Traditional “Congklak” Games and Cooperative Character in Mathematics Learning

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**ABSTRACT**

Mathematics is one material that most students do not like. In addition to being less attractive, elementary school students also tend to have grades among their peers. This shows the lack of attention applied in learning mathematics. This study aimed to analyze the relationship and influence of cooperative characters with student responses by using traditional games in learning. This type of research uses quantitative methods with the type of comparative research. This research was conducted by distributing questionnaires. The data analysis technique used is random sampling. The research subjects in this study were 120 students. The results obtained are that the cooperative character in the traditional game of Congklak is superior, which is in a very good percentage (60%). Hasil uji korelasi karakter kooperatif siswa dalam permainan tradisional congklak lebih unggul yang berada pada persentase sangat baik (60%). Respon siswa terhadap permainan tradisional congklak sangat baik (55%). Hasil uji korelasi karakter kooperatif siswa dalam permainan tradisional yaitu terdapat hubungan antara karakter kerjasama dengan respon siswa terhadap permainan tradisional congklak pada mata pelajaran matematika. Dapat disimpulkan bahwa terdapat hubungan dan pengaruh karakter kerjasama dengan respon siswa. Implikasi dari penelitian ini adalah bermain permainan tradisional dalam pembelajaran dapat meningkatkan minat siswa dalam belajar matematika.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

21st century learning as a period of knowledge aims to meet the needs of life in various knowledge-based contexts and 21st century learning is introduced as a period of knowledge (Chai & Kong, 2017; Lubis, 2018; Munoto, 2018). 21st Century Learning is also learning that integrates literacy skills, knowledge skills, skills and attitudes, and mastery of technology (Hirschman & Wood, 2018; Rusdin, 2018). Education in the 21st century is becoming increasingly important to ensure students have learning skills. These 21 skills are relevant to the four pillars of education which include learning to know, learning...
to do, learning to be and learning to live together (Gelen Assoc, 2018; Gürsoy, 2021). Therefore, students are expected to have great motivation to always learn to deepen their knowledge which is always evolving from time to time. One of the knowledge that must be possessed by students is mathematics.

Mathematics is one of the basic sciences that has an important role both in everyday life and in the development of science and technology (Hamdi et al., 2018; Nugroho et al., 2018). Basic mathematics learning can hone students’ mathematical abilities to think logically, analyze, critically and systematically by improving the learning process (Hobri et al., 2018; Nurlaily et al., 2019). Mathematics requires soft skills and perspectives to solve and solve problems (Hendriana et al., 2018; Ambussaidi & Yang, 2019; Lin et al., 2020). One of the materials in mathematics is the material for the nets of cubes and blocks. In solving difficult materials, it is necessary to develop creativity in learning mathematics by integrating a model of developing creativity in the teaching and learning process of mathematics. However, the current problem is that many children have low mathematical abilities (Kowiyah & Mulyawati, 2018; Mullis et al., 2012). Students feel that mathematics is a complex subject (Areeppattamamil et al., 2015; Stojanović et al., 2021). Based on previous research, it was also stated that when students took part in learning, they felt bored and had difficulty understanding mathematics subject matter (Hassan et al., 2016; Kowiyah et al., 2019). This has an impact on students’ common mathematical knowledge.

One way that makes it easier for students to learn mathematics is to play by learning. One of the traditional games that can be used in learning is Congklak. Traditional games are relatively simple games but provide tremendous benefits if we explore the meaning of the game in depth (Kusumawati & Ambarsari, 2021; Nurwahidah et al., 2021). The traditional game of congklak is a traditional game that has existed for a long time and has many benefits for children. Congklak game is a game played by two children, using a congklak board, which has 16 holes, has congklak seeds which are usually small stones, shells, plant seeds or marble seeds and the holes in the congklak board are the same diameter, but 2 the farthest hole is larger as an ovary or home for players to collect congklak seeds (Budianti, 2021; Humairo & Amelia, 2021; Susilawati et al., 2021). Through playing congklak children will get benefits that can develop basic mathematical abilities, for example by playing congklak children are able to distinguish concepts full of blanks, mention the results of additions, connect two sets of objects, number by pointing at objects, show the order of objects for numbers up to 10, connect or pair symbol of numbers with objects (Mualik et al., 2020; Purwanti, 2020). So it can be concluded that by using congklak children can practice their numeracy skills. This game will also foster a cooperative character in students.

Character education is a conscious and sincere effort from teachers to instil values in students. People with character are those who try to do their best for God Almighty, themselves, other people, the environment of their country and country by making full use of their potential (knowledge) and accompanied by awareness and emotions (feelings) (Grummich et al., 2017; Liang et al., 2021). Education aims to improve the quality of implementation and educational outcomes in schools that lead to the formation of character and noble character in students as a whole, integrated and adapted to graduate competency standards (Basri, 2017; Rachmadyanti, 2017; Primayana, 2019). Character education is a conscious and sincere effort from teachers to instil values in students (Birhan et al., 2021; Prasetyo et al., 2020). Through education, students are expected to be able to independently improve and use their knowledge, examine character and apply values. Character education is a conscious and sincere effort from teachers to instil values in students (Agnieszka Bates, 2019; Asmi et al., 2018; Lian et al., 2020). People with good character are those who try to do their best for God Almighty, himself, other people, the environment, the country and his country by making full use of the potential (science) created and accompanied by awareness and emotions (feelings).

Cooperation is a joint effort between individuals or groups to achieve common goals (Burik, 2021; Kazu & LEASE, 2018; Ozan, 2019). Just as the school’s goal is to create the characteristics of an effective school, a school that has the main features include: strong instructional leadership, high expectations of student achievement, an orderly and comfortable learning environment, emphasizing basic skills. In line with educational goals, good cooperation will produce good goals (Devi et al., 2020; Smith et al., 2018; Weng & Chen, 2020). Collaboration between students and training students to be able to control emotions, foster scientific attitudes and of course have an impact on maximum learning outcomes (Nordgren et al., 2021; Pershina et al., 2019; Troussas et al., 2020). Can reveal that cooperation is very important for elementary school students to assist in the learning process and in other fields. Research is similar to previous research about the cooperative character of students (Apriansyah et al., 2017). However, previous studies did not compare the character of cooperation with student responses. In addition, previous studies did not perform some of the tests carried out in this study. Previous research also did not test correlation and regression. On student responses to the traditional game of congklak in mathematics (Mualik et al., 2020; Purwanti, 2020; Syahputri et al., 2021). However, previous studies did not compare the character of cooperation with students’ responses to the traditional game of congklak in mathematics.

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It is also the same with research on the character of student cooperation, research on student responses also does not carry out the tests carried out in this study, namely regression and correlation tests. The regression test works to determine the effect of the character of cooperation with student responses. The correlation test conducted in this study was to determine the ability to solve problems closely with students' beliefs in questions, because students' beliefs in solving problems will affect student learning outcomes (Utami & Wutsqa, 2017). So it can be said that previous research did not test some of the tests carried out by this study. The urgency in this study is very important because there has been no research that has examined the cooperative character of the traditional congklak game and student responses. In addition, this research also works to see how important students' responses to the cooperative character of traditional games (congklak) are in three elementary schools at once. This study aimed to analyze the relationship and influence of cooperative characters with student responses by using traditional games in learning. It is expected that students are more interested in learning the material, and also traditional games can grow students' character: collaboration with students.

2. METHOD

This type of research uses a quantitative method with a comparative type. The data obtained using numerical data with a Likers scale 5. This study gains an understanding of the phenomenon from a basic logic, usually covering the study population. Quantitative research which is divided into comparative and i using survey procedures. Survey research is a quantitative research procedure wherein administering a survey on a sample or on an entire population design to describe attitudes, opinions, behaviors, or specific characteristics of a population (Creswell, 2012). The instrument in this study used an observation sheet, namely the character of cooperation and student responses to the traditional game of congklak on mathematics subjects. There are 18 valid statements. This instrument uses a Likert scale. A scale consisting of 5 points with a very good score of 5, good that is 4, which is 3, not good that is 2, and not good is 1. Each statement is representative of each indicator of interest. Each statement is representative of each indicator. The observation sheet grid instrument used in this study is as Table 1.

Table 1. Instruments Grid observation sheet character cooperation and student responses to the traditional game Congklak on mathematics subjects

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The population of this study was 120 students from three schools, namely SD IT Ash-Shidiqqi, SD Islam As'ad, and SDN 220/IV Telanaipura Jambi City. The sampling technique is total sampling. The subjects taken were each school consisting of 40 students from 40 students in SD IT Ash-Shidiqqi, 40 students in SD Islam As'ad, and 40 students in SDN 220/IV Telanaipura. The sample in this study uses the Probability Sampling sampling technique, which provides equal opportunities for each member (element) of the population to be selected as a sample member (Achdiyat & Utomo, 2018). The reason for using the purposive sampling technique is that not all samples have criteria that match the phenomenon under study. Therefore, the authors chose a purposive sampling technique which stipulates certain considerations or criteria that must be met by the samples used in this study. The total number of samples that will be used in this study are students of SD IT Ash-Shidiqqi, SD Islam As'ad, and SDN 220/IV Telanaipura.

This research was carried out starting from distributing questionnaires or questionnaires, then analyzing quantitative data, then identifying the results for follow-up. At the data collection stage, questionnaires were given to 120 students in three schools, namely SD IT Ash-Shidiqqi, SD Islam As'ad, and SDN 220/IV Telanaipura. From the data, data analysis is then carried out, namely data coding, filtering appropriate data and analysis of the data. The data analysis technique used is sampling. The sampling technique was adopted because it provides unbiased parameter estimates and is better if the population is homogeneous (Alsabahi et al., 2021; Bankole & Nasir, 2020; Tao & Ning, 2018). Using sampling can
reduce the potential for bias in the selection of cases to be included in the sample. Due to the homogeneity of the population, the sampling frame is clear and general in nature. This research was carried out starting from distributing observation sheets, then analyzing quantitative data, then identifying the results for follow-up. At the data collection stage, questionnaires were given to 120 students at SD IT Ash-Shididi, SD Islam As’ad, and SDN 220/IV Telanaipura. From this data, data analysis was carried out, namely data coding, filtering appropriate data and analysis of the data. In describing the data in the form of attitudes and science process skills of students, the statistics used are descriptive and inferential statistics. The description or presentation of large amounts of data that includes the mean, mode, median, maximum, minimum, and standard deviation is a descriptive statistic. Inferential in the form of correlation test. Then test for normality and linearity. Then the data were analyzed using SPSS 26 program to obtain the percentage, frequency, mean and standard deviation. With this random sampling condition, data deviation is carried out. In data collection, the first activity that must be done is to select students based on the categories given by the researcher, then provide an observation sheet for the character of cooperation and student responses to the traditional game of congklak on mathematics subjects. 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. 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 the character of cooperation and student responses to the traditional game of Congklak on Mathematics. Where the results obtained from the distribution of observation sheets to three elementary schools, namely SD IT Ash-Shididi, SD Islam As’ad, SDN 220/IV Telanaipura. Based on the results of data analysis, it can be concluded that the cooperative character in the traditional game of congklak at SDN 220/IV Telanaipura is superior to SD IT Ash-Shididi and SD Islam As’ad. Proven in a very good percentage of 60%. Based on the results of data analysis, the students’ responses to the traditional congklak game at SDN 220/IV Telanaipura were superior to that of SD IT Ash-Shididi and SD Islam As’ad. proved the percentage is very good, namely 55%. Based on the results, it can be opened that the data is normally distributed. The normality test is obtained with the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, the significance value is > from 0.05. Based on the result, it can be concluded that the linearity test on student responses has a linear relationship between SD IT Ash-Shididi, SD Islam As’ad, and SDN 220/IV Telanaipura. It is proved that the result of sig is more than 0.05.

The correlation test for the cooperative character of students in the traditional game of Congklak on mathematics subjects that there is a relationship between the character of cooperation and student responses to the traditional game of congklak on mathematics subjects. It is proved that the results of Sig. (2-tail) < 0.05. The regression test for the character of student cooperation in the traditional game of Congklak on subjects is shown the results obtained are sig < 0.05 and it can be said that the cooperative character variable affects the student response variable. The correlation value (R) is 0.651 and the coefficient of determination obtained from the square of the R value. From the output displayed on SPSS, the coefficient of determination is 0.657, which means that the influence of the perception variable on students’ cooperation skills is 65.7% and the rest 34.3% is influenced by other variables.

Discussion
One of the traditional games, namely the Congklak game in mathematics, can train students to hone their numeracy skills and foster students’ cooperative character. Learning by playing makes learning activities fun so that students feel the learning atmosphere becomes more active (Kusuma et al., 2021; Prensky, 2001; Widiyari et al., 2018). Activities like this can bridge student interactions with other students. Learning activities are one of the keys to success that determine learning success (Boso et al., 2021; Coppola et al., 2019; Wilson et al., 2020). Learning while playing involves heterogeneous group members. The success of work in cooperative learning is strongly influenced by the involvement and role of each member. In addition, they were learning while playing also increases the cooperative character of students (Danniels et al., 2020; Kristjánsdóttir et al., 2018).

The character of cooperation is the main character that needs to be instilled in students (Haryono, 2020; Leonard & Nwanekezi, 2018). The character of cooperation is essential for every student at the elementary school level. Collaboration between students to control emotions, foster scientific attitudes, and, of course, impact maximum learning outcomes (Daulay et al., 2019; Khan & Masood, 2015). With the implementation of this research, it can be seen that student interest dramatically influences the character of student cooperation in learning. The character of cooperation is very influential in traditional games implemented in mathematics subjects (Quisyairi & Sakila, 2018; Rabgay, 2018). Cooperative learning
makes students actively participate in learning activities (Demitra & Sarjoko, 2018; Suherti & Tsuroya, 2019). Students become active in working together and help each other among group members to succeed. It makes student learning activities optimal (Nurhusain, 2017; Turgut & Turgut, 2018).

This research is in line with previous research about the cooperative character of students (Pratiwi & Nugrohoseno, 2017; Sari, 2017). However, previous research did not link the cooperative character with student responses in mathematics in elementary school. In addition, previous studies did not perform several tests carried out in this study, one of which was to test correlation and regression and the indicators used were limited. Regression test serves to determine the effect of the character of cooperation with student responses. The correlation test conducted in this study was to determine the ability to solve problems closely with students’ beliefs about the questions, because students’ beliefs in solving problems will affect student learning outcomes (Utami & Wutsqa, 2017). This research is also in line with other previous research about students’ responses to the traditional game of congklak in mathematics (Muallik et al., 2020; Syahputri et al., 2021). It’s just that previous studies did not compare the character of cooperation with student responses to the traditional game of Congklak so that the effect of the response could not be known. So it can be said that previous research is not as clear and detailed as this research.

The implication of this research is that playing traditional games in learning can increase students’ interest, especially in learning mathematics. In this study, it was found that students’ responses to mathematics learning which were implemented with the congklak game were very good. This is very influential in growing students’ cooperative character in learning mathematics. Thus, learning mathematics that is implemented with the game congklak is very effective for elementary school students. The limitation of this research is that it only uses cooperative character variables and learning response models, but testing with other variables such as achievement results has not been carried out. Where achievement results are very important to be a benchmark for the success of a learning model carried out in elementary schools for mathematics subjects. So that variables such as achievement results to be tested in further research. The researcher suggests to conduct further research to compare the variable character of cooperation and student response with other variables such as achievement results and the researcher suggests to conduct research at the elementary school level.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the formulation of the problem in the research, the conclusion obtained is that there is a relationship between cooperative characters and student responses at SD IT Ash-Shidqiqi, SD Islam As’ad, and SDN 220/IV in the traditional game of Congklak in mathematics subjects and there is an effect of cooperation with student responses at SD IT Ash-Shidqiqi, SD Islam As’ad, and SDN 220/IV to the traditional game of congklak in mathematics.

5. REFERENCES


