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# THE INFLUENCE OF POST TASK ACTIVITIES ON UNDERGRADUATES STUDENTS AT STKIP PGRI TULUNGAGUNG

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**STKIP PGRI TULUNGAGUNG**

**Abstrak:** Karena kemampuan siswa lebih penting daripada pengetahuan abstrak mereka tentang aturan bahasa, Pengajaran Bahasa Berbasis Tugas (TBLT) menjadi nilai penting saat ini. Tugas berbasis instruksi memiliki tiga fase: pra-tugas, selama-tugas, dan pasca-tugas. Studi-studi telah menunjukkan bahwa mereka semua mungkin memainkan peran penting dalam pengajaran bahasa, terutama dalam bahasa Inggris. Selain itu, studi terbaru telah membandingkan tugas yang berbeda dari waktu ke waktu. Namun, masih belum jelas bagaimana fase tugas yang berbeda mempengaruhi kemampuan bahasa peserta didik. Untuk memahami masalah ini, studi khusus ini menyelidiki pengaruh kegiatan pasca-tugas terhadap prestasi membaca peserta didik EFL. Partisipan dalam penelitian ini adalah 68 mahasiswa STKIP PGRI Tulungagung. Mereka ditugaskan ke dalam tiga kelompok secara acak (dua kelompok eksperimen dan satu kelompok kontrol). Melalui sepuluh sesi, mereka belajar bagaimana fokus pada kegiatan pasca-tugas seperti refleksi pada tugas dan kinerja berulang dalam instruksi berbasis tugas. Data yang dibutuhkan dikumpulkan melalui wawancara pretest, posttest, dan semi-structured. Setelah kursus, wawancara semi-terstruktur juga dilakukan dengan lima siswa dari kelompok eksperimen. Hasil dari kedua data kuantitatif dan kualitatif menunjukkan bahwa kegiatan pasca-tugas memiliki pengaruh yang signifikan terhadap kemampuan bahasa peserta didik, prestasi membaca mereka, dan motivasi mereka untuk berpartisipasi dalam tugas-tugas kelas.

**Kata Kunci:** *pengajaran bahasa berbasis tugas, kegiatan pasca-tugas, prestasi membaca*

**Abstract :** As learners' proficiency is more important than their abstract knowledge of the language rules, Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT) is crucial value today. Task-based instruction has three phases: pre-task, during-task, and post-task. The studies have demonstrated that all of them might play a significant role in language teaching, especially in English. Moreover, recent studies have compared different tasks over time. However, it is still unclear how different phases of a task influence learners' language ability. To understand this issue, this particular study investigated the influence of post-task activities on EFL learners' reading achievements. The participants of the study were 68 undergraduate students of STKIP PGRI Tulungagung. They were assigned into three groups randomly (two experimental groups and one control group). Through ten sessions, they learned how to focus on post-task activities such as reflection on the task and repeated performance in a task-based instruction. The required data were collected through pretest, posttest, and semi-structured interview. After the course, semi-structured interviews were also conducted with five students from experimental groups. The results of both quantitative and qualitative data indicated that post-task activities have a significant effect on learners' language proficiency, their reading achievements, and their motivation to participate in classroom tasks.

**Key Words :** *task-based language teaching, post-task activities, reading achievements*

## INTRODUCTION

The notion of Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT) has recently become a widespread approach in many educational contexts (Ma & Kelly, 2006; Shintani, 2011; Wang, 2012). However, the notion has received a status of orthodoxy since stakeholders and curriculum leaders prescribe teachers in worldwide language settings how they should teach, and approximately all publishers are describing their new textbooks and materials as task-based; therefore, defining TBLT clearly is an effective action (Littlewood, 2007). There has also been a permanent augment in the number of studies in which tasks and task-based education are the fundamental parts of learning process (Ellis, 2009). TBLT has drawn generally on research into second language acquisition. TBLT considers task as the fundamental unit which teachers and curriculum designers design their lesson and content just based on it. In addition to all the uniqueness characteristics that a task should have such as meaning, gap, need for learners' resources, etc, it should be clearly distinguished from other types of classroom activities such as situational grammar exercises (Laufer & Hulstijn, 2001; Ajideh, 2003; McDonough & Chaikitmongkol, 2007; Lee, 2011; Motallebzadeh & Ganjali, 2011; Huang, Eslami, & Willson, 2012). Ellis (2009) stated that in every task-based education three issues should

