Amirunddin (2020) Defines an interest in reading as a strong desire accompanied by an effort to engage in reading, writing, and numeracy skills using visual aids.

In the Big Indonesian Dictionary (Ministry of Education, 2001), the term "interest" refers to a deep tendency, desire, or desire towards a particular subject or activity. To develop affection for something, it is necessary to know and appreciate both internal and external factors. Interest is an important factor in achieving success as it serves as a motivational force for individuals to engage in activities.

Interest in learning needs special attention because interest is one of the supporting factors or supporting success in learning. Permatasari (2019) said that with students' interest and attention to the lessons given, the content of the lessons will be absorbed properly. Conversely, without interest or attention to what is given, the teacher will not be heard let alone mastered, if the individual is interested in something, he will naturally be attracted to the object and even his soul will be devoted to what he is paying attention to. Students who are interested in lessons will appear encouraged and always diligent in learning, in contrast to students whose attitude is only to receive lessons. If a person's interest is high in learning, then he tends to be active in learning and will master the subject matter.

Interest is a subjective experience characterized by a sense of involvement and attraction towards an object or activity, independent of external stimuli or interactions. Caring involves acknowledging and accepting the connection between oneself and something external. The level of attraction is directly proportional to the strength or

*Syntax Idea, Vol. 6, No. 3, March 2024*
closeness of the relationship. Increased student interest is often shown through questions that show students are more interested in one subject than others (Ati & Widiyarto, 2020).

Magdalene et al., (2021) In the learning process, the presence of educational media is very important. In this activity, the use of media as an intermediary can reduce the ambiguity of the material presented. This method serves as a means of communication. The term "method" comes from Latin and is the plural form of "medium". An intermediary is someone who helps the communication process between the sender of the message and the recipient of the message. The purpose of the researcher was to determine the increase in interest in reading and writing in students of Sanggar Bimbingan (SB) Kampung Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia through image media.

If students read and write something without having a high interest in reading and writing, then the reading and writing activities will not be done wholeheartedly, but if reading and writing are done with their own desires, then the student will read and write wholeheartedly (Waridah & Anjelia, 2023). The driver of the rise of interest in reading and writing is the ability to read, and the driver for the growth of a culture of reading and writing is the habit of reading and writing. Interest in reading and writing that is developed from an early age can be used as a foundation for the development of a culture of reading and writing. Some factors that affect the low interest in reading and writing students include (1) lack of student motivation to read books other than subject books, this can be done by educational institutions, especially teachers; (2) lack of parental encouragement to children to buy books, they are more interested in buying toys so they do not understand the type of books that are appropriate for the development of the child's age; (3) the price of books that are too expensive makes purchasing power decrease so that the willingness to read also decreases; (4) the decrease in authors, translators or copywriters caused by low royalties received; (5) the number of public libraries is still too small; (6) libraries in mosques or other places that have not been managed properly (Kasiyun, 2015).

Interest is one of the aspects of human psychic that can drive to achieve goals. Someone who has an interest in an object, tends to give greater attention or pleasure to the object. But if the object does not cause pleasure. To achieve good performance in addition to intelligence and interest, because without interest all activities will be carried out less effectively and efficiently.1 Understanding Interest according to Tidjan is a psychological symptom that shows concentration on an object because there is a feeling of pleasure. From this understanding it is clear that interest is as a concentration or reaction to an object such as a certain object or situation that is preceded by a feeling of pleasure towards that object. 2 Hamdu et al,3 state that interest is causal, i.e. the driving force that forces one to pay attention to a particular person, situation or activity and not another, or interest as a result, i.e. an effective experience generated by the presence of a person or object, or from participating in an activity. Learning activities can be carried out effectively if students grow interest in learning. The problem that often arises in the classroom is that there are students who lack respect and focus on learning, while teachers do not understand it.4 Teachers are required to have qualifications and competencies in order to carry out their duties professionally. Teacher skills in managing classes become a demand and necessity in encouraging students to participate in classroom learning.

RESEARCH METHOD

Researchers use qualitative research methods with descriptive types. Qualitative descriptive research was chosen in order to describe the appropriate thing about
increasing interest in reading, writing, in SB Kampung Bharu Kuala Lumpur Malaysia students through image media, especially using the following research:

A. Planning (Plan)
Planning is a crucial initial task that teachers must do before implementing PTK. Teachers who do the right planning when implementing PTK will feel increased ease in overcoming challenges and encouraging more effective teacher action.

B. Action (Taking Action)
Once all action plans have been prepared, the next step involves implementing the planned corrective actions. Action activities are carried out based on a predetermined schedule, and then accompanied by observation activities.

C. Observe
This observation is used to see and record the impact that occurs due to class activities. The results of these observations become the basis for reflection so that the observations made must be able to show the real situation. In observation, researchers need to pay attention to the process of action, the impact of action, the environment and obstacles that arise.

