

## Practicality the development of whole language based bahasa indonesia learning

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### Abstract

This reasearch is puposed to explain the practicality of whole language based Bahasa Indonesia learning model. The research is administered through the R & D. The practicality testing is conducted at MTsN Gunung Pangilun (MTsN A) 46 students, MTsN Lubuk Buaya (MTsN B) 28 students, and MTsN Parak Lawas 38 students. The result of the research is received through an observation of learning process, practicality assessment by a practitioner and students. Based on the data, the practicality of research product which is conducted to the schools show the difference of practicality marks. At MTsN A and C is considered practical, meanwhile MTsN C is considered very practical. In fact, the degree of practidility is also influenced by the number of students in a classroom. The practicality of research product after practicality testing of collaborated model, build a cooperative learning so that it increases communicative interaction correlation and respective manner among students.

**Keywords:** bahasa indonesia skills, whole language, learning model, cooperative learning



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## Introduction

The goal of learning Bahasa Indonesia through listening, speaking, reading, and writing lead students use language to learn, express ideas fluently and clearly, and communicate effectively (Atmazaki, 2013). Text and context are important factors in implementing a language learning. Good or bad text will affect students' success in demonstrating their language skills (Badrasawi, 2017). In language learning it is required text as a medium for students to communicate and speak. In addition, the text is also the target of the end of language learning as the successful implementation of the language it uses. Good text used and produced by students will not be separated from the context of experience and culture that exist in students.

It is argued that context-based learning is necessary for students. Thus, if we look at the scientific approach stage, it can be the strategy for the implementation of language learning that is able to integrate the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing comprehensively integrated (Zaim, 2017). With a scientific approach, it is expected impact, skilled students to speak, to communicate in writing and orally in various contexts. Construct their language skills by utilizing their intellectual, social and emotional (Zaidi, 2017); (Patzelt, 1995); (Brockman, 1994). Furthermore, Noah (2013: v) states that in language learning, construct the contextual text is required.

Learning to understand texts requires complex language skills. Students will need intensive reading skills in order to understand what they are reading. Students also need communicative speaking skills to express the meaning of the text they read. Students also need intensive listening skills in order to understand the content of the texts submitted by other students. Furthermore, students also need writing skills in order to convey the content of the text in the form of written text. Finally, the goal of learning Indonesia language through listening, speaking, reading, and writing will lead students use language to learn, express ideas fluently and clearly, and communicate effectively (Atmazaki, 2013).

Text-based learning makes language learning not only a lesson that trains communication skills by activating and integrating listening, talking, reading, and writing skills, but also training and developing contextual, logical, and contextual thinking skills. The principle of the text-based language learning is putting language as a text that has a function as defender and reflects the ideas, values, and ideologies of the language user.

To streamline text-based language learning, the whole language learning model is used. The whole language learning model is a language learning model that teaches listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in an integrated and holistic way. Whole Language is a language learning approach that provides comprehensive and whole learning that is associated with a dynamically constructivist approach (Goodman, 1986; Weaver, 1992; De Carlo, 1995).

Whole Language is an appropriate text-based learning applied in the curriculum 2013. As Groff (1997) points out; Sodiq (2015: 120); Aghazadeh (2014: 1) that learning makes the text a crucial and whole language called the Real Book approach. Real Books' approach obviously is a radically unorthodox approach to literacy development. This explains that the whole language is an approach which different from the others because it uses the contextual in language learning. Obviously, text is the main medium in language learning. This approach is widely approved and used by schools both locally, regionally and nationally in some countries, such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The whole language learning approach is based on social interaction. The learning activities are mostly done by students, because this approach is not teaching how to learn the language, but rather how to speak good and communicative. This will make the learning process become student's centered. Therefore, the whole language approach in addition to having a holistic paradigm, but also student's centered (Gilles, 2006). To build social interaction requires collaborative learning. Collaboration among fellow students helps them to build their language mastery by representing each other's cultures, their experiences, so that they become rich in vocabulary, and it strengthen their language and communication skills (Dixon, 2014). With in-depth collaboration it will assist students in overcoming students' language difficulties. Because in essence, making the skilled students to speak is difficult (Hey, 2015).

