Parental Communication Increases Student Learning Motivation in Elementary Schools

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There is still a lack of parent communication on students' learning motivation at the elementary school level. It has an impact on the level of student learning motivation that is less. This study aims to analyze parental communication on students' learning motivation in the learning process of Islamic religious education. This type of research is a mixed-method, namely quantitative and qualitative with an exploratory design. The subjects in this study were parents and elementary students. Data collection techniques used in this study were the distribution of questionnaires and interviews. The data analysis method used is a quantitative descriptive analysis by testing the findings using apps, record results, and concluding. Quantitative description by distributing questionnaires and conducting interviews. The results showed differences and influences between parental communication and student learning motivation in Islamic religious education subjects. So, it can be concluded that parental communication on student learning motivation has been carried out very well, although not optimally. Parental communication has been done well so that students' learning motivation will also increase and impact increasing student learning discipline.

1. INTRODUCTION

21st-century learning, known as the knowledge age, is everything that can be knowledge-based (B. Anwar & Asriani, 2017; Gelen Assoc, 2018). 21st-century learning focuses on thinking skills, solving problems, and communicating to create fun learning (Boraya, 2018; Benbow et al., 2021; Junedi et al., 2020). In the 21st century, education is essential to motivate students to learn. The need for knowledge in the 21st century occurs when there are four pillars of education: learning to know, learning to do, learning to be, and living (Chai & Kong, 2017; Gürsoy, 2021; Wegawati et al., 2016). The relationship between 21st-century learning is very closely related to the world of education. Education is learning intending to gain knowledge and skills and everything that will be learned and needed in the future (Delaney et al., 2020; Ferreira et al., 2018; Speight et al., 2018). The purpose of education is to direct students to become human beings who know, have a noble character, and become citizens who obey the rules, are democratic, and have a sense of responsibility (Lestari et al., 2021; Mason, 2020). Therefore, to improve the quality of education, it can be done starting from the elementary school level, which is carried out based on the needs of students (Kalaw, 2017; Şemin, 2019). Education in Indonesia, one of which is the elementary school level, where at
this level, education is needed in order to continue to a higher level, namely the secondary level. If education at the elementary school level can be reached, it will be easier for students to continue with higher education.

Elementary school is a crucial formal education in Indonesia and is carried out for six years (Kamar et al., 2020; Setyani et al., 2021). Primary schools generally only learn basic concepts, namely general knowledge suitable for students aged six to twelve years (Century et al., 2020; Hidayati et al., 2017; Kjeldsen, 2019). Education in primary schools aims to build a knowledge base and cultivate students' intelligence and skills (Anif et al., 2020; Kjeldsen, 2019; Zarić et al., 2021).

An elementary school is also a place where children learn to play and grow their motivation to learn. In fostering student learning motivation at the elementary school level, ineffective Islamic religious subjects are very effective. Islamic religious education is essential in forming one's character (Abdussalam et al., 2019; C. Anwar et al., 2018; Fathul Amin, 2019).

The Islamic Education curriculum is an essential component of shaping character and creating a generation of noble character and martyrdom (Arsyad et al., 2020; Maas, 2019; Utari et al., 2020). This Islamic religious education expects people who already know about its teachings and practices in everyday life. The purpose of Islamic religious education is oriented to human self-development, developing the abilities, knowledge, and skills of students to praise God and achieve happiness in the world and salvation in the universe (Saada & Magadlah, 2021; Ulfat, 2020).

Educating children with Islamic education is the responsibility of parents. No matter how busy parents are, education for children is better, especially religious education.

Communication is a process of passing symbols from the source to the recipient (Neveu et al., 2017; Nisa & Sujarwo, 2020; Oktarina & Abdullah, 2017). Teachers and parents have the same educational goal of nurturing, educating, guiding, and leading their children. Parental communication is also essential in ensuring that children's learning is successful. Encouraging teacher-parent communication is essential. Teacher-parent communication significantly impacts student learning, performance, and behavior (Garbacz et al., 2015; Gisewhite & Holden, 2019; Kraft & Rogers, 2015). Effective communication can ensure optimal interaction between teachers, students, and parents and can help regulate the roles of families and teachers and support in determining student needs (Özkan Yıldız & Yılmaz, 2021; Triwardhani et al., 2020). With pleasant parent-student communication, it is possible to increase student learning motivation at school and home. However, the current problem is the lack of communication between parents and their children (Nursaptini et al., 2020; Sumarsono et al., 2019). This problem affects student learning outcomes. Without communication, the learning process will be challenging to achieve optimal success (Fauziah et al., 2017; Ricardo & Meilani, 2017; Pratama et al., 2019).

