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## Basic to Bombastic

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**Abstract:** *The use of technology such as websites on gadgets is suitable to improve the efficiency of the MUET learning process, especially for students who cannot use bombastic words correctly in their writing. The correct use of bombastic words on our website is one of the technologies used to teach in virtual and physical classrooms. This website is designed to help students to write confidently, correctly, and be able to compose bombastic essays in English. In addition, the website provides tips and explanations to help students to use bombastic words appropriately even if they are unfamiliar with them. This innovation uses mixed methods consisting of two set of quizzes using Quizizz and fun games. It is conducted among pre-university students. Before the students answer the questions, we observed their ability through the questions that were given after they answered, we gave a website link to reveal the bombastic words, we also collected their scores so that we could detect the frequently used words. After they have exposed to bombastic words, students were asked to answer the next quiz to identify the weaknesses in the use of interesting and grammatical words. In addition, some fun videos were uploaded. The videos were enhanced with cartoons, graphics and the students' own background voice explaining on how to use this website. We also provided some exercises to help them to learn English better. A quiz was given to the same students after they have explored our website, the following actions were aimed at collecting their scores so that their improvement in using bombastic words could be accurately analysed. It is safe to say that our website can help students to use bombastic words correctly in their essays. Opinions from the public are highly anticipated as these innovations are created over time. Of course everything has its flaws in whatever aspect it likes. Hopefully people's opinions about the innovation created can be used by us to make improvements to our website.*

*Keywords:* Bombastic Words, Fun Game, Quizzes

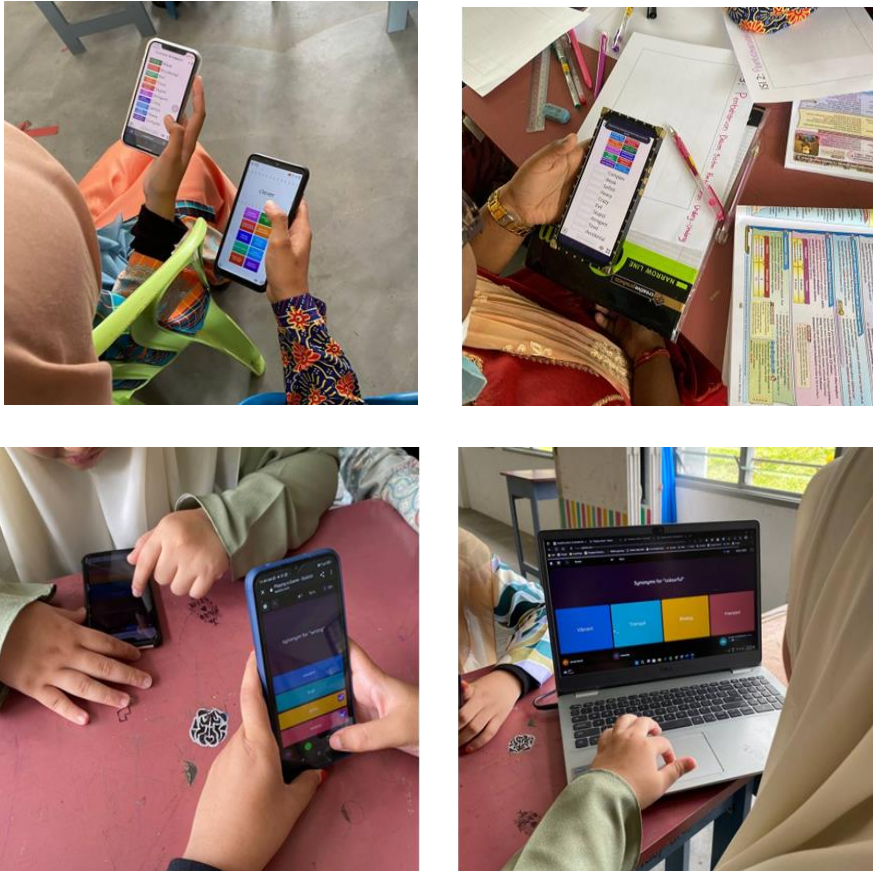
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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Using bombastic words in writing is important as it will link an idea to another idea. Students failed applying appropriate bombastic words in their writing skills. They did not know on how to use the technique and tend to use bombastic words in a wrong way.

For quizzes, a double period slot was chosen to provide enough time to conduct the lesson via online. This is because students present their grammar lesson via our websites before carrying out the quizzes.

## 2. METHOD & MATERIAL



**Figure 1.** Students answer the quizzes via Quizizz

In this activity, students answered the questions via Quizizz that we have created and put it in our website. When students start answering the quizizz, they were unlocking a whole new world of imagination to explore. It was a great way for them to be creative, express themselves and practice key reading and writing skills. But as most students will tell you, writing is hard, it can be intimidating to put pen to paper for the first time, and sometimes the challenge of a blank page seems like too much to overcome. Once students start getting in the habit of writing, these creative writing activities can pull new ideas out of their heads and encourage them to experiment with different genres.

### 2.1 Target Group

The target group consists of 20 students of Lower Form 6 Economy and Business class. This group of students consist of 2 male students and 18 female students. These 20 students were selected based on document analysis (online questions and online class observation) conducted via Quizizz and Google Form.

