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- ❖ ”Memulai dengan penuh keyakinan, menjalankan dengan penuh keikhlasan, menyelesaikan dengan penuh kebahagiaan”
- ❖ “Ambillah kebaikan dari apa yang dikatakan, jangan melihat siapa yang mengatakan”. - Nabi Muhammad SAW.

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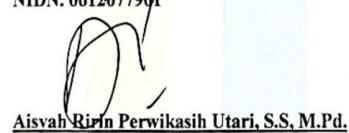
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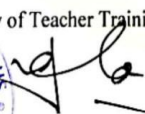
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Pengucapan sama pentingnya dengan fitur bahasa Inggris lainnya, khususnya dalam komunikasi. Komunikasi dimungkinkan ketika pembicara dan pendengar terhubung. Pendengar akan mengerti jika kita mengucapkannya dengan benar, namun jika kita salah mengucapkannya maka akan terjadi kesalahpahaman. Dengan kata lain, pengucapan sangat penting untuk komunikasi yang efektif karena merupakan keterampilan komunikatif. Pengucapan bahasa Inggris bisa membingungkan karena variasi vokal dan konsonan. Hal ini menjelaskan mengapa penutur non-pribumi kesulitan dengan pengucapan bahasa Inggris, hal ini mencakup perhatian pada bunyi tertentu dari suatu bahasa, fitur segmental, fitur pengaturan suara, dan fitur prosodik. Aplikasi ELSA Speak sangat membantu dalam mengatasi ketidakbiasaan siswa dalam mempelajari cara mengucapkan kata-kata bahasa Inggris, yang merupakan masalah mendesak yang memerlukan perhatian cepat. Mempelajari pengucapan dan makna kosakata sangat penting bagi siswa yang ingin berbicara bahasa Inggris dengan aksen yang baik.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana Aplikasi ELSA Speak sebagai alat pembelajaran dapat membantu siswa meningkatkan kemampuan pengucapan bahasa Inggris siswa kelas VIII SMP N 1 Bangsri tahun ajaran 2024/2025.

Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah penelitian tindakan kelas. Subjek penelitian ini adalah satu kelas siswa kelas VIII SMP N 1 Bangsri.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa peningkatan kemampuan pengucapan siswa antara pre-test dan post-test terlihat jelas, dengan nilai rata-rata meningkat dari 50,68 menjadi 74, nilai gain adalah 23,32. Sementara itu, hasil penyebaran kuesioner persepsi kepada siswa menunjukkan bahwa 87% sangat senang ketika memanfaatkan aplikasi ELSA Speak memberikan siswa kemudahan dan manfaat dalam meningkatkan keterampilan Pengucapan Bahasa Inggris mereka.

Oleh karena itu, peneliti berharap penelitian ini dapat digunakan oleh guru bahasa Inggris sebagai salah satu teknik untuk memperkaya referensi tentang pengajaran pengucapan pada siswa kelas delapan.

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Pronunciation is as vital as any other English language feature, particularly in communication. Communication is possible when the speaker and listener are connected. The listener will understand if we speak it right, but if we mispronounce it, there will be a misunderstanding. In other words, pronunciation is essential for effective communication because it is a communicative skill. English pronunciation can be confusing due to the variety of vowels and consonants. It explains why non-native speakers struggle with English pronunciation, it includes attention to the particular sounds of a language segmental features, voice-setting features, and prosodic features. The ELSA Speak app is especially helpful in resolving students' unfamiliarity with learning how to pronounce English words, which is an urgent problem that requires quick attention. Learning vocabulary pronunciation and meaning is essential for students who want to speak English with a decent accent.

This study aimed to find out how the ELSA Speak Application, as a learning tool, can help students improve their English pronunciation ability of the eighth-grade students of SMP N 1 Bangsri in 2024/2025 academic year.

The method of the research is classroom action research. The subject for this study was one class of the eighth-grade students from SMP N 1 Bangsri.

The result of the research showed that the improvement in students' pronunciation abilities between the pre-test and post-test was evident, with the mean score rising from 50,68 to 74 in the latter, the gain score was 23,32. meanwhile, the result distribution of perception questionnaires to students showed that were 87% very happy when utilizing the ELSA Speak application offered students convenience and benefits in enhancing their English Pronunciation skills.

Therefore, the researcher suggests this research can be used by the English teacher as one of technique to enrich the reference about teaching pronunciation in the eighth grade students.

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