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Scrabble Jawi

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ABSTRACT

As what we have been told, the use of Jawi has started for a long time ever since the previous era and has become the identity of the Malay community in Malaya. Long time ago, Jawi was usually used in various fields, especially in official documents such as Hukum Kanun Melaka dan declaration of Malaya's Independence in 1957. This shows how useful Jawi was during that time. However, today's Jawi has not been used a lot and can be said it has slowly faded away. On that matter, we got an idea on ways to nurture the use of Jawi in today's generation. The purpose of this product, 'Scrabble Jawi' being created is because there are several students that are still less proficient in Jawi. This is due to the usage of Jawi in Pendidikan Islam textbook nowadays which makes students who are still less proficient in Jawi left behind because they find it difficult to read and develop a better understanding. Some of the objectives of this 'Scrabble Jawi' is to help students deepen their Jawi proficiency and give encouragement to students to sustain the use of Jawi until the next generation. Besides that, to increase students' intelligence as well as train student's skills in reading and writing using Jawi especially in Islamic Education's subject. Furthermore, applying and elevating the use of Jawi in daily life. This product only uses materials that are easy to find such as board and colour papers. The affordable price also proves that this product is open and suitable to anyone. In short, this product has many advantages like attracting students' interests in learning Jawi, encouraging two-way interaction between teacher and students and helping in increasing Jawi proficiency level which is increasingly worrying nowadays. Therefore, with the creation of this product, students are able to show their interest towards Jawi.

Keywords: Jawi writing; Scrabble Jawi; two-way-interaction

INTRODUCTION

Jawi writing in ancient times was one of the most powerful writings, so the governments of Western countries needed to learn the writing for intermediate use, especially for dealing with letters to Malay kings. The role of Jawi writing at that time was so broad that the governments of foreign countries needed to learn the Jawi script for some business. The importance of Jawi writing at that time is the same as the use of English as an intermediate language nowadays.

However, we can see that most of the current generation still does not realise or know that the Malay community once upon a time had a language that became its identity and had its heyday in some parts of the country. The fate of the Jawi script, which became the identity of the Malay community, began to disappear when a reform in national education was carried out by the Minister of Education in 1966, who changed the use of the Jawi script to the Rumi script. This issue can be proven in the subject of Islamic education in schools today. Awareness of preserving this Jawi script is still low, and it is not impossible if this script becomes extinct and

is no longer used at some point in the future.

Therefore, we have planned to create a game called "Scrabble Jawi." This game can be played anywhere, especially at school, during the teaching and learning process. This is to raise the name of Jawi among students. The students can increase their vocabulary in Jawi and train themselves to think more intelligently when building Jawi words. As we know, diversity in using teaching aids to create an environment that can attract students' interest is increasingly given priority now. In line with the needs and requirements of the Malaysian Education Development Plan (PPPM), which emphasises student development, innovation in the education system needs to be given due emphasis. We hope our objective will be achieved through this innovation project.

INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT

Based on several research and analysis, there are still many students who are still weak or less proficient in writing Jawi. This may be due to lack of exposure and teaching in Jawi, especially in school. The purpose of this product is to overcome the issue of Jawi mastery that has increasingly become worrisome among students nowadays. Next, this product can also be one of the ways to educate students learning basic Jawi writing so that it will not become extinct in future.

‘Scrabble Jawi’ is a product that is easy to create and suitable to be played by all levels of age as this product is able to help in sharpening one's mind as well as increasing the student's understanding in applying or constructing sentences using Jawi. This product only requires the use of a board that is light therefore it is convenient to carry around the product anywhere. Variety of colours are used to attract and boost students' mood, promoting them to display their creativity during the learning sessions. The diagram below shows the rough sketch of the product.

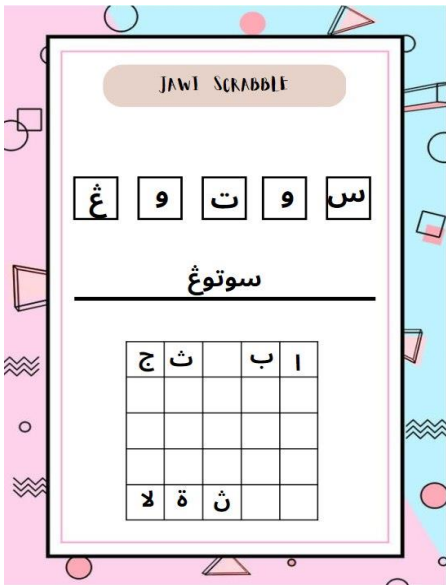


Figure 1: Jawi Scrabble

COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL

This teaching aid has a high commercial value especially in the field of education because this game is designed as one of the alternatives for teachers in teaching Jawi subjects. Not only that, this teaching aid also helps teachers to empower students' understanding of Jawi while increasing students' vocabulary and training them to think intelligently in producing words in Jawi letters. This product can be used as part of the learning and teaching process. In addition, this game is built in accordance with 21st century learning which encourages collaborative learning. This learning aid applied the student-centred concept while the teacher acts as a guide throughout the activity. The materials used to make Scrabble Jawi consist of materials that are easily available and the selling price of the product is also cheap and affordable so that everyone can afford it.

Selling Price

Table 1: Price of materials and product

No.	Material	Price (RM)	Price per pax (RM)
1.	Coloured paper	5.00 (40 sheet)	0.40 (3 sheet)
2.	Wallpaper	6.10 (5 metre)	2.80 (2.28 metre)
3.	Corrugated sheet	3.70	3.70
4.	Velcro tape	5.00	5.00
5.	Laminate	7.50	7.50
Total		32.30	19.40

Profit Margin

Profit = 30%

$1.00 + 0.30 = 1.3$

Net price = RM 19.40

Selling price = $19.40 \times 1.3 = \text{RM } 25.22$

Profit earned = $19.40 \times 0.3 = \text{RM } 5.82$



Figure 2: Jawi Scrabble example

Materials needed	Quantity used
Coloured paper	6
Wallpaper	1
Corrugated sheet	1
Velcro tape	1
Laminate	3

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is clear that this attractive Scrabble Jawi has advantages such as attracting students to learn Jawi and encouraging two-way interaction between teachers and students. This can help in cultivating the intelligence of the student's mind to build various words using Jawi letters. Furthermore, the level of proficiency of Jawi among today's students can be solved when there are teaching aids such as this Scrabble Jawi that can attract students to learn it. In Islam, seeking knowledge is a jihad in the path of God. Therefore, hopefully with our innovation that is Scrabble Jawi, we can attract students to learn Jawi because Jawi is also the identity of the Malay race that has been used for a long time.

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Finally, it is our hope that the innovative research that we have produced which is 'Scrabble Jawi' can benefit users so that we can both empower the use of Jawi. In addition, we also hope that this innovation can increase knowledge to produce excellent human capital. We also apologise in case there are any unintentional mistakes in this innovation research work. Thank you.

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