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Appreciation should go to our home institution, Universitas Negeri Jakarta, for providing support of the process. Credits also go all the organizing committeefor the commitment to do their best to make this big project possible.

December, 2014
Foreword (Vice Rector 4 UNJ)

Distinguished speakers, honorable guests and all participants of the 8th International Conference of developing Educational Professionals in South East Asia. I would like to extend the warmest welcome to all of you attending this International conference at Universitas Negeri Jakarta. It is my pleasure to meet you all in this very important conference in which I believe many papers and sharing of best practices of teacher development will be discussed.

The vision of Universitas Negeri Jakarta is to build future leaders. To implement such a vision, Universitas Negeri Jakarta is committed to continuously contribute its role so that leaders in education sector might be made and/or when possible might be born. This is applicable in both teaching and non-teaching professions. To achieve it, I am convinced that collaboration with many educational institutions is imperative. Therefore, in this regards, I must support this very important event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I must acknowledge and express sincere gratitude to University of Sydney, Australia who initiated a project in 2015 entitled “Collaborative Research-Based Learning and Teaching to Foster Teacher Professional Development”. I believe without such a program DEPISA conference might not be possible. In particular, allow me to mention Dr. Kevin Laws and Dr. Lesley Harbon of the University of Sydney Australia for their initiatives to accommodate Teacher Professional Development through DEPISA. My credit also goes to Prof. Dr. Ilza Mayuni, MA for all of her efforts to make this 8th International Conference DEPISA possible. Acknowledgement must also be given to speakers and presenters of plenary sessions who have serious concern to share their expertise and professional experiences as far as teacher development is concerned.

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Last but not least, I must also mention and address my sincere gratitude to all speakers and paper presenters as well as all participants of this conference. Without your active participation this event is not possible.

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Foreword
This Depisa International Conference Proceedings, marking the 8th of the Depisa conference, is devoted to the developing educational professionals in Southeast Asia convened by the State University of Jakarta in cooperation with Depisa on 9-10 December 2014. The theme of the conference was Collaborative Research-Based Learning and Teaching to Foster Teacher Professional Development. This issue addresses the compiled keynote speeches from the plenary sessions of the conference and the selected papers presented in the parallel sessions.

The two keynote speakers whose addresses are included here are Lesley Harbon, University of Sydney, and Arief Rachman, State University of Jakarta. They take bird’s eye view of the current situation in which Harbon focusses on the increasing educational practices in Southeast Asia with the theme A Developing Community of Practice: What can We Claim so far? Rachman, a nationally-recognized figure of education in Indonesia highlights the endless endeavour to develop teacher’s professionalism and the alteration of the recently established curriculum 2013. They commenced the conference exploring various issues on educational praxis in different fields in Southeast Asia.

The other contributors of this issue are teachers and faculty members of all education levels from kindergarten to university mostly from Indonesia and other countries of Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Korea, and Philippines. They examine pedagogical aspects of teaching and learning approaches and methodologies, psychological-related goals of education like leadership and volunteerism, and IT-pertinent teaching practices. The subjects studied are a wide-ranging learners from preschool age to adults, teachers, and parents and the fociusses are the language teaching-learning-assessing triangle, attitude and capacity building in nursing courses, mathematics and science teaching, educational policy, material development, motivation, and management styles at university. I believe that you will find this issue of proceedings compiling papers and research reports useful to widen your horizon on educational development, especially in Southeast Asia. Besides, it could help enhance your educational professionalism through the lessons learned from the contributors’ experiences and ideas. This proceedings could be found at English Department of State University of Jakarta and is published alongside the Depisa Monograph scheduled to be issued in every Depisa conference biannually.

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DEVELOPING COMPUTER-BASED TIMELINE MEDIA TO TEACH ENGLISH TENSES

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Abstract

In English, verbs have several forms: infinitive, present participle, preterite, and past participle. The tense and mode used to express an activity in English determines which verb form is used. Unlike English, Indonesian does not recognize these changes. This difference is one of the factors causing problems to Indonesian learners in mastering English Tenses, one of the important grammatical aspects to master in English learning.

Teopilus (2008) in her previous research “Problems in Applying English Tenses Faced by the Students of the English Education Study Program as Shown by Their Thinking Aloud Protocols” found out that the students of the English Education Study Program still made mistakes in using English Tenses. The findings show that one of the causes of these problems is the students’ inability of understanding the time concept of the English Tenses.

To overcome the problems, in this research, the researchers develop computer-based timeline media to teach the first six English Tenses and analyze their effectiveness. A number of subjects are given the instruction using the developed computer-based timeline media. The data analyses yield the following findings: (1) There is a significant increase from the average of the subjects’ pre test scores to their post test scores; and (2) The 3 t-tests conducted prove that there is a significant difference in the obtained gain scores of the subjects.

These findings prove that the subjects’ knowledge of the six English Tenses improves after they have been taught these tenses using the developed media. This implies that the computer-based timeline media developed in this research are able to help Indonesian learners comprehend the six English Tenses more effectively.

Keywords: timeline media, English Tense, computer-based

Introduction

In English, verbs have several forms: infinitive/base form, present participle or ing form, preterite or past form, and past participle. The tense and mode used to express an activity in English determines which verb form is used. Unlike English, Indonesian does not recognize these changes in its verb forms. The only change that exists is the addition of affixes to the verbs. This difference is one of the factors causing problems to Indonesian learners in mastering English Tenses, one of the important grammatical aspects to master in English learning.

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English Tenses. The findings show that one of the causes of these problems is the inability of the students to understand the time concept of the English Tenses.

To overcome the problems experienced by Indonesian learners in learning and mastering English Tenses, the researchers are motivated to develop computer-based timeline media to teach English Tenses and analyze their effectiveness. The pictures and animation in these media will visualize the actions/activities expressed in the verb forms used in the sentences, as the three parts of the time zone (Past, Present, and Future) clearly display the time location of the actions expressed. Using these media, English teachers will be facilitated in explaining the English Tenses to their students; students will, therefore, be helped to comprehend the time concept expressed in each English Tense more easily. This research entitled ‘Developing Computer-based Timeline Media to Teach English Tenses’ aims at designing and developing teaching modules using computerized timeline-media to teach English Tenses and evaluating the effectiveness of these modules in helping the Indonesian learners to comprehend the English Tenses. This study limits its scope only to the first six English Tenses (Simple Present Tense, Present Progressive Tense, Simple Past Tense, Past Progressive Tense, Simple Future Tense, and Future Progressive Tense).

Timeline Media to Teach English Tenses

Gareth Rees (2005) states that timelines are diagrams that illustrate the reference to time made by a given piece of language. They are used to show how a particular language item (often a verb in a particular tense and aspect) places particular events or situations in time and in relation to other events. In English language teaching, particularly in the teaching of English Tenses, a timeline is a diagram which describes the time reference showing how an event or happening is placed in the timeline in relation to another event or happening. Timeline media give the following benefits in helping Indonesian learners to comprehend the English Tenses:

- Timeline media simplify the abstract explanation about the past time, present time and future tense.
- Timeline media clearly visualize the three time zones: past, present, and future; Indonesian learners will, therefore, immediately see which time zone is referred to in the action expressed in the sentence and what English Tense is correctly used to do so.

Baker (2013) describes the timeline media to teach English Tenses as follows:

**Simple Tenses:**

Simple tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time*.

**Past Simple**

Use for an action that happened at a point in time in the past.

\[\text{e.g.} - \text{I ate breakfast this morning.}\]

**Present Simple**

Use when making a general statement of truth at the present point in time.

\[\text{e.g.} - \text{I eat breakfast every day.}\]

**Future Simple**

Use for an action that will happen at a point in time in the future.

\[\text{e.g.} - \text{I will eat breakfast later.}\]

**Progressive Tenses:**
Progressive tenses are used whenever we are talking about a length of time.

**Past Progressive**
Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past when another action happened in the middle of it.

- I was eating breakfast when my brother arrived.

**Present Progressive**
Use for an action that is happening now.

- Right now, I am eating breakfast.

**Future Progressive**
Use for an action that will be happening for a length of time in the future.

- I will be eating breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30.

**Perfect Tenses:**
Perfect tenses are used whenever we are talking about a point in time before another point in time.

**Past Perfect**
Use for an action that happened in the past before another action.

- I had already eaten breakfast when my brother arrived.

**Present Perfect**
Use for an action that happened in the past before the present moment.

- I have already eaten breakfast.

**Future Perfect**
Use for an action that will happen in the future before another action.

- I will have already eaten breakfast by the time my brother arrives.

**Perfect Progressive Tenses:**
Perfect Progressive tenses are used whenever we are talking about a length of time up to a point in time.

**Past Perfect Progressive**
Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past up to the moment when another action happened.

- I had been eating breakfast when my brother arrived.

**Present Perfect Progressive**
Use for an action that was happening for a length of time up to the present moment.

- I have been eating my breakfast for 30
breakfast for 30 minutes breakfast for 30 minutes. minutes by the time you
when my brother arrived. arrive.

Although there are no fixed or clear rules in describing the events in a timeline, it is
necessary that symbols are consistently used, for example: in assigning the time zones in the
timeline media, the area on the left of the vertical line represents the past time, the vertical line
refers to the present time, and the area on the right of the vertical line refers to the future time.
Rees (2005) summarizes the use of the symbols in the timeline as follows:

- A single event or action: x
- A repeated action or habit: *****
- A permanent state or situation: ----
- A temporary state, situation or repeated/Progressive action: ~~~
- Exact time of event is unknown: ???
- A point in time: |
- A period in time: \\

The concept of time or tense in English is used to refer to past, present, or future. In each
of the tense category, there are subcategories called aspects, which refer to the duration of an
event. In English, there are four aspects, namely Simple, Progressive, Perfect, and Perfect
Progressive. The Simple aspect does not show the beginning or the ending of an event, but it
only shows whether an event happens or not. The Perfect aspect shows that the ending of the
event is known and is used to emphasize that the event is over. The Progressive aspect indicates
that an event is in progress. The Perfect Progressive aspect shows that an event has/had been and
is/was in progress at a certain time.

**Teaching English Tenses to Learners**

Two approaches to teaching English grammar: deductive and inductive approaches. Nunan (2005) states that there are two basic ways to introduce a new grammar item, deductively
an inductively. In a deductive approach, the teacher presents the grammar rule and then gives
students exercises in which they apply the rule. In an inductive approach, the teacher presents
samples of language, and the students have to come to an intuitive understanding of the rule. In
relation to the teaching of English Tenses, when the deductive approach is used, a teacher will
start with the explanation of the verb forms or usage and functions or uses, and after that he or
she will give the students more examples and exercises so that they can use the tense correctly.
The inductive approach is used when the teacher starts with examples of the verb forms to be
taught, and students are guided to discover their conclusion of the verb forms. More examples
and exercises are given to them so that they can use the verb forms correctly.

The key to the successful teaching of English grammar, in this case English Tenses is
implanting the grammar concept and providing the opportunity for the learners to frequently use
it meaningfully in context so that they can use it correctly. For this purpose, a lot of exercises
need to be given to them and repeated again and again. To this point, Nunan (2005) argues that
research has shown that a grammatical item will be more successfully mastered by one’s practicing 15 minutes over four days than by an hour’s practice on a single day. This proves that repeating or revisiting a grammatical item several times will result in a better mastery.

**Learning Styles**

Conner (2007) argues that Learning styles classify different ways people learn and how they approach information. Nunan (1995) states that learning style refers to any individual’s preferred ways of going about learning. With reference to the different learning styles, students can be classified into 3 types: visual learning style, auditory learning style, and kinesthetic learning style. Visual style is learning by seeing. Students with this learning style benefit greatly from teaching that utilizes illustrations, charts, diagrams, videos, etc. Auditory learning style is learning by hearing. Students with this learning style benefits the lecture or oral explanation delivered in the classroom environment, as they are able to comprehend, process and retain the information provided. Kinesthetic style is learning by doing. Students with this style benefit from hands-on learning experience.

Students use a combination of all these three learning channels to receive and process information; one or more of these three styles is, however, more dominantly preferred and used in learning a new task. This dominant learning style is the best way for the respective students.

So that the teaching of English Tenses can work effectively, it should accommodate the students’ different learning styles. The computerized timeline media designed and developed in this research have the visual, auditory, and kinesthetic features. The visual feature is seen from the writing, pictures and animation used; the auditory feature is obtained from the voice and background music in the media; and the kinesthetic feature is also embedded in the animation used and the use of the navigation buttons when doing the independent study with the CD ROM. The computerized timeline media designed here are, therefore, expected to be able to accommodate all these different learning styles.

**Research Design**

The present research includes 3 major objectives to reach: (1) developing the teaching module of using computerized timeline media in teaching the first six English Tenses, (2) conducting a try-out of the modules in English classes, and (3) evaluating the effectiveness of the use of the modules in helping Indonesian learners master these English tenses. To achieve the objectives, the ADDIE Model of instructional development is adopted and adapted. The following diagram illustrates the design sequence of the present module development, which embraces the three major objectives:
The first four steps (steps 1-4) are related to the first objective, developing of the modules; step 5 is related to the second objective, the try-out of the modules; and step 6 is related to the third objective, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the modules after they are implemented. The elaboration of the steps to reach the objectives is described as follows:

Objective 1: Developing the teaching module of using computerized timeline media in teaching the first six English Tenses

Step 1
The findings of Teopilus’s previous research (2008) are used as the needs analysis of the present study, and they indicate the problems in English Tenses faced by the Indonesian. Thus, the findings of the previous research serve as step 1 of the design sequence that is identifying the needs. In the previous study, thirty (30) subjects were selected and asked to do the experimental tasks (doing a set of grammar test in English Tenses, reflecting as much as they can, and verbalizing their thoughts). A retrospective interview was also conducted to clarify their description of the thinking processes during the think-aloud procedure and to reveal some mental strategies which are possibly undetectable through the think-aloud activity. The findings of the study show that the greatest number of the errors made in the English Tenses is related to the incorrect concept or use of the English tenses. The TAPs that have been conducted reveal that the subjects of the study did not really understand the use or concept of the twelve English tenses. In addition, the analysis of the TAPs also indicates that many of the subjects of the study were not able to compare and contrast the perfect tenses (present, future and past). Finally, the analysis of the TAPs reveals that many of the subjects were not able to see the differences between the simple and the progressive tenses.

Step 2
Next, the instructional materials with computer-based timeline media are organized into 2 (two) separate CD ROM’s: the teacher’s CD ROM and the students’ CD ROM. The teacher’s CD ROM consists of 7 (seven) teaching modules: Introduction to Time Concept, Simple Present Tense, Present Progressive Tense, Simple Past Tense, Past Progressive Tense, Simple Future Tense, and Future Progressive Tense to be used when explaining the concept and functions of each of these tenses. The students’ CD ROM consists of a review of the lessons of the 7 modules (Introduction to Time Concept, Simple Present Tense, Present Progressive Tense, Simple Past Tense, Past Progressive Tense, Simple Future Tense, and Future Progressive Tense) followed by the related prototype exercises for them to do independently.

Step 3
The instructional materials are developed to help Indonesian students master the English Tenses, that is they are able to use the correct verb forms of each of the 6 English Tenses
and to apply the functions of each tense correctly in context. Each of the modules discussing the English Tenses begins with the verb form, followed by the functions of the tense. A brief review of the functions is given at the end of the module.

**Step 4**

In the process of developing the instructional modules, the timeline media along with the voice, pictures, and animation are presented in the modules designed to help students visualize the events described in the written sentences. When all the modules have been developed, the related prototype exercises are developed to give students reinforcement so that they have better mastery.

**Objective 2: Conducting a try-out of the modules in English classes**

**Step 5**

The modules are then tried out to the research subjects in the English classes, both at the university level and the senior high school level. The feedback received from the try-out is used to make some necessary revision or changes on the modules. Two meetings of 90 minutes each are used to try out all the developed modules of the computer-based timeline to the subjects. The first meeting is devoted to teaching the subjects the modules of *Introduction to Time Concept, Simple Present Tense, Present Progressive Tense, and Simple Past Tense*. The second meeting is for the next three modules: *Past Progressive Tense, Simple Future Tense, and Future Progressive Tense*.

**Objective 3: Evaluating the effectiveness of the use of the module in helping Indonesian learners master these English tenses.**

**Step 6**

In this research, the effectiveness of only the teachers’ modules is evaluated. To find out whether these modules can effectively help Indonesian learners master the 6 English Tenses, a pretest is given to the subjects prior to the teaching of the modules, and a post test is given to them afterwards. Then, a t-test is used to calculate and compare the pretest scores and the posttest scores of the research subjects.

**Research Subjects**

The subjects of this study are grouped into two clusters:

(a) University students (22 subjects)

These subjects were the first semester students at the English Education Study Program taking Structure 1 course. They had been studying at the present study program for about two months when they were included as the subjects of the study.

(b) Senior high school students (21+12 = 33 subjects)

These subjects came from two different schools (School A and School B) in Surabaya. The subjects from School A were 21 grade X students, and the subjects from School B were 11 grade XII students.

**Research Instruments**

There are 3 instruments used in this research:

(1) A test on time concept
This test is to measure the subjects’ knowledge of the simple concept of the time zones: the past time zone, the present time zone, and the future time zone. There are 10 multiple choice questions in this test. This is given to the subjects prior to the pre test.

(2) A test on the six English Tenses (which serves as the pre test and post test)
This test is to measure the subjects’ knowledge of the respective 6 English Tenses. There are 25 short answer (completion) questions in this test.

(3) A questionnaire
This is used to find out subjects’ opinions and receive further feedback on the media developed.

Data Analysis and Findings
I. Module Effectiveness
To evaluate the effectiveness of the computer-based timeline media developed in the present study, a t-test calculation of the subjects’ pretest scores and post test scores is conducted. The T-Test is conducted to find out whether the following Ho or Ha is accepted:
Ho: There is no difference between the pre test scores and the post test scores.
Ha: There is a difference between the pre test scores and the post test scores.

The formula of the Paired t test is as follows:

\[ t = \frac{\sum d_i}{\sqrt{\frac{N\sum d_i^2 - (\sum d_i)^2}{N-1}}} \]

Level of Significance (P) = 0.05

\[ d = \text{difference between the pre test score and the post test score} \]
\[ N = \text{number of subjects} \]

The data analysis is described in two clusters, the subjects from the English Department and the subjects from the senior high school:

A. Cluster of the Subjects from the English Department
The mean score of the subjects’ time concept test scores is 89.09, which indicates that the subjects have sufficient knowledge of the three time zones: past, present, and future. Most of their pretest scores of the English Tenses are considered insufficient, and the mean of the pretest scores is 40.9090909. The posttest scores show improvement, and the mean of the posttest scores is 55. There is an increase of 14.09 points from the pretest mean score to the posttest score mean score.

Table 1: University Subjects’ Pretest and Posttest Scores
Mean of pre test scores = 40.9090909
Standard of deviation of pre test = 19.3978622
Mean of post test scores = 55
Standard of deviation of post test = 20.8372377

Calculation Result:
t calculated = 5.752778216;  t table = 2.08
It can be concluded that t cal > t table; Ho is rejected, meaning that there is a difference between the pre test score and the post test score

B. Cluster of the Subjects from the Senior High School

There are two sub-clusters of the subjects:
B1. Subjects from School A
The mean score of the subjects’ time concept test scores is 78.09, which indicates that the subjects from School A also have sufficient knowledge of the three time zones: past, present, and future. Most of their pretest scores of the English Tenses are considered insufficient, and the mean of the pretest scores is 26.66667. The posttest scores show improvement, and the mean of the posttest scores is 38.28571. There is an increase of 11.61904 points from the pretest mean score to the posttest score mean score.

Table 2: School A Subjects’ Pretest and Posttest Scores
Mean of pre test scores = 26.6667
Standard deviation of pre test = 17.0802
Mean of post test scores = 38.28571
Standard deviation of post test = 20.69092

Calculation Result:
t calculated = 4.738802;  t table = 2.086
It can be concluded that t cal > t table; Ho is rejected, meaning that there is a difference between the pre test score and the post test score

B2. Subjects from School B
The mean score of the subjects’ time concept test scores is 75.83, which indicates that the subjects from School B also have sufficient knowledge of the three time zones: past, present, and future. Most of their pretest scores of the English Tenses are considered insufficient, and the mean of the pretest scores is 15.33. The posttest scores show improvement, and the mean of the posttest scores is 30. There is an increase of 14.67 points from the pretest mean score to the posttest mean score.

Table 3: School B Subjects’ Pretest and Posttest Scores

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Mean of pre test scores = 15.33333
Standard deviation of pre test = 19.509128
Mean of post test scores = 30
Standard of deviation of post test = 26.395592

Calculation Result:
t calculated = 4.0789092; t table = 2.2
It can be concluded that t cal > t table; Ho is rejected, meaning that there is a difference between the pre test score and the post test score

II. Questionnaire Analysis
Summary of the results of the questionnaire analysis indicate that:

- Related to the design of the software
  - Display of the modules: subjects’ responses are very good and good.
  - Display of pictures, animation, background music, and colors: subjects’ responses are very good and good.
  - Voice cleaerness: subjects’ responses are very good and good.
  - Letter font: most subjects’ responses are very good and good; only one subject gives a poor response.

- Related to the understanding of the materials
  - Series of the Module materials help learners understand the English Tenses taught: subjects’ responses are very good and good.
  - Pictures, animation, and voice help learners understand the time concept in the English tenses: subjects’ responses are very good and good.

The data analyses yield the following findings:

a. There is a significant increase from the average of the subject’ pre test scores to their post test scores, both at the university level and the senior high school level.

b. The 3 t-tests conducted prove that there is a significant difference in the obtained gain scores (the difference between the pre test and the post test scores) of all the subjects.

c. The research subjects generally give favorable responses to the timeline media developed.

Discussion
Though all of the subjects possess sufficient knowledge of the concept of the time zones, it does not mean that they also have sufficient mastery of the six English tenses. The result of the pretest on the English Tenses, however, shows the opposite. Their mastery of these six English Tenses prior to the implementation of the developed timeline media is low. They have problems in using the correct verb forms and functions of the English Tenses to express activities or happenings in the sentences. They seem to be unable to relate the time zones (past, present, and future) to the correct English Tenses to express an event in English. This condition changes after the subjects are given the instruction with the developed timeline media. It is proved by their post test scores, which show a significant gain score obtained by the subjects.

During the classroom instruction, the developed timeline media can simplify the abstract explanation about the past time, present time and future time; furthermore, the timeline media,
along with the voice, pictures, and animation, help the subjects to clearly visualize the activities or happenings illustrated in the three time zones. They can, therefore, immediately see which time zone is referred to in the action expressed in the sentence and what English Tense is correctly used to express it.

In this study, though there is improvement in the subjects’ knowledge of the six English Tenses, many of their post test scores are still considered insufficient. This happens because they were not given any time to do any related exercises. Their post test scores would have been much higher if they had done some related exercises.

These research findings, though, prove that the subjects’ knowledge of the six English Tenses improves after they have been taught these tenses using the computer-based timeline media. This implies that the computer-based timeline media developed in this research will be able to help Indonesian learners comprehend the six English Tenses more effectively.

Conclusion

The teaching of English, in this case English Tenses, needs to be supported with teaching media that can accommodate students’ needs, interest, and learning styles. In the digital era, the use of computer technology, such as the developed computer-based timeline media, is recommended as it fulfills their needs, interest, and learning styles. The research findings have proved that the computer-based timeline media developed in this research help increase the subjects’ understanding of the English Tenses.

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