be considered clearly. The issues are the kinds of tasks which teachers include in a language course, the content of those tasks, and finally the way of sequencing the tasks to facilitate language learning. He also states that in addition to those three issues methodological points which consider how to structure a task-based lesson and what type of participatory structure to employ should be defined clearly in the early phases of task-based instruction. A task-based lesson or a task-based instruction according to Ellis (2009) has three phases (pre-task phase, main task phase/during task, and post-task phase). There are different modes for the performance-based on the types of tasks and phases. Tasks can be performed in a whole-class context, in pairs, in groups, or by learners working individually (as cited in Khodabakhshzadeh & Mousavi, 2012). Previous studies mostly emphasized during phase in their studies (Ajideh, 2003; Derwing et al., 2004; Finch, 2006; Huang et al., 2012; Brabander & Martens, 2014; Lynch & McLean, 2001; García Mayo, 2007; Samuda and Bygate, 2008). Other phases of task-based instruction have been ignored in the literature; therefore, the

present study aimed to attract the attention of teachers and stakeholders towards the crucial role that other phases especially post-task phase. According to Ellis (2009) post-task phase provides an interesting opportunity for a repeated performance encourages reflection on how the task was performed and encourages attention to form in particular to those forms that proved problematic to the learners when they performed the task. The assumption underlying this study is generally the effect of the application of the second language teaching theories and specifically the Task Based Language Teaching (TBLT) theories on second language learning. This theory is mostly based on the application of whatever is the facilitating, effective, and situationally appropriate in second language teaching and learning. In fact, one can trace the roots of these types of task-based language teaching methods in second language learning theories and the researches done in this realm. Designing and applying a task-based instruction needs special attention to the process through which the task is considered pivotal. Although there are diverse ideas (Littlewood, 2007; Ellis, 2009; Shintani, 2011; Lee, 2011, Mellati, Khademi, & Etela, 2015) concerning the steps and procedures, the consensus about the three main steps cannot be ignored. The first phase of this task-based instruction is the pre-task. This phase includes all types of activities that the teacher and

learners do before getting involved in the main task. The main purpose of pre-phase is preparing second language learners to do the task in a way which promotes their acquisition (Ellis, 2009). Traditionally it is believed that the first two phases of the task-based activities play a significant role in learning while according to Ellis (2009) the third phase can be more important in this regard. Repeating what learners have learnt in the first and second phases and specifically different methods of this performance are appropriate strategies for intensifying and internalizing what learners have learnt in the first two phases; therefore, this study investigated the impacts of post-task activities on the STKIP PGRI Tulungagung EFL learners' reading achievements.

### **Review Related Theory**

Those in favor of the second approach, however, considered the emergent of acquisitional process as central. In this approach the task is the center of attention in both teaching and learning theories. Bygate, Skehan, and Swain (2001) stated that a task is an activity that involves learners to use language to attain a desired goal. Tasks have been considered as the organizing unit of learning in many studies recently done by researchers (Bygate et al., 2001; Stylianides and Stylianides, 2008; Ellis, 2009; Van den Branden, Bygate, and Norris, 2009). In spite of quite a few differences and various approaches,



all teachers and researchers have some common goals in conducting a task-based instruction. All of them mostly focused on communicative language ability rather than focused on form or grammar ability (Nunan, 2006). It is, henceforth, the Nunan's (2006) definition of task that this paper refers to that term: A task is a classroom activity that engages learners in processes such as comprehending, manipulating, producing or interacting in the target language. Learners' attention is on manipulating or monitoring their grammatical knowledge to express their intended meaning. A task in this definition should also have some fundamental characteristics such as a sense of completeness, a goal, and a communicative act with a beginning, middle and end. Ellis (2009) sets some criteria for a classroom activity to be considered as a task. He stated that the principal focus of that activity should be on meaning. Every task should have some kinds of gap; it means that learners have to convey information, or express their opinions through a task. Second language learners should use their own language knowledge and ability to perform a task or activity. These abilities and skills can be linguistic or non-linguistic. The final and the most important characteristic of a task is that every task should have a clearly defined outcome. This outcome should be non-linguistics. Learners use their language knowledge as a medium to reach the outcome. Widdowson (2003)

however, argued that the criteria to define a task are formulated loosely. They cannot differentiate tasks from other classroom activities. Ellis (2009) supports Widdowson's (2003) idea and stated that he is right to point out that for example in Skehan's (2009) criteria it is not clarified whether the meaning which is the primary criterion is semantic or pragmatic. In other words, it is hard to distinguish classroom tasks from other kinds of classroom activities. However, Ellis (2009) mentioned that Widdowson (2003) overlooked the point that the goal of task definitions are not to specify their learning outcomes. They just focused on the kind of instructional activity that a task covers. The result of such challenges was the notion of Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT). The concept of TBLT was first established by Prabhu (1987). He stated that this notion focused mainly on communication rather than grammar teaching and language form. The major goal of a task in the TBLT is negotiating meaning to perform a particular activity (Samuda and Bygate, 2008; Khodabakhshzadeh & Mousavi, 2012). In TBLT, language learning occurs when learners doing some classroom activities which have goals and need to be completed. Teachers and curriculum designers try to focus on non-linguistics functions. Learners should use language as a tool to obviate their real needs in the context. Authenticity is one of the major

features of task-based instruction. When learners complete a task, they use language in the real-world context (Lynch and McLean, 2001). There is no pre-selected language need or syllabus in TBLT. Teachers manipulate tasks as facilitators and try to cover learners' needs and interest and to meet the demands of the activities and tasks (Nikula, 2015). The primary driving force in this approach is motivation for communication; therefore, even unlimited knowledge about language is useless and inapplicable. The only applicable knowledge is a knowledge which language learners use in their classroom and out of classroom communications. Another influenced factor that got a lot of attention is exposure to the authentic target language which occurs only in a naturally occurring context. This means that, authentic and unlevelled materials are more appropriate than educational materials that are designed especially for the language classroom (Littlewood, 2007; Llinares and Dalton-Puffer, 2015). Exposure to authentic sources will lead into language proficiency. Learners would be able to communicate in target language proficiently. TBLT and task-based instruction can provide adequate environment for delivering authentic sources (educational tasks) as well as authentic language use in the classroom that eventuate in learners' language proficiency. Researchers believed that an effective task-based instruction improve proficiency and

language ability of second or foreign language learners (Derwing, Rossiter, and Thomson, 2004; Schmitt and Carter, 2004; Skehan, 2009; Shintani, 2011; Brabander and Martens, 2014). One of the main challenging concerns for English language teachers is improving the learners' proficiency. Finding appropriate and convenient ways to facilitate language learning and support language learners to improve their proficiency level. This is significantly challenging problem especially in countries where learners share a common first language and have little or no exposure to the second or foreign language outside the classroom. Lyster (2014) claimed that pair and group work communication tasks or task-based instructions are mostly unproductive or not as efficient as teachers expect. The reason of this phenomenon is very simple. The problem is that language learners performed these tasks mostly in their native language. Learners are eager to express their ideas in English; however, not only it is pretty hard for them to do it, but also they do not have skillful teachers that can convince them. Mozgalina's (2015) solution to this problem is focusing exclusively on proficiency and making learners communicate with English only. He also added that the only outcome of the years is an extensive knowledge of grammar and vocabulary that teachers cannot put them into practice (as cited in Khodabakhshzadeh & Mousavi,

2012). Many teachers and researchers believe that task-based instruction is the most prominent language teaching strategy to improve language learners' proficiency level. When they utilize this proficiency-enhancing strategy or educational framework, second language learners would get enough language practice from task-based course (Nikula, 2015; Khademi, Mellati, and Etela, 2014; Hei, Strijbos, Sjoer, and Admiraal, 2016). Nikula (2015) have focused on super segmental elements with proficiency practice. In this study, classroom activities such as repetition, the proper use of discourse markers, prosodic cues and cohesive links are chosen as posttask activities. Llinares and Dalton-Puffer (2015) stated that in countries where learners have a common first language, finding techniques to help learners improve their language proficiency is an important factor. They believe that task-based instruction was very effective in encouraging Japanese to improve their language proficiency, even in large classrooms (Ellis, 2001; Nation, 2001; Lewis, 2002; Kim and Tracy-Ventura, 2013; Sadeghi and Sharifi, 2013; Bao, 2015). In other words, by delivering classroom tasks teachers forced learners to be creative and use their own ability and strategies in completing educational tasks. Numerous studies in the literature have focused on task-based instruction and the impacts of task on different aspects of language teaching and learning. Ruiz-Funes

(2015) investigated the effect of task complexity and to reexamine the relationship between task complexity and linguistic output on the level of language proficiency and performance on task of the learners. The results indicated that there is an effective interaction between task complexity, linguistic output, and language proficiency. Asgarikia (2014) explored the effects of task type, strategic planning and no planning on written performance of STKIP PGRI Tulungagung intermediate EFL learners and found that giving students enough time to plan before starting the task, leading them to a better performance. Also, the type of the task had a significant effect on their performance; for instance, the structured tasks were easier to perform than the other tasks. Geng and Ferguson (2013) investigated the influence of task type and participatory structure (or classroom organization) in pre-task on the fluency, complexity and accuracy of students' speaking ability. The obtained results indicated that teacher-led planning had some excellent benefits for accuracy, and individual planning for complexity, however, neither of them are meaningful and significant. Najjari (2014) have explored theoretical and practical considerations of implementation of TBLT in Iran and found that implementing TBLT in Iran is possible if teachers follow valid textbooks and communicative-oriented activities. Bagher Shabani

and Ghasemi (2014) have investigated the effect of TBLT and Content-Based Language Teaching (CBLT) on the STKIP PGRI Tulungagung intermediate ESP students' reading comprehension ability. The study was conducted with 60 participants that were assigned into two groups: a control group (CBLT) and an experimental group (TBLT). The findings indicated that TBLT has been more effective than CBLT in teaching reading comprehension to STKIP PGRI Tulungagung students. However there are a lot of studies have conducted on the effect of different types of task and task-based instruction in the literature, there is no study that investigated the impacts of post-task activities on EFL learners' language proficiency. Therefore, the current study investigated the impacts of task-based instruction and post-task activities on the STKIP PGRI Tulungagung EFL learners' reading achievements.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **Participants**

A total number of 68 intermediate EFL learners from 88 participants were randomly assigned in to three groups after taking the Placement Test. All participants showed interest to take part in this study. Group A consisted of 20 learners, group B consisted of 23, and group C consisted of 25 learners. Group C was the control group.

Participants' ages range from 19 to 24 years.

### **Instrumentations and Materials**

To conduct the present study, the following materials and instruments were employed: Placement Test is a standardized language proficiency test (from TOEIC Test) that was administered to determine homogenous learners. The test contained 50 multiple choice questions and also included a reading text with 10 graded comprehension questions (five true-false and five multiple choice items). Based on the institute's placement test, all participants were in intermediate level. However, to ensure that all of them were in the same proficiency level placement test was administered.

TOEFL Test. This test consists of three parts including listening comprehension, and grammar, cloze, vocabulary and reading comprehension multiple-choice questions, and also one optional speaking test in the form of a one-on-one interview with an examiner. This test included four reading passages with total 20 multiple-choice reading comprehension questions for students to be answered in 30 minutes. This test was employed as pretest in the current study. Since one part of this test was employed in the present study, it was piloted with 20 learners of similar test-takers at STKIP PGRI Tulungagung.

Reading posttest. A reading posttest was developed from Select

Reading Textbook by the researcher to determine the learners' reading comprehension competence at the end of research and after treatment. This researcher-made course based test contained 20 items; four reading passages followed by five multiple choice questions similar to the content of the reading text book. This test was piloted with 20 learners of similar test-takers at STKIP PGRI Tulungagung.

Semi-structured interview. The researchers conducted semi-structured interviews with five participants to investigate in-depth information about conducting post-task activities in the classroom. The lines of questioning were as follows: Attitudes toward task-based instruction; benefits of employing task-based instruction and post-task activities in language teaching contexts; challenges of conducting such a program; and learners' motivation about participating in such language environments. Select readings: Intermediate.