Extrinsic motivation arises from external influences from individuals, such as orders and even coercion from others so that students will do something (Daniati et al., 2020; Hornstra et al., 2018; Winata et al., 2019). While motivation is determined by participation in seeking pleasure, the goal in which the activity itself becomes to increase student motivation (Aprilia et al., 2020; Demirdağ, 2021; Franco et al., 2019). Motivation to learn in students must be increased so that they can participate in learning enthusiastically to get satisfactory results.

This research is in line with previous research that said that parents influence students' learning motivation to get good results (Andriani & Rasto, 2019; Rosmalina & Zulyanti, 2019). However, the previous research did not compare the two schools and did not conduct interviews with children directly to know the comparison and how much influence parental communication had on learning motivation (Andriani & Rasto, 2019; Rosmalina & Zulyanti, 2019). Moreover, several indicators and interviews with students to determine how much influence communication had—parents on student learning in Islamic religious lessons in elementary school. The urgency in this study is critical because it is rare to find research that examines parental communication and student motivation in elementary school. In addition, this study also seeks to see the importance of parental communication and student learning motivation in Islamic religious education subjects in elementary schools by looking at the importance of parental communication and student learning motivation from questionnaires and interviews. The purpose of this study was to analyze how crucial parental communication and learning motivation is in Islamic religious education subjects in elementary schools seen from descriptive statistics. Moreover, to find out whether there are differences in parental communication that affect student learning communication as seen from testing assumptions and The hypotheses and results of this study can be helpful for parents and students. If parental communication is poor, it can have a significant effect on student success in learning. Therefore, this research was conducted to find out this purpose.
2. METHOD

This research uses mixed research methods with explanatory design. Mixed methods research is research that combines quantitative research methods and qualitative research methods (Plano Clark, 2017). Explanatory design can be carried out in several stages of research, starting from collecting data, analyzing data and formulating quantitative results, followed by collecting data, analyzing and formulating qualitative data, and ending with interpreting the results of the research. The instrument in this study used 2 types of instruments, namely questionnaires and interviews. The questionnaire used consisted of a parent communication questionnaire and a student learning motivation questionnaire. As well as interviews conducted on students. There are 11 valid statement items on this parental communication instrument variable using a Likert scale. The scale consists of 4 points with a very appropriate score of 4 very not good, 3 not good, 2 good, 1 very good. Each statement is representative of Each parent communication Indicator. There are 8 valid statement items on the variable of student learning motivation. Later indicators used to measure parental communication are positive feelings and support. In the variable of student learning motivation, two indicators are used, namely persistence in learning and independent learning. The description of the lattice of the questionnaire Instrument for parental communication and student learning motivation in Islamic religious education subjects in tabel 1.

Table 1. Description of parental communication and student learning motivation in Islamic religious education subjects

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<th>Variable</th>
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<td>Parental communication</td>
<td>Positive feelings</td>
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<td>Endorsement</td>
<td>5.6.7.8.9.10.11</td>
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<td>student’s motivation to study</td>
<td>Perseverance in learning</td>
<td>1.2.3.4</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Independent in learning</td>
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Due to the parental communication questionnaire and student learning motivation in Islamic religious education subjects using a Likert scale consisting of 4 categories, there are intervals in each category, and the intervals in each category can be seen in table 2.

Table 2. Categories of parental communication communication and student motivation in Islamic religious education subjects