## **Method**

The research method used this research was Research & Development. The Research & Development used to develop products in education and learning that have been tested the validity and effectiveness (Borg, 1989; Sugiyono, 2012, 2013; Plomp, 2010). The purpose of research is to test the practicality of research (Borg, 1989; Sugiyono, 2011). The testing of whole language in this research follows development procedure according to Borg and Gall (1989). To obtain practical data, observations, interviews, and questionnaires were questioned by practitioners and students. Observation is done by observing the implementation of learning. Second, the interviews were conducted to practitioners and students, and the three questionnaires to test the practicality of learning models by practitioners and students.

The subjects of the study were students in Class VII at MTsN Gunung Pangilun Padang, MTsN Lubuk Buaya, and MTsN Parak Lawas. The first class were 46 students from a high-input school and the student was not the underdog grade in the school, but has a high level of competence. Second class was 28 students from the school with medium input, but has a moderate competence, but the class is seeded from the other class. Third class with 38 students from school with low student enrollment and this class is the second best school.

## Results and Discussion

The practical test of Whole Language Based Learning Model Based on three aspects of assessment are (1) observation of learning process; (2) practical of BPG practitioners; and (3) assessment of the practicality of BPG.

Observation of practicality test through observation of learning process done on three test classes. Tests conducted on MTsN located in Padang City. The basis of the third election of MTsN is based on the acquisition of UN on 2015. The three MTsN are MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun with 46 students, MTsN Lubuk Buaya with 28 students and MTsN Parak Lawas with 38 students. This grouping was conducted on seven MTsN Padang City and based on the score of Bahasa Indonesia subjects based on the results of the National Examination (UN) on 2015, MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun representing MTsN which has the highest student competence with the acquisition of Bahasa Indonesia UN 82.96 of 539 students , MTsN Lubuk Buaya representing MTsN which has the competence of middle students with the acquisition of the score Bahasa Indonesia UN 78.15 from 199 students, and MTsN Parak Lawas representing MTsN who have low student competence from the acquisition of Bahasa Indonesia UN score 74.75 from 217 students.

MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun was conducted in Class VII.6 with the teacher Dra. Refniyeti. MTsN Lubuk Buaya is implemented in Class VII.1 with the teacher Dra. An. MTsN Parak Lawas carried out in Class VII.2 with the teacher Afriyeni, S.Pd. Research products were given to the three teachers two weeks before the test was conducted in order to be learned and understood.

Implementation of the learning process conducted in seven meetings with the KD 3.15, KD 4.15, and KD 3.16. The assessment aspect of observation refers to the ability to manage learning in applying syntax. In the assessment of the implementation of learning conducted by the observer. Observer is the teacher of Bahasa Indonesia who also teaches in the test class. Implementation of Bahasa Indonesia learning is conducted in one week 6 hours of learning with allocation 6 x 45 minutes. For MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun was conducted with 3 x meetings and each meeting 2 x 45 minutes. For MTsN Lubuk Buaya held 2 x meetings and each meeting 3 x 45 minutes. MTsN Parak Lawas held 3 x meetings and each meeting 2 x 45 minutes. Therefore, trials cannot be implemented at the same time for all three test classes. The implementation of MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun and in MTsN Lubuk Buaya were implemented in almost the same time span, from 7 s.d. 21 January 2017 for MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun and 10 till 25 January 2017 for MTsN Lubuk Buaya. In the case of MTsN Parak Lawas implemented from 26 January till 17 February 2017. Furthermore, MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun will be given initials with the name MTsN A, MTsN Lubuk Buaya with initials MTsN B, and MTsN Parak Lawas with initials MTsN C. Table 1. explains the date of trial run for all three test classes.

