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CHAPTER ONE

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Abstract

This study aims to find out about learning styles practiced by pupils in primary schools in Kuching Sarawak and to identify factors that promote pupils learning styles towards mathematic. This study focus on which learning style receives more attention by pupils during their learning in mathematics subject. A total of 21 pupils in 4 Kenanga had been involved with this study. This study also involves a math teacher. Data were analyzed using the software Excel 2007. The Mode data had been identified to determine the frequency of pupil learning style toward mathematic. The questionnaire given to 4 Kenanga pupils was based on the questions that have been modified from the Willing's (1988) question. There are several factors have influenced the learning styles of students in schools and proposals to improve the ability to learn mathematics.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Teaching methods and style were from a specific philosophy of education, and the teaching style reflects to education, what methods that are effective, and how pupils learn the subject. Not all pupils and adults alike to learn the same way. Our learning styles, or modalities, differ. " The theory center on the premise that individuals begin to concentrate, process and remember new and difficult information in very different ways" (Searson & Dunn, 2001). In these case, I would like to know learning style towards mathematic adopted by the pupils from one of the primary schools in Kuching, Sarawak. The research will gain the opinion of pupil learning style towards mathematic at the school during their involvement from first lesson and at the end of the lesson, to ascertain how different skill of the mathematic subject might affect them. Active learning strategies in Mathematics are an effective and enjoyable way to introduce topics. Pupils can make learning more memorable and who participate in active strategies are often able to use learn skills more effectively. In the studies, I will find out how the low learning style effect the pass achievement tests and the lack of pupil motivation towards mathematic problem strategies which do not match to the level of pupil learning style.

Learning Style is a term that refers to different ways in which we learn, process, and retain information. Types of Learning Styles that we can find among the pupils are learning through seeing , learning through hearing , learning through touch