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Positive</td>
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<td>4.0 – 7.0</td>
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<td>support</td>
<td>7.0 – 12.25</td>
<td>8.0 – 10.0</td>
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<td>Perseverance</td>
<td>11.0 – 13.0</td>
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<td>learning</td>
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<tr>
<td>Independent</td>
<td>5.0 – 10.0</td>
<td>22.85 – 28.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>learning</td>
<td>8.0 – 10.0</td>
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The research population and sample are research conducted with characteristics and other things that will be needed in a study (Erba et al., 2018). The population in this study were 80 students consisting of 40 elementary school students 9 Bengkulu City and 40 elementary school students 9 Jambi City. The sampling technique is total sampling. The subjects taken were classes VA and VB which consisted of 20 women and 20 men. The reason for taking research subjects from classes VA and VB is that at the elementary school level, the class level is very effective, judging from the communication between parents and the student’s learning motivation. The data analysis technique used was random sampling because the samples used were elementary school students 9 Bengkulu City and elementary school students 9 Jambi City who studied Islamic religious education subjects according to the variables of parental communication and student motivation. The use of random sampling in this research is to save time, cost and effort, and also allows the results of the research to be more precise and thorough, because all data from the research object will be easier to analyze in detail. The sampling technique was taken because the parameter assessment was unbiased and better if the population was homogeneous (Alsabahi et al., 2021). From this data, descriptive statistical testing is then carried out. In this study, the researcher used the mean, median, min and max to find out information based on descriptive statistics. and inverential tests in the form of testing assumptions and hypotheses. In the assumption test, three tests were carried out, namely normality test, linearity test, and homogeneity test. The normality test is used to test whether the data is normally
distributed or not (Saerang et al., 2014). Terms of the data are said to be normally distributed if the value of sig. > 0.05. Linearity test is a test used to determine the form of the relationship between independent variables or variables. The data requirements are said to be related if the value of sig. < 0.05. Homogeneous test works to find out whether several groups of research data have the same variance or not, the condition is that the data is said to be homogeneous if the value of sig. > 0.05. Then test the hypothesis in the form of t test and regression test. The t-test works to determine the correlation communication variables on students’ learning motivation. Regression test works to determine the effect of parental communication on student motivation. These tests were then tested using SPSS 26 to obtain accurate results.

In collecting data, the first activity that must be done is to select students based on the categories given by the researcher, then provide questionnaires and interviews about parental communication and student learning motivation. This questionnaire was addressed to students in Elementary School 9 Bengkulu City and Elementary School 9 Jambi City, namely 80 students who became subjects in this study, which aims to determine the effect of parental communication on learning motivation. Then the questionnaire data was processed using the SPSS application. The use of the SPSS application functions to view descriptive statistics, in the form of mean, min, max, percentage, and category of students (Pramesti, 2018; Santoso, 2019). The data needed in research can be collected or obtained from various data sources.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

The following describes the results of descriptive statistics on parental communication variables and student learning motivation. With questions about indicators of parental communication: positive feelings and support. Indicators of student learning motivation: perseverance in learning and independence in learning. The results were obtained from the distribution of questionnaires and interviews in elementary schools 9 Bengkulu City and 9 Jambi City. The results of statistical tests obtained, the average number of students chose the good category with the percentage for elementary school 9 Bengkulu City 35% good and elementary school 9 Jambi City 45% good. So it can be said that the Jambi City 9 Elementary School is superior to the Bengkulu City 9 Primary School in the positive feeling indicator. Based on table 4, the average number of students chose the good category with the percentage for elementary school 9 Bengkulu City 45% good and 9 Jambi City 50% good. The comparison with Elementary School 9 Jambi City is higher than Elementary School 9 Bengkulu City, so it can be said that Elementary School 9 Jambi City is superior to elementary school 9 in Bengkulu City in the positive feeling indicator.

The average number of students chose the good category with the percentage for elementary school 9 Bengkulu City 35% good and 9 Jambi City 40% good. So, the Jambi City 9 Elementary School is superior to the Bengkulu City 9 Primary School in perseverance in learning. The comparison with Elementary School 9 Jambi City is higher than Elementary School 9 Bengkulu City, so it can be said that Elementary School 9 Jambi City is superior to elementary school 9 in Bengkulu City in the empathy indicator. The comparison with Elementary School 9 Jambi City is higher than Elementary School 9 Bengkulu City, so it can be said that Elementary School 9 Jambi City is superior to elementary school 9 in Bengkulu City in perseverance in learning. The average number of students chose the good category with the percentage for elementary school 9 Bengkulu City 25% good and elementary school 9 Jambi City 25% good. So it can be said that elementary school 9 Jambi City is the same as elementary school 9 Bengkulu City in independent indicators in learning. It can be seen that the comparison with Elementary School 9 Jambi City is higher than Elementary School 9 Bengkulu City, so it can be said that Elementary School 9 Jambi City is superior to elementary school 9 in Bengkulu City in independent indicators in learning.

