

# E-Book as a Learning Resource for Indonesian Language in the New Normal Era

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## ABSTRACT

Outbreaks of Covid-19 have a major influence on aspects of human life, not least in terms of education, especially in Indonesian. This is evident from the policies taken by the government to continue to run the education process in the new normal era. In this regard, this article aims as an alternative for the world of education to continue to run an effective and efficient learning process in accordance with the health protocol in the new normal era, namely by using e-books as a learning resource for learning Indonesian. The research used is the study of literature by collecting data on research results from various articles, documents and sources of literature in accordance with the theme of the e-book as a source of learning in the new normal era then the data is reviewed, analyzed and concluded

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Corona virus disease 2019 (Covid-19) has become a pandemic in the world with relatively rapid spread. This has caused governments in various countries to appeal to all their people to implement *social distancing* and *work from home* to prevent the spread of the epidemic. This appeal certainly has an impact on aspects of people's lives, not least on the educational aspects. The outbreak began in early March 2020 and in less than a month has been infected 1.285 patients and 114 deaths in Indonesia as of 30 March 2020 [1]. To prevent the spread of Covid-19, WHO appealed to stop events that could cause crowds to gather. Therefore, the face-to-face learning that gathers many students in the classroom is reviewed [2].

Pademi Covid-19 this time also brought humans to a new habit. Humans may not be able to return to normal life back then but must be able to adapt to a new normal life [3]. Therefore *Social Distancing* is very influential to inhibit the spread of COVID-19, causing the economy in Indonesian to decline, dropping the rupiah exchange rate, the price of goods to rise, especially medical devices. This also impacts on the education system in Indonesian [4].

One of the effects of the coronavirus 2019-2020 is on education throughout the world, which leads to the closure of schools, madrassas, universities, and boarding schools [5]. But with the arrival of the very sudden Covid-19 outbreak, the world of education in Indonesia needs to follow a path that could help the condition of schools in emergencies [6]. The policy taken by many countries including Indonesian by dismissing all educational activities, makes the government and related institutions must present alternative educational processes for students and students who cannot carry out the educational process in educational institutions [7].

The rapid progress of science and technology caused by the current of globalization is a challenge for the people of Indonesia, especially the world of education. various kinds of efforts were made to improve the quality and achievement of learning objectives that have been set.

Information technology is defined as science in the field of computer-based information and its development is very rapid. One important component in achieving this is through the application of instructional media that is adapted to the current development of information technology [8]. Technology is a provision that makes it easy for humans to praise their needs [9]. Learning media is a tool that can help the teaching and learning process so that the meaning of the message delivered becomes clearer and the purpose of education or learning can be achieved effectively and efficiently [10]. Media becomes a tool that is needed by educators in order to create an atmosphere of maximum learning process [11].

Education is the learning of knowledge, skills, and habits of a group of people who are passed down from one generation to the next through training, teaching, or research [12]. Education becomes an important part of the concept of life and human life [13]. The education world is obliged to equip students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills that can empower students for their future, and can answer any problems that arise due to the challenges of the changing times [14].

Education is a very important requirement for the life of every human being [15]. Learning resources can be in the form of books, printed and electronic media, natural surroundings or other learning sources that are relayed [16]. In the process of learning a media is a concrete one in delivering a material. An e-book is a digital form of a book that contains certain information [17]. An e-book is a book programmed into a computer so that it can visualize abstract form material into visual form and can

be animated so that students are more interested in teaching and learning [18].

As for some of the advantages of e-books, namely (1) makes it easier for students to understand and remember the lessons both auditory and visual (2) in the use of e-books can be accessed by students via *mobile phones*, laptops, computers, and *ipad* without installing application software first (3) students can review and repeat learning materials using e-books anytime and anywhere without having to connect to the internet network (4) the use of e-books as a learning medium can save paper usage gradually.

Learning is not always related to the context either in the concept. Learning in everyday life is often in contact with things that are complex, abstract and are behind reality. Therefore learning media is very important. E-books are books in electronic format containing information that can be in the form of text or images [19].

In the learning process educators create media congress that is used to convey a material. Media must be in accordance with the material that will be conveyed in learning Indonesian or other learning. In general, the media used by a teacher is media in the form of printed books that can be read and function as evaluation tools. Whereas in the New Normal era the population of educators and students depended on electronic media to obtain all information and tools for communication.

The learning process can occur if there is an interaction between educators and students, as well as learning resources in the learning environment. Teaching in Indonesian language learning really requires the delivery of material by the teacher but in this New Normal situation the teacher will have difficulty in explaining or explaining the material about learning Indonesian. Therefore, the e-book learning media in learning Indonesian is very useful in this New Normal era. This is very helpful for both teachers and students.