### 3. FINDINGS

#### 3.1 Pre – Test Result

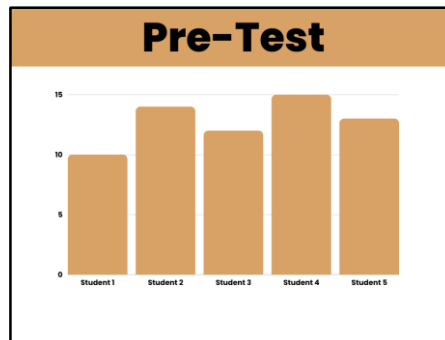


Figure 2. Students Marks for Quizizz 1

From the analysis, the students answered the questions individually. These 5 selected students got below 16 marks for their questions. A total mark of this sections for this analysis question is 20 marks. It is obvious that they only obtained 1 to 12 range of marks. This is because they did not use an appropriate bombastic words in their writing.

#### 3.2 Post – Test Result

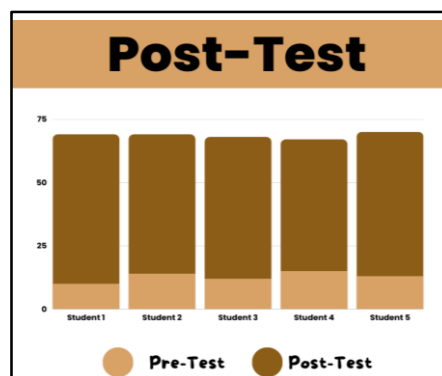


Figure 3. Students Marks for Quizizz 2

The data above is the students' marks after they answered the questions individually. Most of the selected students got 50 to 60 marks. This proved that they did practice using bombastic words according to the sentences they have created.

### 4. DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 Originality of the Innovation

Students tend to play while learning. By combining fun game ideas and interesting quizzes to improve essay writing skills, the *Basic to Bombastic* website was created to help students to improve their writing test scores. We chose to create this website based on elements that students like, for

example, using soft, attractive colors and cartoon illustrations. This is because students prefer to use their smart phones and tend to search for information on Google.

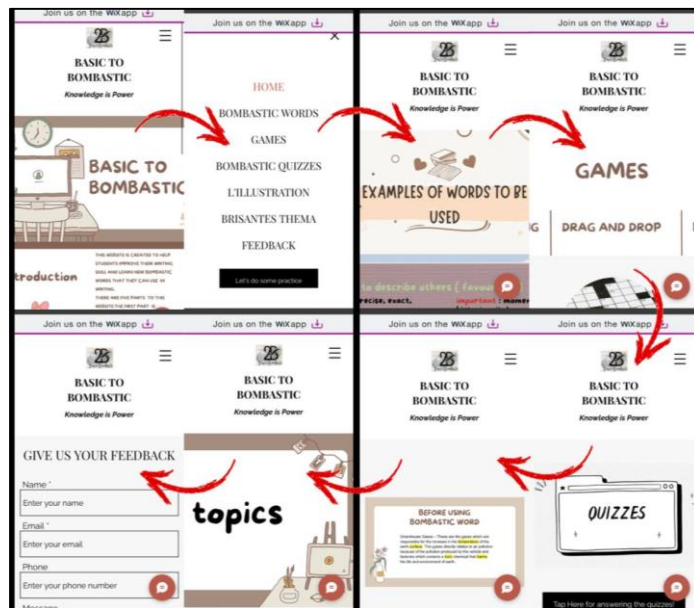


Figure 4. Contents in the Website

#### 4.2 Expansion & Sharing of Innovation

We have spread the use of our Basic to Bombastic website by going to the class of 6S1KMK1 as shown in the pictures below. We have provided the link and QR Code that we put in the advertisement poster. Students use our website to help them as references and practice to do the essays exercise for their upcoming examination.

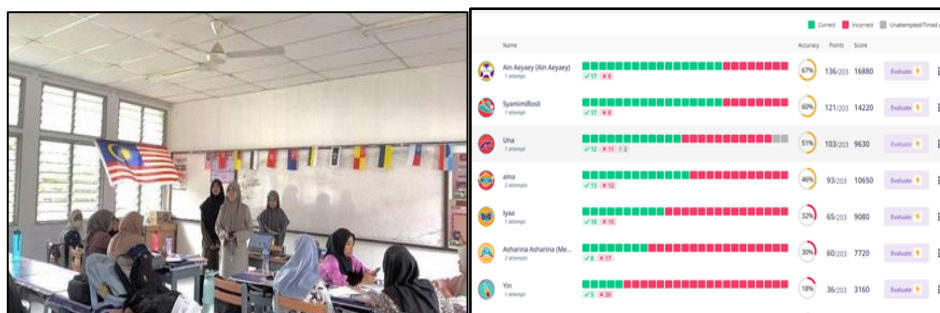


Figure 5. Sharing Sessions and Fun Games

#### 4.3 Commercialization

Our website is built to help the students to practice their writing skills better. This website is flexible as you can use it online and also offline despite having a short time due to your daily schedule or your availability on your leisure time. For online, we have provided the website for the students to play fun games and learn the new bombastic words. For offline, we have provided the compact disc (CD) as students still can learn by using their laptop. The content of the CD is all the materials which are in the website.

## 5. CONCLUSION

Overall, this website we build is very useful in helping students to improve their writing skills. Students will be more enthusiastic to play fun games and quizizz in our website. Our main goal in building this website is to make sure that students can get excellent score. We plan to constantly update our website so that all groups, whether students or professionals, can use it. In addition, we also plan to add more fun games so that students will be interested in visiting our website. In addition, we will add quizzes that can improve students' understanding and memory of bombastic words. Thus, this website is applicable for all.

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