Table 1. Time Implementation and Materials of Trial

Trials	Date of Meeting			Materials
	MTsN A	MTsN B	MTsN C	
1	7-1-2017	10-1-2017	2-2-2017	Definition fable, Characteristics fable, Man in fable Indonesia, Kind of fable
2 (Meeting 2 and 3)	10-1-2017	11-1-2017	3-2-2017	Intrinsic Aspect of fable, Telling fable
	11-1-2017	17-1-2017	4-2-2017	Telling the content of fable
	14-1-2017	18-1-2017	10-2-2017	Structure of fable
3 (Meeting 4 and 5)	17-1-2017	24-1-2017	11-2-2017	Determining the terminology and word in fable, the characteristics of sentence in fable and determining the mistakes on fable
	18-1-2017	25-1-2017	16-2-2017	Writing fable
4 (Meeting 6 and 7)	21-1-2017		17-2-2017	

Here is the result of observation the developing a model of learning Bahasa Indonesia based Whole Language in MTsN A, MTsN B, dan MTsN C:

1. MTsN A. The Practicality of the Development of Whole Language Based Learning Model in MTsN A is conducted in Class VII.6 with 46 students. Observation of learning implementation consists of observation of preliminary activities, core activities, and observation of closing activities. Implementation of learning follows the learning steps that exist in the RPP. The practitioners made observations with seven meetings. After the observation of the learning process by using whole-language based learning model then obtained the practicality of the learning model implemented. Observation of the process of implementation of learning is done by observing based on trial. In test 1 conducted with one meeting, in trial 2 was done with two meetings (meeting 2-3), in trial 3 was done with two meetings (meeting 4-5) and in trial 4 was done with two meetings (meeting 6-7). This is because each syntax consists of five stages implemented with 2 meetings. In the second trial is KD 4.15. The syntax steps in the first meeting are the 1st syntax (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, identifying text characteristics). The meeting of 2 stages of syntax is creative writing. Likewise for the 4 till 5 for KD 3.16. In experiment 3 is KD 3.16 linguistic element about the type of words and sentences in Fable Text conducted with two meetings. The syntactic phase of the first meeting is the 1st syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, identifying text characteristics). The meeting of 2 stages of syntax is creative writing. In the fourth trial is KD 3.16 write Text Fable also two meetings. The syntactic phase of the first meeting is the 1st syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, identifying text characteristics). The second meeting of the syntactic stages is creative writing. The results of the assessment by the teacher on the students' skills on retelling the text content is in good score category with the percentage of 80.7%. Assessment of the closing element learning in the fourth trial, assessing the students' writing skills. Assessment indicators refer to BPG. The indicators of the students' text assessment are (1) relevant content to the topic, (2) systematic organization, (3) choice of words, (4) sentences, and (5) EBI. On average the skills of students in writing in good category with the percentage of 78%. However, it still needs to be improved in the writing of sentences and the use of EBI.
2. MTsN B. Practicality of the Development of Whole Language Based Learning Model in MTsN B was conducted in Grade VII.1 totaling 28 students. Observation of learning implementation consists of preliminary activities, core activities, and observation of closing activities. Observation of the learning process conducted was 6 x meetings with four trials. Learning is done on a daytime

