USE OF E-BOOKS AS SCAFFOLDING IN IMPROVING THE READING COMPREHENSION OF THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

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Electronic books or usually known as E-books is a book publication that consists of texts, images, or both that was made available in digital form. It can also be used as an alternative approach or way in improving the reading comprehension of the 21st century learners. It is an effective tool to gain students’ interest and motivate them to complete their assigned tasks. Today’s learners do not learn the same way as their teachers did when they were students since they are already in a digital world and often rely their daily lives in technologies. Hence, they are more capable of learning if those learnings are coming from their personal gadgets particularly on their mobile phones.

In E-book, there are pros, cons, and strategies that have to consider before using it though it is surely an effective tool to improve students’ comprehension and learning. One of the biggest pros or advantages of this electronic device is the fact that this is obviously an eco-friendly device that reduces cost and lowers environmental impact. In other words, it requires no trees to create them. Also, it is more engaging and interactive to the part of the students since they are more capable to learn with the use of technologies beside them. E-books are more flexible than paper books because it contains multi-media elements that are not available with the traditional books. Audios and videos are available to make your reading a fully immersive experience. You can have some audios if you are not familiar with the pronunciations of the words and play it several times until you master it.

Moreover, one of the best strategies in implementing this digital application is you can add not just texts and pictures but also graphics wherein their focus can be easily
caught. It is much easier to learn if you can already visualize and view things. Through this, you can already add elements such as vocabulary buildings with pictures to easily attract their attentions until they get used to this way of learning. Then, little by little, you can add a more complex activities until you reach the highest learning attainment that they can be developed with the aid of this strategy. Since it was mentioned above that students are more capable to learn if there are technologies that are involved, there is a higher percentage that students can easily cope up with their understanding of the lesson and even mastery of it.

With all these advantages and strategies that will make the learning easier, it is hard to imagine what the disadvantages are, but there are some that have many people most especially educators concerned about. Since our country is not ready with the advancements of the technologies yet, it is hard for the students in the Philippine classrooms to have this kind of learning. It is even harder to the part of the teachers that is why they are thinking of another strategies and approach to make the students learn. They always ended up using the PowerPoint presentation as their tool to impart the knowledge to the students wherein some students are already used to have this kind of teaching strategies. But, if there are no other concerns in our country today and it would just focus only on the students’ needs to make their learning easier and more engaging, it is possible to have this kind of educational learning.

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