This reading textbook (Second Edition) (Lee & Gunderson, 2011) is a teacher approved American English reading textbook series for intermediate and university students.

## **RESEARCH RESULT**

In order to classify them in almost homogenized groups and elicit the required number of participants for the purpose of the study, they were given the TOEIC Test to determine their levels of

proficiency in English. After scoring the papers, those who scored one standard deviation above and below the mean (i.e.,  $\text{mean} \pm 1$ ) were selected for the main part of the study. To ensure the homogeneity of the participants, those who get the score between 35-50 from the total score of 70 in TOEIC were selected as the introductory/basic level for main participants of the study. In other words, 68 learners got the scores 35-50, therefore, the total number of participants in the main study was 68 ( $N=68$ ). And those 15 students who got the score below 35 were excluded from the study because they were regarded as heterogeneous.

In many research situations, however, researchers are interested in comparing the mean scores of more than two groups. In this situation, they would use analysis of variance (ANOVA). Having collected the results of reading part of TOEFL in the pretest, the researcher analyzed the data employing One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The purpose of this analysis was to estimate the participants' level of reading comprehension before the study began.

As the results, mean and standard deviation of three groups are ( $M= 12.87, SD=1.922$ ) for group A, ( $M= 12.93, SD= 1.870$ ) for group B, and ( $M= 12.35, SD= 1.656$ ) for group C respectively. The results do not show much difference between the three groups in their general level

of reading comprehension at the outset of the study. Meanwhile, to ensure true homogeneity of the participants' reading comprehension competency (N=68), One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted.

A one way between-groups analysis of variance was conducted to explore the reading comprehension competency of participants as measured by TOEFL test . The participants were divided into three groups randomly. There was no statistically significant difference at the  $p < .05$  level in TOEFL scores for the three groups:  $F(2, 44) = .499, p = .610$ . The results of one way ANOVA showed that there is no significant difference between three groups at the outset of the study. To determine the effects of treatment that was the effect of post-task activities on EFL learners' achievement, the researchers employed one way ANOVA.

As the results , mean and standard deviation of three groups are (M= 14.87, SD=1.506) for group A, (M= 16.73, SD= 1.831) for group B, and (M= 13.18, SD=1.185) for group C respectively. The results show significant difference between the three groups in their general level of reading comprehension at the end of the study. Meanwhile, to ensure true difference of the participants' reading comprehension competency (N=68), One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted.

### Quantitative result

The qualitative data was gathered through semi-structured interviews with five learners who participated in this study. The procedure for analyzing qualitative data was as follows: Each data set was read several times to gain some sense of the main ideas being expressed. Then the data was coded and analyzed manually and subjectively.

There are some important points in interviews that are presented here:

- As students can monitor their own progress in a task-based instruction, especially post-task activities, they had a positive attitude toward employing post-task activities in language classrooms. Mohammad N. said in his interview: *“when we repeat a task in the classroom, we can detect our mistakes and try to obviate them in the future and I believe that practice makes perfect.”*
- Students mentioned repeatedly in their interview that task-based instruction provides a remarkable opportunity for them to check their classmates' performance. Peer feedback has a positive impact on students' attitudes. Mohammad N. and Roni are classmates. They said in their interview that they learn best when they correct their friends. *“I like it very much when Mohammad N discovers my*

*mistakes*". (Roni said in his interview)

- Most students show strong motivation to participate in such kinds of language classrooms. "*In my opinion, doing tasks in the class change its atmosphere. Students learn the points in a friendly environment. I think all students like to participate in this classroom. In my previous class, only our teacher gave us information about the lesson and we had no role in the class. The teacher was a knowledgeable teacher but we don't [didn't] like the class atmosphere*". (Rizki stated in his interview)
- Lack of confidence was the main obstacle for students to participate in the educational tasks. "*Before this course, we largely relied on our teacher ability. The most stressful time of the class was when the teacher asked some questions or took quiz. But in this course, we should rely on our own and our classmate ability. Of course, it is an effective way of language teaching, but I think I am not ready to participate in these tasks voluntarily*". (Rimma claimed in his interview)

The results of both quantitative and qualitative data indicate that conducting task-based instruction with focusing on post-task activities enhance students' ability to monitor their progress effectively. They can also take advantage of peer feedback that would be a praiseworthy feature of

every task-based instruction. They also stated that individual differences can be a determining factor in learners' engagement in classroom tasks. This finding is confirmed with what Mellati, et al. (2015) who stated that individual factors such as learners' anxiety have significant impacts on learners' participation in classroom activities.