D. Reflection
Reflection here includes the following activities: analysis, synthesis, interpretation, interpretation and conclusion (Mundziroh et al., 2013). The result of reflection is in the form of a reassessment of the plan that has been made, which will be used to improve teacher performance at the next meeting. Reflection in PTK includes analysis of events, identification of successes and failures, and evaluation of the effectiveness of corrective actions taken (Hidayat & Alifah, 2022).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Reading and writing are the most basic habits that any child can learn – not only education, but reading and writing through the medium of images is essential for your overall parenting. Unfortunately, the habit of reading books is declining among teenagers. Teenagers have stopped reading books like they used decades ago. On the contrary, stories such as Harry Potter, Twilight, training dragons, etc., turned into movies, have more followers than actual novels. Reading is an irreplaceable hobby. Technology has become the main cause of the loss of the habit of reading and writing through the medium of images among young people today. Digital gadgets are responsible for distracting children from academics and their reading and writing habits. Undoubtedly, staying up to date with technology is essential, but the addiction that this generation creates is dangerous. A child's health and overall brain growth are at stake, thanks to digital gadgets. Parents and teachers need to take the forefront in the dying era of reading and encourage children to recultivate old habits. It is certain that style will never be the solution when it comes to reading and writing. Reading and writing can be enjoyed and experienced either by example or with fun elements.

The ability to read and write is considered important for students’ academic success because it is important to understand the concepts and theories of various subjects taught in school. These subjects often require students to engage in reading and writing activities, often using virtual aids. Proficiency in reading and writing using accurate and reliable visual aids is essential to achieving success in a variety of academic disciplines. Conversely, lack of proficiency in learning to read and write through visual media can hinder or even lead to failure in students' academic activities (Fadillah &; Dini, 2021). Reading readiness and reading ability. When assessing a child's reading readiness, several
factors must be considered. These factors include physical development, stability or exposure to events tailored to emotional needs and significance, mental maturity, and the tendency or motivation to read and write with images and other factors (Kurniawan et al., 2021).

A person's interest in reading and writing can grow due to intrinsic and extrinsic factors. Inner motivation is a very important capital for reading and writing, while external factors can be in the form of support from others, interesting media, and a comfortable place. Basically, children's reading and writing skills have an important meaning both in the community and the children's own development environment. The development of reading and writing needs serious attention so that the tradition of reading and writing for children will carry over to the end of adulthood. The promotion of love of reading and writing is delivered every day with interesting media so that reading and writing activities are no longer scary things for children, but become habits that children must do without feeling pressured. So that the library in the kindergarten is crowded with students, with the usual activities carried out are looking at colorful pictures and reading the writing listed in books.

Collect data related to students' reading, writing, and numeracy interests. Researchers collected data using the questionnaire method. This is the data of the results of the questionnaire before the action was carried out. We can see in table 1.

**Table 1**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No</th>
<th>Interest in Reading, and writing</th>
<th>Percentse</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>58%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>42%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Based on the results of the pre-intervention questionnaire, researchers continued, 58% of students were interested in reading and writing. The rest, 42%, had little or no interest in reading and writing. The results are shown in table 2.

**Table 2**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No</th>
<th>Interest in reading and writing</th>
<th>Percentse</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>74%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>26%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Based on the results of the questionnaire given after the implementation of cycle 1 activities, 74% of students are interested in reading and writing. The rest, 26%, had little or no interest in reading and writing. From the results of reflection and data analysis continued in cycle 2, the following data were obtained:

**Table 3**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No</th>
<th>Interest in reading and writing</th>
<th>Percentse</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>95.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Increased Interest in Reading and Writing in Students of SB Kampung Bharu Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Through Image Media

Based on the results of the questionnaire given after the implementation of cycle 2 activities, 95.4% of students were interested in reading and writing. The rest, 4.6%, had little or no interest in reading and writing. Based on the findings of researchers, students' interest in reading, writing, through image media has increased. In each implementation cycle we also see quite high improvements.

CONCLUSION

Results the purpose of this study was to explore the increase in reading and writing concerns in students of Sanggar Bimbingan (SB) Kampung Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia through image media. This study uses descriptive research methods, specifically using a classroom action research approach consisting of four stages: planning, implementation, observation, and reflection. This study used a sample of 10 students. The results of data analysis in cycle 1 showed that children developed interest in reading and writing through visual methods reaching 58% to 72%, while in cycle 2 the interest of groups 1 and 2 increased. Enjoy reading. Thanks to the imaging method, it has reached 95.4%. This shows that the teacher's actions are good. Interest is one of the aspects of human psychic that can drive to achieve goals. Someone who has an interest in an object, tends to give greater attention or pleasure to the object. But if the object does not cause pleasure. In education, essentially a teacher is tasked with educating the nation in a form of formal education. Every effort carried out is inseparable from the inhibiting factors in achieving the desired goals. Teachers are a dominant factor in determining the success of the teaching and learning process. A teacher not only acts as a facilitator and mediator, but is also required to be able to act as a motivator who can arouse the enthusiasm and encouragement of students in learning by using various appropriate teacher teaching skills and supporting the formation of better basic competencies of students in terms of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

REFERENCES


Amalia Yunia Rahmawati. (2020). No Title No Title No Title. 2(July), 1–23.


Crystallography, X. D. (2016). 《No Title No Title No Title》. 1–23.


Increased Interest in Reading and Writing in Students of SB Kampung Bharu Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Through Image Media


Copyright holder:
Agus Rohmat Hidayat, Aldo Hermaya Aditiya Nur Karsa, Septien Dwi Savandha (2024)

First publication right:
Journal of Social Science

This article is licensed under: