



The Use of Cake Application in Learning English Speaking Skills

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ABSTRAK

Teknologi cukup penting untuk digunakan dalam kehidupan sehari-hari di zaman modern ini. Pembelajar muda saat ini memanfaatkan teknologi untuk belajar dan dapat membantu guru dan siswa dalam melaksanakan tugas pembelajaran. Ada berbagai aplikasi yang tersedia saat ini yang dapat membantu anak-anak belajar lebih efektif; salah satu aplikasi untuk belajar berbicara adalah aplikasi kue. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis penggunaan aplikasi Cake sebagai alat untuk mempelajari keterampilan berbicara bahasa Inggris. Studi literatur dilakukan dalam penelitian ini. Studi literatur adalah strategi pengumpulan data yang terdiri dari melakukan studi terhadap buku, literatur, catatan, dan laporan yang berkaitan dengan masalah yang dipecahkan. Salah satu kemampuan yang paling penting dalam belajar bahasa Inggris adalah berbicara dan keterampilan yang dilatih dalam berbicara adalah bagaimana mengucapkan kata-kata dengan baik dan benar. Program Cake adalah alat untuk belajar bahasa Inggris. Playlist Corporation's Cake - Belajar Bahasa Inggris Gratis dalam kategori Pendidikan dikembangkan oleh Playlist Corporation. Ada beberapa fitur dalam aplikasi ini seperti menonton film pendek dan berlatih berbicara dengan menggunakan dialog. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk melihat bagaimana Aplikasi Kue dapat digunakan untuk belajar berbicara.

ABSTRACT

Technology is quite important to use in everyday lives in this modern day. Young learners nowadays use technology for study and it can assist teachers and students in carrying out learning tasks. There are various applications available right now that can help kids learn more effectively; one such app for learning to speak is the cake app. This study aims to analyze the use of Cake application as a tool to learn English speaking skills. A literature study was conducted in this research. A literature study is a data collecting strategy that comprises doing study studies of books, literature, records, and reports that have to do with issues solved. One of the most important abilities in learning English is speaking and a skill practiced in speaking is how to pronounce words properly and correctly. The Cake program is a tool for learning English. Playlist Corporation's Cake - Learn English for Free in the category of Education is developed by Playlist Corporation. There are several features in this application such as watching short movie and practicing speaking by using dialogue. The research's goal is to look into how Cake Application can be used to learn how to speak.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most crucial skills that students should learn is speaking. Speaking is define as an interactive process of meaning construction that includes the creation, receiving, and processing of speech employing sounds as the principal instrument (Bakoko & Pratiwi, 2021; Hanifa, 2018). According to previous study speaking ability is the ability to use spoken language to communicate ideas, intentions, thoughts, and feelings to others in such a way that the message is clearly delivered and well understood (Amira & Amri, 2022; Dahlia et al., 2019; Somdee & Suppasetsee, 2013). Previous study also said that speaking is intended to communicate meanings so that others can comprehend them (Rahman et al., 2019). To put it another way, the ability to communicate with others depends heavily on speech. Today's students are addicted to technology and use a variety of learning apps on their cellphones. Previous study goes on to say that English language learning apps for smartphones that are connected to the internet have made learning easier for students (Irving, 2006; Jawas, 2019; Martinez et al., 2015). Smartphones are currently utilized not only for basic communication but also as an effective learning tool, as they include all of the functionality of a computer. The most important aspect of learning to speak English is practice, not theory or resources (Sukerti & Susana, 2019; Susanto et al., 2020). Meanwhile, it can be tough to practice speaking English in online learning, therefore students will require relevant media or applications to help them.

Speaking is one of the ways to communicate, according to previous study speaking is a useful ability (Ibrahim et al., 2018; Ramdani, 2019). It is generated through listening or reading. When we pronounce the words, we make the speaking sound. Speaking is the most challenging aspect of learning the English language for some

students, because there are some voices in English that do not exist in Indonesian (Bystrova, 2020; Syahfutra, 2021). For many foreign language learners, learning to speak is quite tough. When it comes to English speaking classes, the students require media to assist them. Learning English with technology or an app is preferable because it improves our language skills (Kumar et al., 2023; Usman et al., 2018). Speaking allows us to communicate with others. Speaking is a part of daily life that we take for granted (Palupi, 2021; Rao, 2019). As a foreign language learner, speaking is one of the most difficult abilities to master because we must be able to talk fluently. Speaking promotes fluency production in spoken English (Susanto et al., 2020; Taka, 2019). While learning to talk, we must also pay attention to grammar, precision, and word fillers. According to previous study speaking is a skill that requires communicative skills, pronunciation, intonation, grammar, and vocabulary (Alisha et al., 2019).

There are various language learning applications available now for students and teachers. The utilization of applications in the teaching learning process can assist teachers in learning new approaches and expanding their knowledge (Safira et al., 2021; Sweeney & Moore, 2013). Cake is one of the applications that might assist students in learning to speak. Cake is a free application created by Cake Corp that was published on March 22, 2018. (Fitria et al., 2021; Yanthi, 2021). This program contains a lot of useful tools for learning English, such as a speaking tool that allows you to practice speaking using conversation, watch videos to improve your speaking skills, and guess fill in the blank and compare the correct answer to help you remember each term. Speaking practice is one of the features that stimulate communication with a native speaker (Jawas, 2019; Torres-Gastelú & Kiss, 2016). Mobile learning allows for more private and personalized learning as well as learning in both formal and informal contexts.

Therefore, the goal of this research is to explore the use of Cake application as a tool to learn English speaking skills. In order to achieve the goal, two research questions guided this research. This study focuses on the use of cake application to learn speaking. Cake application is one of prospective application that is thought to have a good impact on students' enthusiasm and motivation in studying English as well as to improve their speaking abilities. The research's goal is to look into how Cake Application can be used to learn how to speak. It also advises students to use the Cake application on their mobile phones to increase their speaking practice both in and outside of the classroom. Cake is supposed to greatly assist students in becoming better English speakers in a pleasant way.

2. METHOD

A literature study was conducted in this research. A literature study is a data collecting strategy that comprises doing study studies of books, literature, records, and reports that have to do with issues solved (Baškarada, 2014). In research, literature studies are a method of gathering data by searching for information in books, newspapers, journals, and other types of literature to provide a theoretical framework. The data and information for this article were acquired from a book, online posts, a journal, and other sources. Literature studies in research are a method of acquiring data by looking for information in books, newspapers, journals, and other kinds of literature to give a theoretical framework. A literature review is a method of collecting and summarizing past research that is more or less systematic (Ilankumaran & Deepa, 2018). As a research approach, an effective and well-conducted review establishes a solid foundation for increasing knowledge and aiding theory development. A literature review can address research topics with a power that no one study has by combining findings and viewpoints from multiple empirical studies.

There are some points that will be discussed in this article. The first one is about the features of Cake application. All about the features of Cake application will be described through journal articles that can be accessed online. Furthermore, the second issue that carried out is the use of Cake application to learn speaking. All relevant articles are used to analyze this issue. In order to get a clearer explanation related to these topics, the researcher also analyzes some related documents that can be used to explain these issues.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

The Features of Cake Application

The Cake application is a free English language learning tool for Android and iOS devices. The app was created by the Corporation playlist and included elements that were appealing to users. This application is free to use and offers features like as learning through a YouTube video clip with subtitles, speaking practice with native speakers, and the AI Speech Recognition feature (which corrects pronunciation). This application can be downloaded from the Play Store for Android users and the App Store for iOS users in order to use it. There are 14 languages available in this app, including Indonesian and English. After downloading the cake application, the user is directed to select the language to be used. Then, we can sign in with our Facebook or Google accounts to

use it. Signing in with a Facebook or Google account will assist users in saving data. The Cake app belongs to the Education category.

The researcher discovered that the Cake app on Google Play offers English conversation, speaking themes, and English idioms culled from YouTube. Speak the important word after watching the video on the channel. Each video has one key phrase. Check the word's speaking ability as you study the subject. Use AI speech recognition to check the pronunciation. Simply record your voice and immediately receive feedback. These tools allow you to develop speaking skills by simulating a discussion with a native speaker. Conversations with native speakers are recommended. Record yourself speaking alternatively sentence by sentence and receiving comments. It totals the time spent learning English with Cake. It's completely free. Enjoy learning without having to pay for anything.

People can also study real English by using videos in this app. Fun, short English conversation videos are updated every day to help people learn English quickly and for free. Users can learn real English expressions curated from YouTube and see similar phrases all in one place, and improve their English in just a few minutes per day. The Cake application allows users to practice speaking skills by simulating conversations with native speakers. AI speech recognition can be used to check pronunciation. We simply record our voice and receive instant feedback. Cake is a completely free app with no annoying advertisements.

This application can be downloaded through the Google Play Store, as explained above. To use this app, you must first sign up. You can sign in using your Facebook or Google account; alternatively, you can utilize guest mode, which requires no registration but only allows you to access free episodes (material for speaking practice). To begin the speaking course in this app, tap the microphone icon at the bottom and select the level you want to learn. Next, select the episode or topic you want to learn, each of which costs 10 coins. When you sign up, you'll receive 30 coins that you can use to unlock the episodes of the speaking course.

Learners study English using the Cake program by watching YouTube videos and subscribing to the channels they enjoy. They may learn from audio recordings, such as conversations. This app features complete speech recognition. They have the ability to record their own voices. As a result of the input provided by this program, they can determine which words are incorrectly pronounced. Every recording of the learners will receive an A if all words are correctly pronounced, A, B, C, or D if there are pronunciation errors. Another advantage of using this application for learning English is that it contains many English expressions, words, and idioms that are highly helpful and must be known by English learners in short movie scripts or audio. This program is useful not just for learning English, but also for listening, grammar, and vocabulary.

The Use of Cake Application to Learn Speaking

Cake application is one of the English language learning systems that emphasizes on speaking abilities. Cake application offers a number of learning activities, such as pronunciation, sentence construction, repeating after videos, and a variety of other activities that can be used in the pre-speaking, while speaking, and post speaking stages of a primary English-speaking class. It also allows the student to define study goals and monitor his progress.

Students can learn genuine English expressions from YouTube using the Cake application. YouTube has grown to become one of the world's most popular websites. It provides entertaining and quick access to training, culture-based movies, and language from around the world. Students can also record their voices and receive fast feedback. Students also learn to sound like native speakers. Teachers can include the Cake application into learning activities to help students achieve their speaking class goal. As a result, the Cake application as an IT-based medium is recommended for the development of teacher speaking media.

Students' speaking skills can be improved by utilizing the Cake App in terms of pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and fluency. Cake App provides speaking exercises that replicate conversations with native speakers, and students may use the speech recognition feature to verify their pronunciation. Students can also record their voices and receive fast feedback. Students will soon learn to speak like native speakers. Teachers can utilize the Cake App in a variety of ways to help students achieve their speaking class goals. Furthermore, there are various benefits to studying speaking with the cake application. This application is ideal for boosting speaking abilities because its major function is a speaking course. This app also includes some videos from other channels that you may watch and practice speaking with the app's keyword. This software can be used to teach speaking skills because it allows you to analyze your students' pronunciation and decide if they have good or poor pronunciation.

In addition, the use of Cake application media in presentation, practice, and production activities increased students' interest. They always paid close attention to the Cake application during the teaching and learning process. By using the Cake application as a digital media to stimulate their thoughts to talk, the students acquired enough inputs such as vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. They contributed significantly more to each learning activity in general. They also competed with one another to demonstrate their best performance in speaking activities by establishing a pleasant environment and rewarding students for their participation and accomplishments during the teaching and learning process. Because they were not scared, students took an active role in the teaching and learning process using Cake application.

Discussion

The Cake application is a tool for learning English. It's a program that teaches people how to talk more effectively. It gives people the confidence and abilities they need to communicate in public or in everyday situations. According to previous study the cake program has a recording capability that users can listen to, and it is a lot of fun (Suryani et al., 2021). This application can also keep students interested. We can discover new vocabularies while speaking. It is the most effective application for learning English. There are movies to teach us some English terminology, idioms, and new vocabulary that we may use in our daily conversations (Simamora & Oktaviani, 2020; Syahrozi et al., 2019). Many elements of this application can be used by teachers to instruct students. This application may be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store, and we can also use it for free. Cake is one of the most recent mobile apps for English learning in 2018 (Octavianita et al., 2022; Yanthi, 2021). Korea was the one who invented it. This application can help you enhance your English speaking skills. Learners can speak English with confidence and even give public speeches.

The adoption of cake application in learning speaking was an appropriate instructional media for students because cake application helps students learn and improve their speaking skills. Cake application is a current technology that merges the internet, videos, and speech recognition into one application. Cake gives a large number of curated YouTube videos (Al-Jarf, 2022; Sakkir et al., 2020). Students discovered many films on the Cake program, and what sets them apart is that each video on the Cake application has been made to be as simple as possible for students to understand. Such as emphasis, excellent transcription, and incredibly good audio for the sentence taught. This feature was beneficial to the kids. Speech recognition is also included in the Cake application (Al-Jarf, 2022; Rohmah & Bukhori, 2020). This allows pupils to practice speaking more easily. The students received the outcome to assess using speech recognition in the feature 'speak.' There were two types of evaluations: (1) grade A-D and (2) motivational words. Cake is a free app with a lot of features. Students can access the system anytime and wherever they choose.

There are various techniques to assist students in learning English, particularly in speaking skills. To attract students' interest, the Cake Application, which includes features for learning English for students, can be solutions to assist students improve their speaking skills (Hwang et al., 2022; Saragih et al., 2022). The Cake application is one of tools for learning English. It's a course that teaches students how to talk more effectively. It gives people the skills and confidence they need to communicate in public and in everyday situations. Users can listen to recordings made with the Cake program, which is a lot of fun (Suryani et al., 2021; Yanthi, 2021). This application may also be used to engage students to discover new vocabulary while speaking. There are videos available that demonstrate how to accomplish some of these tasks. For everyday discussion, useful English words, idioms, and new terminology are provided.

Several studies on this issue have been done in the past. According to previous study discovered students' difficulties in speaking class (Alisha et al., 2019; Pratiwi, 2016). It was when the students were given the task of practicing dialogue in front of the entire class. The second concern, according to other study state that technology may be employed by young learners for study and can assist teachers and students in carrying out learning activities (Jawas, 2019). Another study has been conducted by other study state that Cake Application can be creating fun learning, improving students' motivation and speaking skill, and also affecting students' confidence (Yanthi, 2021). In addition, there is also study that discovered that kids feel at ease and engaged in learning to speak utilizing the cake application (Fitria et al., 2021).

The results of this research can contribute to the development of innovative language learning methods. Approaches that use technology applications in learning can be adopted or adapted for other learning contexts. If research shows that the use of this application increases learning motivation, the implication is to encourage the application of learning methods that can motivate students to be more actively involved in the learning process. However, this research has limitations, technology applications may have limitations in terms of accessibility, device availability, or technical constraints. This can affect the generalization of research results to populations that may experience technological obstacles.

4. CONCLUSION

In general, speaking is an important aspect of the English unit since it allows students to express and present their finest thoughts and perspectives. The productive aural/oral skill is speaking. Producing organized linguistic statements to convey meaning is what it entails. Students with high speaking skills can explore themselves throughout the teaching-learning process. As a result, in order to support and assist students, the teacher must devise an effective technique to pique students' interest and improve their ability to study English.

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