schedule with a one hour duration is 40 minutes. Learning Bahasa Indonesia once a meeting held 3 hours of lessons, face-to-face time is 3 x 45 minutes. After the observation of the learning process by using the whole language learning model then obtained the practicality of the learning model implemented. Observation of the process of implementation of learning is done by observing based on trial. In test 1 conducted with one meeting, in trial 2 done with two meetings (meeting 2-3), in trial 3 done with two meetings (meeting 4-5) and in trial 4 done with two meetings (meeting 6-7). This is because each syntax of the whole language-based model consists of five stages implemented with 2 x meetings. In the second trial is KD 4.15. The syntax stages performed at the first meeting are the first syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The second meeting of the syntactic stages is creative writing. Likewise, for the 4-5 meetings for KD 3.16, a third trial was conducted. In trial 3 is KD 3.16 linguistic element about the type of words and sentences in Fable Text held with two meetings. The syntactic phase of the first meeting is the first syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The second meeting of the syntactic stages is creative writing. In test 4 is KD 3.16 write Text Fable also two meetings. The syntactic phase of the first meeting is the first syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The second meeting of the syntactic stages is creative writing. The results of the assessment by the teacher on the students' skills retelling the text content is in the category of very good score with 87.1% percentage. Assessment of the closing element learning in the fourth trial, assessing students' writing skills. Assessment indicators refer to BPG. The indicators of the students' text assessment are (1) relevant content to the topic, (2) Systematic organization, (3) Choice of Words, (4) Sentences, and (5) EBI. On average the skills of students in writing in either category with percentage of 80%. However, it still needs to be improved in the writing of sentences and the use of EBI.

3. MTsN C. Practicality of Development the Whole Language Based Learning Model in MTsN C in Class VII.2 is 38 students. Observation of learning implementation consists of observation of preliminary activities, core activities, and observation of closing activities. Trial process done four times. Test 1 was conducted with one meeting, in trial 2 conducted with two meetings (meeting 2-3), in trial 3 was conducted with two meetings (meeting 4-5) and in trial 4 was done with two meetings (meeting 6-7). This is due to every syntax of whole language model consisting of five stages implemented with 2 x meeting. In the second trial is KD 4.15. The syntactic phase of the first meeting is the first syntax until 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The meeting of 2 stages of syntax is creative writing. Likewise for the fourth meeting till 5 for KD 3.16. In trial 3 is KD 3.16 linguistic element about the type of words and sentences in Fable Text held with two meetings. The syntax stage that the first meeting held is the first syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The meeting of 2 stages of the syntax is creative writing. In test 4 is KD 3.16 writing Text Fable also two meetings. The syntax stage that the first meeting held is the first syntax till 4 (journal dialogue, intensive reading/observation, sharing of text content, communicating text characteristics). The meeting of 2 stages of syntax is creative writing. Practitioners made observations with seven meetings. After the observation of the learning process by using the whole language learning model, then obtained the practicality of the learning model implemented. Here are the results of observation of each activity in the process of learning implementation for Developing of Whole Language Based Learning Model. Preliminary activities have a practicality percentage score of 86% and very practical category. This practicality data explains that preliminary activities are carried out in accordance with the steps that have been designed. The preliminary element consisted of 85% motivation, 90% apperception, delivering learning indicator 90%, delivering coverage of learning scope 80% and delivering learning benefit 85%. Assessment of the closing element learning in the fourth trial, assessing

students' writing skills. Assessment indicators refer to BPG. The indicators of the students' text assessment are (1) relevant content to the topic, (2) systematic organization, (3) choice of words, (4) sentences, and (5) EBI. On average the skills of students in writing in good category with the percentage of 74.4%. However, it still needs to be improved in word choice, sentence writing, and EBI usage

Assessment the practicality of Master's Practice Books by practitioners was conducted by three teachers of Bahasa Indonesia from three different classes from the test class. The three practitioners were (1) Dra. Refniati, teacher of Bahasa Indonesia from MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun, (2) Erlina Erin, teacher of Bahasa Indonesia from MTsN Lubuk Buaya, and (3) Afriyeni, S.Pd. from MTsN Parak Lawas. The results of the practicality of practitioners' evaluation to BPG were read in Table 2.