Conditions in co-19 situations that cause changes in the learning process that are usually held in a room or classroom, must now be held online, distance or online. This also experienced a change in the method or media in learning Indonesian. There are several obstacles, one of which is the ability of educators to provide digital teaching materials that can be accessed by students online [20].

Some studies explain, a habit that is continuously carried out will become a new habit. For this reason, almost all social researchers sit in the same opinion. The difference lies in how long the new habit is formed [21].

This research can provide the following benefits. First, for Indonesian language teachers, the use of e-book media in Indonesian language learning in the New Normal era can increase the teacher pedagogical potential in developing media as well as making it easier for teachers to deliver learning material to improve Indonesian language learning skills in the New Normal era. Secondly, for students this model is a trigger in the learning process so that students are interested in learning that demands to understand Indonesian language learning in the New Normal era.

## 2. METHOD

Research used is the study of literature by gathering research data from various articles, documents and sources of literature in accordance with the theme of the e-book as a source of learning in the new normal era then the data is reviewed, analyzed and concluded. In connection with the opinion [22], the library research (*libraryresearch*), literature searches not only for the initial steps to prepare the framework of research (*researchdesign*) but at the same time take advantage of the source - source library to obtain research data.

## 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In Result and Discussion section described regarding (1) changes in learning patterns in the new normal era, dan (2) the effectiveness of e-books as learning resources for learning Indonesian in the New Normal Era. Here is what was meant.

### 3.1. Changes in Learning Patterns in the New Normal Era

The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic that has an impact on the order of life, one of them in the field of education is marked by changes in learning patterns at various levels, ranging from elementary school to tertiary levels.

Carrying out conventional teaching and learning processes carried out before the emergence of a pandemic is considered a step less appropriate to be applied in the new normal era, while education becomes a very important process of activity and the uninterrupted achievement of welfare for a country must be achieved, for which the government changes the learning patterns in the new era normal through the use of science and technology by presenting the latest digital innovations, one of which is the use of e-books as a source of learning in realizing an effective and efficient learning process for achieving the educational goals of a country in the new normal era.

Education is a conscious and planned effort made to develop the potential that exists in itself to develop the ability to think, morals, knowledge, personality and spiritual religion for their needs in society. Education provides a great influence on human life to advance the life of a nation.

In connection with that the rapid advancement of science and technology caused by the current of globalization which initially became a challenge is now turning into a solution for the community, especially in the world of education in the new normal era. New normal itself is a new way of life that is used to carry out life activities in the midst of the epidemic Covid-19 which is still endemic. Various efforts have been made to improve the quality and achievement of learning objectives that have been set in the

new normal era. One important component in achieving this is through the application of instructional media that is adapted to the development of information technology and the current state of the world.

### **3.2. The Effectiveness of e-Books as Learning Resources for Learning Indonesian in the New Normal Era**

So far paragrah has tried to provide a pleasant nuance to facilitate student learning at home, but many teachers also say that with current technological developments students demand new innovations in every lesson or media used [23].

In connection with that in the new normal era teachers are required to be more creative in the learning process, one of them is by applying e-books, besides having a great opportunity to help students understand the concept of learning Indonesian through text, animation, pictures, videos, audio and graphics that are presented, the application *e-books* become learning solutions in the new normal era to suppress the spread of Covid-19.

E-book is a product of learning media innovation that illustrates teaching materials with *software* and contains learning materials that are packaged as attractive as possible with a variety of features such as text, video, pictures, audio, and graphics and are able to create an interaction between the media using the media.

States software (computer software) is a program designed to create, engineer, or develop things digitally [24]. *Software* is divided into three major parts based on its license, namely *software* paid, you must buy it first before you can use it, *software* free (*freeware*), you can use it without the need for money, and finally, *software* freewith provisions (*shareware*), you can use it for free in a certain period of time in the trial version eg 30 days [25]. After that you need to buy it in full version.

Through appropriate learning resources the Indonesian learning process will take place effectively and efficiently even in the new normal era, so that the learning objectives that have been set can be achieved to the maximum.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

This paper presents a novel interpretation of non-Japanese and non-conventional poetry as manifestations of eastern-rooted philosophy, Wabi-Sabi. In addition, this research is driven by the need for a balanced literary discussion, it is very important to approach this new-wave of poetry through a different perspective from afore in order to find its worth. Drawing on the analysis of philosophy, pop culture studies and semiotics, this paper tried to focus on the discovery and infiltration of Wabi-Sabi philosophical values which seeks to invite the readers to the connection of materialism, perfection, and failure in modern life.

In this study, poetry is redefined as a method of contemplation of a human being in struggling and

understanding the meaning of the true nature of beauty in life, especially related to love. Poetry, in whatever form and media, approximately the power to encourage writers and readers to transcend the power of logic and rationality through the optimization of human feelings and subjectivity as a manifestation of the limits of human capability as enshrined in Lang Leav's poems.

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