The normality test results of parental communication and student motivation at elementary school 9 Bengkulu City obtained the value of sig. 0.692 and 0.784, and in elementary schools 9 Jambi City 0.826 and 0.763, it can be said that the results obtained > 0.05, so it can be said that the data is usually distributed. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test obtained the normality test. The significance value was > from 0.05. The results of the normality test of parental communication and student learning motivation, namely in elementary school 9 Bengkulu City, namely 0.044 and 0.049, it can be said that the results obtained < 0.05 so it can be said linear patterned data. It is proven that the result of sig is less than 0.05. The homogeneity test results of parental communication and student motivation in elementary school 9 Bengkulu City are 0.037 and 0.038, while at elementary school 9 Jambi City is 0.047 and 0.048 it can be said that the results obtained are < 0.05, so it can be said that the data homogeneous. It is proven that the result of sig (2-tailed) is less than 0.05.

The results of the t-test of parental communication and student learning motivation are at elementary school 9 in Bengkulu City, namely 0.036 and 0.037, and at elementary school 9 Jambi City is 0.38 and 0.039, so it can be ascertained that there is a comparison between elementary schools 9 Bengkulu City and 9 Jambi City.
and elementary schools 9 Jambi City, as evidenced by sig results. (2-tails) < 0.05. The results of the regression test of parental communication and learning motivation, namely in elementary school 9 Bengkulu City, namely 0.023 and at elementary school 9 Jambi City, namely 0.024 so it can be said that based on the influence on parental communication variables and student learning motivation in elementary school 9 City Bengkulu and elementary schools 9 Jambi City, as evidenced by the results of sig. < 0.05.

Discussion
Parents are the primary and first educators for children. Thus the first form of education is in the family (Jannah & Umam, 2021; Sukendar et al., 2019). In general, education in the household provides realistic possibilities for building educational situations (Churiyah et al., 2020; Kamar et al., 2020; Wiyani, 2020). The educational situation is realized thanks to the association and influence that affects reciprocity between parents and children. Parents play an important and influential role in children's education anak (Karima & Kurniawati, 2020; Zijlstra et al., 2021). Parental education is based on affection for children (Junianto & Wagiran, 2013; Setiawati et al., 2017). Therefore, parental love for children should be true love as well. The importance of parental communication and student motivation in Islamic religious education subjects will improve student learning outcomes (Simanjuntak et al., 2020; Triwardhani et al., 2020). This study is in line with previous research testing descriptive tests, but this study only discusses student learning motivation in science subjects, and also, this study only discusses learning motivation in general without using indicators (Pratama et al., 2019b). Based on interviews with students, most parents have positive feelings towards their children in learning, with parental communication very influential on children's learning motivation (Chen et al., 2019; Le et al., 2019; Tamboto et al., 2021). Some parents also pay attention to learning, and some pay less attention, and most of their parents have demanded that they be independent in learning, and some observe their children in learning.

This research is in line with previous research that parents have an essential role for every child, including role models, motivators, and initiators, and parents as a family have a role in every achievement obtained by a child (Andriani & Rasto, 2019; Rosmalina & Zulyanty, 2019). The findings of previous studies did not compare parental communication with learning motivation accurately because this study carried out several tests such as those carried out by this study, namely: T-test and regression test, where the function of the T-test was to determine the comparison of the two variables and the regression test to determine the effect of the two variables. Tested variables (Andriani & Rasto, 2019; Rosmalina & Zulyanty, 2019). With this study, the problem of parental communication and student motivation can be solved by giving more attention to students so that students learn in learning so that students can focus on learning and get good grades. Good in learning, students can also develop according to their talents because they get encouragement from their parents.

This research implies that parental communication is needed to shape students' learning motivation, and good parental communication can be applied to student learning outcomes, which will later be helpful for students' future. In this study, it was found that parental communication was excellent. This is very influential in growing the student learning communication of students in studying Islamic religious education (Fauziah et al., 2017; Pratama et al., 2019). Thus, parental communication can be carried out with excellent student learning communication for elementary school students. The limitation of this study is that it only compares the variables between parental communication and student learning motivation. However, it has not been tested with other variables such as teacher communication, where teacher communication is essential to know the comparison and influence of student learning communication on learning success. So that variables such as teacher communication are to be tested in further research. Researchers suggest conducting further research to compare the variables of parental communication and student learning motivation with other variables such as teacher communication, and researchers suggest researching at the elementary school level.

4. CONCLUSION
Student learning discipline is closely related to parental communication. Learning discipline is one form of fulfilling obligations so that changes occur in students. Parental communication has been done well so that students' learning motivation will also increase and impact increasing student learning discipline.

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