Table 2. The Result of Practicality BPG By Practitioners

No	Assessment Aspect	Average	%	Category
1.	Guideline	4,00	80,00	Valid
2.	Goal	4,33	86,67	Very Valid
3.	Sintax	4,33	86,67	Very Valid
4.	Material	4,33	86,67	Very Valid
5.	Students' Exercise	4,33	86,67	Very Valid
6.	Language Use	4,33	86,67	Very Valid
7.	Lay out	4,00	80,00	Valid
8.	Benefit	4,67	93,33	Very Valid
	Total	34,3	686,7	
	Average	4,29	85,83	Very Valid

Table 11 assessment of BPG by practitioners is 85.83% with a very practical category. This means that the BPG can be implemented by the teacher. The instructions in the book have led teachers to use the book in the learning process. Purpose in accordance with Basic Competence. Syntax can be implemented in Bahasa Indonesia and in accordance with the characteristics of learning Bahasa Indonesia. The learning material is complete and easy to understand. Assessment in accordance with indicators, both knowledge indicators and skills indicators. The language used is easy to understand. Lay out interesting. BPG provides benefits for teachers in preparing the process of learning implementation.

Assessment of practicality Students' Handbook conducted by students through filling instrument in the form of questionnaire. Questionnaires were given to MTsN A, MTsN B, 28, and MTsN C. Here the results of practicality by students.

The practicality test is based on aspects of (a) observation of the learning implementation process, (b) practicability of BPG according to the practitioner, and (c) BPS practicality according to the students. These three tests of practicality show that the score obtained is in the practical and very practical category.

Tabel 3. The Result of Practicality BPS in MTsN A

No	Assessment Aspect	%			Category
		MTsN A	MTsN B	MTsN C	
1.	Guideline	80,43	89,29	89,47	Very Practical
2.	Goal	86,96	92,86	92,11	Very Practical
3.	Syntax	91,30	92,86	86,84	Very Practical
4.	Material	93,04	96,43	89,47	Very Practical
5.	Students' Exercise	86,96	92,86	89,47	Very Practical
6.	Language Use	91,30	92,86	86,84	Very Practical
7.	Lay out	95,65	85,71	84,21	Very Practical
8.	Benefit	86,96	92,86	92,11	Very Practical
	Average	89,08	91,96	88,82	Very Practical

Observation of the learning process was conducted on three classes of three Madrasah. The mention of the three madrasah is stated by MTsN A for MTsN Model Gunung Pangilun, MTsN B for MTsN Lubuk Buaya, and MTsN C for MTsN Parak Lawas.

Based on the observational assessment, the learning process shows that the learning process was done with whole language based learning model has practical score 86,7% with very practical category in MTsN A, 93,4% with very practical category in Middle Class and 89,5% with very practical category. The test results of practicality was done through observation of the ongoing learning process conducted on how the model of learning is done by the teacher and how the students follow the learning. Interaction between teacher and student were done interactively. That is, whole language-based learning model can be practical and implemented in learning activities without conditioned. This is in line with the statement put forward by Akker as quoted by Fauzan (2002) practicality refers to how research products can be used under natural conditions.

Learning Implementation process of Bahasa Indonesia with whole language based learning model implemented naturally by not impose separation of partial language skills. However, the whole language refers to the context of the activities of the language, for example, listening to texts, understanding the content of the whole text, discussing the main ideas of the text, the students not only cultivate the ability to understand and think, but also cultivate their language skills holistically. Teachers on whole language-based language learning emphasize comprehension of language as a whole and at the same time teachers also learn the grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation (Ling, 2012; Huang, 2014).

Learning Implementation process in collaboration through the use of jigsaw techniques, groups in pairs of two and four, and mind maps make learning oriented to students. Students discover and build their own understanding of the text, students discuss the text in groups, understand the text, learn new material, including grammar and use of words, and give students more choices to learn, for example choosing books they want to read, writing about the topics they want to write, etc. (Freeman and Freeman, 1992: 39; Taylor, 2007; LeDoux, 2007; Ling, 2012).

For Core activities which is a core part in the learning implementation process of whole-language based learning model which is done by syntax stages of journal dialogue, intensive reading, sharing of text content, communicating characteristic of text, and creative writing involves context-based student experience, based on the literacy experienced by the students. That is, language is used in natural rules (Huang, 2014). This makes language learning appealing to students. The syntax of journal, intensive reading, sharing of textual content comes from students' experiences based on text they have read and heard. Next, students will understand the content of the text and communicate it.

