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#### Abstract

This study aims to find out the correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teachers. The population of the research were the students of English Education Program at Universitas Muhammadiyah Kalimantan Timur in Academic Year 2022/2023. Using simple random sampling technique, 41 students were selected as samples. This study employed a quantitative approach with correlation analysis. The data of two dimensions of vocabulary were gathered by using Vocabulary Level Test (VLT) and Word Associate Test (WAT). The data of students reading habits was collected by using a questionnaire. The data of this study was analyzed by Pearson Product Moment Correlation using IBM SPSS Statistic 27. From the data analyzed, the results showed that both value of correlation coefficient were 0.644 and 0.580 respectively which were higher than alpha value (0.05). Therefore, there is no correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge.

**Keywords:** Vocabulary Knowledge, Reading Habits, Pre-Service English Teachers

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Vocabulary, which is becoming a fundamental component of language acquisition, holds significant importance for learners in their aim for language proficiency (Cameron, 2001). The acquisition of a second language and the development of communicative competence depend heavily on vocabulary (Schmitt, 2000). According to Alqahtani (2015), the acquisition of vocabulary is regarded as a fundamental aspect for individuals learning a second language, as an inadequate vocabulary may end up causing difficulties in effectively communicating in a second or foreign language. Hence, the acquisition of

vocabulary is a fundamental aspect that individuals must effectively develop in order to effectively engage in communication in a foreign language.

Nation (2006) stated that in order to successfully utilize language, learners must have a minimum amount of vocabulary. Specifically, he proposed that for spoken texts, a vocabulary of 6,000–7,000 word families is necessary, while for written texts, a range of 8,000–9,000 word families is required. It is important to note that these numbers relate to the independent use of language without dependence on any translation tools. Moreover, Renandya (2018) suggests that in spite of variations in vocabulary estimates, there is an acceptance among researchers that learners need to have a minimum vocabulary size of 3,000-5,000 words in order to comprehend non-specialized, unedited literature with sufficient proficiency.

Several studies have been conducted in Indonesia to assess the level of knowledge of vocabulary among Indonesian students. Examples of significant research include that by Quinn (1968), Nurweni & Read (1999), and Nurhemida (2007). However, there is a limited amount of data available specifically for students who are majoring in the English Education Department. Sudarman & Chinokul (2018) conducted a study on the vocabulary size of students enrolled in the English Department at a private university. The previous results indicate the main obstacle to English language acquisition in Indonesia relates to the quality of vocabulary knowledge and the level of vocabulary comprehension.

On the other hand, the development of a reading habit that includes both leisure activities and academic things to do has been recognized as the first and foremost key to enhancing someone's vocabulary repertoire. The measurement of these habits involves factors such as the frequency of reading, the quantity of materials read, and the amount of time dedicated to reading (Oluwayemisi et al., 2017).

Reading is more than just reading words; it is also about establishing beliefs and gaining knowledge. (Woudenberg, 2021). Nation (2015) claims that reading plays a significant role in the enhancement of vocabulary knowledge. Similarly, students develop their vocabularies by being exposed to various types of texts (Cunningham & Stanovich, 1998). Put simply, the quantity of reading materials

plays a role in the development and enhancement of a person's vocabulary proficiency.

Several previous research studies have been conducted investigating the relationship between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge. However, none of the studies focused on pre-service English teachers.

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study employed a quantitative approach with a correlational design. It focused on the correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teachers. The research population was students of English Education Program at Universitas Muhammadiyah Kalimantan Timur in Academic Year 2022/2023. The sample of this research was selected by using simple random sampling techniques. Students from one out of four available classes from four different semesters were randomly assigned to participate in this study. As the result, 41 students from second semesters were selected as the samples in this research.

The instruments which used in this research are questionnaires, Vocabulary Levels Test (VLT), and Word Associate Test (WAT). Questionnaires was used to assess students' reading habits, while Vocabulary Levels Test (VLT) and Word Associate Test (WAT) measured the students' vocabulary knowledge. After analyzing the results of the data gathered by using a questionnaire and a vocabulary test, the researchers used Pearson Product Moment Correlation on the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 27 to determine the relationship between both variables.

#### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The study's findings were subsequently presented based on the following research questions.

Table 1. 1 Correlation Reading Habits and Vocabulary Size

		Reading Habits	Vocabulary Size
Reading Habits	Pearson Correlation		074
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.644
Vocabulary Size	Pearson Correlation	074	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.644	

Table 1.1 shows the results of correlation analysis of reading habits and the vocabulary size of pre-service English teachers by using Pearson Correlation. The result showed that the significance value is 0.644, which is higher than the alpha value (0.05) indicating that there is no correlation between reading habits and the vocabulary size of pre-service English teachers.

Table 1. 2 Correlation Reading Habits and Vocabulary Depth

		Reading Habits	Vocabulary
			<b>Depth</b>
Reading Habits	Pearson Correlation		.089
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.580
Vocabulary	Pearson Correlation	.089	
Depth	Sig. (2-tailed)	.580	
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Table 1.2 shows the results of correlation analysis of reading habits and the vocabulary depth of pre-service English teachers by using Pearson Correlation. The result showed that the significance value was 0.580, which is higher than the alpha value (0.05) indicating that there is no correlation between reading habit and the vocabulary depth of pre-service English teachers.

From the data description, the significance value of reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teachers, both size and depth are 0.644 and 0.580 respectively, in which each value is higher than the alpha value (0.05) indicating that there is no correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teacher, both size and depth. It means that the null hypothesis cannot be rejected. In other words, there is no significant relationship between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teachers.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This research aims to investigate whether there is correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge. In order to answer the research question, the researcher employed a quantitative approach with a correlational design. The population of this study was students majoring in English Education Program at Universitas Muhammadiyah Kalimantan Timur. Fourty one students had been chosen by using simple random sampling technique to participate in this study.

Based on the statistical analysis, the significance value of correlation coefficient between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge of pre-service English teachers, both size and depth were 0.644 and 0.580 respectively which are higher than alpha value (0.05). The result indicates that there is no correlation between reading habits and vocabulary knowledge. In other words, vocabulary knowledge is not affected by their reading habits.

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