The findings of present study are in confirmed with Ellis (2009) who states that post-task activities provide great opportunities for repeating a task; persuade learners to reflect on how the task was performed; and foster their attention to language form, especially those language forms that learners had problem with them when they wanted to perform a task. The results also are consistent with Mozgalina (2015) who explains that task-based instruction motivates language learners to engage in classroom activities that lead into their satisfaction at the end of the course. Just like Nikula (2015) and Llinares and Dalton-Puffer (2015), the present study demonstrated that repeated performance enhances learners' proficiency. The results of interview also demonstrated that noticing post-task activities in the classroom increase learners' motivation and self-confidence to participate in the task and change their attitudes about language learning. Generally, there is a consensus among teachers and researchers that task-based instruction is an effective and useful method for teaching language;

however, attention to post-task activities has at least three advantages for language learners. According to the results of interviews: 1) Post-task activities shed light on learners' strengths and weaknesses especially in the repeated performance. They understand what they learned and what not. Learners can promote their strengths by practice and obviate their weaknesses by efficient learning strategies. 2) Post-task activities increase learners' motivation to participate in classroom activities. There is a general agreement in the literature that motivation plays an integral role in successful learning. Motivation is one of the most frequently used words in psychology. It refers to what drives a person into doing something and has two types: intrinsic and extrinsic. To a large extent, everything that we perform is because of at least two important reasons: the first one is a reward and the second one is a consequence of not doing something. These two reasons can be obvious tangible benefits as Pae (2008) stated can be a financial reward; enjoyment; or the risk of these being taken away through losing one's job. Here, knowing about their strengths and weaknesses are good potential reasons to boost learners' intrinsic motivation. 3) Post-task activities have significant impact on learners' positive attitudes about learning context, teacher, peers, and material. In a task-based instruction that is

followed by post-task activities, learners understand clearly what they learned and they need to learn. Obviously, this point changes their attitudes about that language class. They follow the instruction precisely as they know the lesson plan and its possible results evidently. In sum, contrary to the Lyster (2014) who stated that task-based instruction is not as significant as mentioned in the literature, the findings of present study demonstrated that post-task activities enhance learner' language proficiency. The findings also are consistent with Lynch and McLean (2001), García Mayo (2007), and Samuda and Bygate (2008) who claimed repetition of a task will increase its effectiveness and consequently the language level to complete that task. They believe that when language learners do a task again their language production and their results will be improved, for instance, they will be able to use more complex expressions, to transfer their intended meaning more clearly, and finally they will be able to use language more fluently.

## **CONCLUSION**

The present study investigated the effects of task-based instruction and post-task activities such as asking comprehension question, reflection on task questions, and repeated performance on EFL learners' in undergraduate STKIP PGRI Tulungagung for reading achievements. The results of both quantitative and qualitative data



demonstrated that task-based instruction and post-task activities have a significant effect on learners' language ability and language proficiency. Post-task activities provide a remarkable opportunity for learners to monitor their own progress and enhance their language ability by focusing on peer feedback. The results of interview indicated that learners are strongly motivated to participate in such programs. The findings demonstrated that post-task activities are as important as pre-task and during-task activities. However, lack of self-confidence is the main obstacle in these kinds of language classrooms. The findings provide adequate guidelines for policy makers, stakeholders, and teachers for planning more effective teaching and learning contexts. They should consider post-task activities in their lesson plans. Learners' characteristics and individual differences also should be noticed in a task-based instruction. Furthermore, more studies are required to focus on different phases (pre-task, during task, and post-task) of a task-based instruction exclusively. Considering contextual factors on task-based instruction will lead researchers into new facts about effective learner-teacher relationship and adequate language teaching environment.

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