Maddox (2013) and Ling (2012) also suggested that whole languages with context and literacy on core activities significantly demonstrate the practicality of whole language-based learning models.

The practicality of language learning can be influenced by the number of students in one class. The ideal number of students is between 20 till 32 people in one class will make the learning process becomes more maximal (Permendikbud No. 17 of 2017). Various learning models become easier to implement. This shows that the number of students in the whole language class gives influence to the high or low practicality of application of a learning model.

Furthermore, the syntax of whole language-based learning model is easy to implement in the learning process. Nieveen (2010: 94); Nieveen (1999: 127) states the practicality of the product is determined by the ease of use by the user. With ease of use it can improve the quality of learning. As stated by Joyce (2011: 7) the quality of learning is determined by the success of teachers in involving the students in tasks that are loaded with cognitive and social and the teacher is able in the learning process to teach the students in doing the tasks productively. Therefore, the practicality of whole-language model-based research products is shown by how teachers can make students active in language.

Teachers in the learning implementation process model research syntax is placing its role in language learning to be a facilitator. As a facilitator the student's ability is greatly influenced by how the facilitator creates an atmosphere of language for students. The ability to communicate effectively to students is influenced by the ability of the teacher to communicate in any communication event in any environment the student is in, so it is important to respect each other mutually respectfully between teachers and students (Wood, 1981: 5; Kyriacou, 2011: 238).

Practicality of research products, the role of teachers as facilitators in the process of learning implementation on realizing in research development of whole-language based learning model. This answer the test results of practicality of the research proved by a very practical assessment in accordance with the percentage of assessment described previously.

The research of the practice of BPG is done by the practitioners of Indonesian language learning. The result of the research on practicality test shows that BPG is assessed with very practical category with percentage 85,83%. Eight aspects of BPG assessment, practitioners provide high scores on the benefits aspects of books that is 93.33%.

BPG can be used well and provide benefits to teachers when students are learning in a structured way. With the materials contained in the BPG then the teacher can help students understand the learning materials and help students achieve learning objectives. Therefore, material in good book development is a material that leads to the development of accuracy, eloquence and appropriation while emphasizing more and helping students master the material they are studying, as Tomlinson (2001: 70) has pointed out "materials will continue to aim at the development of accuracy, fluency and appropriacy while placing more emphasis on helping learners achieve effect". The materials will continue BPG can be used and provide benefits in the learning process of Bahasa Indonesia for students.

The results of research on BPS for the practicality of the book were assessed by the students with very practical category. The practicality of the book is assessed by students from MTsN A with very practical category with 89.8%. Assessment by students from MTsN B with very practical category with 91,96%. Assessment by students from MTsN C was assessed in very practical category with 88.82%. Based on the three assessments conducted by students, obtained the average practicality of BPS is 90.19% with very practical category. Based on the practicality test of seven indicators in BPS explained that the book is suitable for use in learning Bahasa Indonesia.



## Conclusion

Learning Bahasa Indonesia is a learning that requires the mastery of knowledge and language. This will be realized if there is a social interaction of students inside and outside the learning process. Based on the needs analysis found the problems with the use of instructional model Bahasa Indonesia. The problem was caused by the insight and understanding of teachers on the instructional models were not maximized and the need for instructional models that can specifically teach four language skills as a whole and integrated. This problem was seen in the preparation of lesson plan, the implementation of instructional process, and instructional activities have not been teaching holistic language skills.

The development of whole language based Bahasa Indonesia learning has three research products were the Model Book, the Teacher's Handbook, and the Student's Handbook. Based on product trial results indicate that the three products have met the criteria of validity, practicality, and effectiveness. Based on the validity test of the Development of whole language based Bahasa Indonesia learning were valid with very valid category. In practical test was done by observation of learning process, practitioner's evaluation to practicality of Teacher's Handbook, and student's evaluation to practicality of Student's Handbook. The results of practicality test showed that the model was very practical.

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