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Analysis of ICT Literacy Skill of Fifth Grade Elementary School Students in Cirebon Border Area

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Abstract

The rapid development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the 21st century has influenced various aspects of people's lives, one of which is in the educational field. ICT has a vital role in the development of learning systems. This study aims to analyze the elementary school students' ICT literacy skills in the border area of Cirebon Regency. The research method used was a survey method with a quantitative descriptive approach. Data collection techniques utilized a questionnaire. The research sample consisted of 157 grade V elementary school students in the Sedong Sub-district located on the border of Cirebon Regency, Indonesia. The results showed that 82% of students had ICT devices, such as laptops, smartphones, or tablets, with 61% of students accustomed to using ICT devices in their daily lives for between 2-6 hours per day. However, the students' ICT literacy level was still at level 1 out of 6 levels. Only 32% of students used ICT devices to find information as needed, and 27% of students utilized ICT devices for discussion about learning. Students used it more for entertainment, such as listening to music, watching videos, playing games, and joking with their friends on social media. In this case, students need guidance and direction in using ICT devices to be used as needed in daily life even though they are in the border area between regions. This study's benefit is to see the percentage of elementary school students' ICT literacy level as a preliminary study for other ongoing studies.

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Abstrak

Pesatnya perkembangan Teknologi Informasi dan Komunikasi (TIK) di abad 21 telah mempengaruhi berbagai aspek kehidupan masyarakat, salah satunya di bidang pendidikan. TIK memiliki peran penting dalam pengembangan sistem pembelajaran. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis keterampilan literasi TIK siswa sekolah dasar di wilayah perbatasan Kabupaten Cirebon. Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah metode survei dengan pendekatan deskriptif kuantitatif. Teknik pengumpulan data menggunakan kuesioner. Sampel penelitian terdiri dari 157 siswa sekolah dasar kelas V di Kecamatan Sedong yang terletak di perbatasan Kabupaten Cirebon, Indonesia. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa 82% siswa memiliki perangkat TIK, seperti laptop, smartphone, atau tablet, dengan 61% siswa terbiasa menggunakan perangkat TIK dalam kehidupan sehari-hari antara 2-6 jam per hari. Namun tingkat literasi TIK siswa masih berada pada level 1 dari 6 level. Hanya 32% siswa yang menggunakan perangkat TIK untuk mencari informasi sesuai kebutuhan, dan 27% siswa menggunakan perangkat TIK untuk diskusi tentang pembelajaran. Siswa lebih banyak memanfaatkannya untuk hiburan, seperti mendengarkan musik, menonton video, bermain game, dan bercanda dengan teman-temannya di media sosial. Dalam hal ini siswa membutuhkan bimbingan dan arahan dalam menggunakan perangkat TIK agar dapat digunakan sesuai kebutuhan dalam kehidupan sehari-hari meskipun berada di daerah perbatasan antar daerah. Manfaat studi ini adalah untuk melihat persentase tingkat literasi TIK siswa sekolah dasar sebagai studi pendahuluan untuk studi lain yang sedang berlangsung.

Kata Kunci:

Literasi TIK, Sekolah Dasar, Daerah Perbatasan

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INTRODUCTION

The development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has made significant changes in various aspects of life. Currently, ICT has a crucial role in every human activity because ICT devices continue to develop rapidly, and their use has been utilized in almost all sectors. The more rapid development has allowed ICT devices to be part of student learning innovations by integrating this technology into the learning process and students' daily lives (Kirikkaya & Başgül, 2019). Moreover, in the era of disruption 4.0., technological advances must also be used in the educational world, elementary especially education. educators/teachers can master ICT skills, learning can be contextual and relevant to the era of disruption 4.0. (Astini, 2019). Various media platforms should be used in learning. However, Rahmawati (2018) found that ICT devices have not been maximally applied in every lesson in schools in Indonesia. Besides, ICT literacy must also receive specific attention from schools. Literacy skills in technology and information must implemented in students. It is one way to protect students from technological progress's negative implications (Mulyono & Halim, 2015).

The development of ICT has also driven education reform in countries worldwide by integrating the application of ICT in learning (Wu, et al., 2019). One of the innovations made in the field of education is the movement of 21st-century skills. It is an effort to equip students to face challenges and anticipate changes in the economic, social, and educational fields (Assaert, et al., 2014). One of the eight main competencies in 21st-century skills is ICT literacy. ICT literacy and the ability to use ICT devices are seen as the most important abilities for students to master in 21st-century skills because they are very much needed in the future (Ahonen & Kinnunen, 2014). In fact, the main reason for the emergence of 21st-century skills is an effort to students to face prepare increasingly sophisticated ICT developments.

In the sphere of urban society, technology is an essential part of everyday life, even as their basic needs. From early childhood, the learning process, communication, and entertainment concepts shaped within the framework of technological advancement (Arabacioglu & Unver, 2016). Elementary school-age students are already accustomed to using ICT devices, such as computers, smartphones, tablets, game consoles, and others (Santos, Ramos, Escola, & Reis, 2019). However, in Indonesia, having with thousands of islands geographic situations and heterogeneous populations socially, economically, culturally, religiously has led to gaps between urban communities and people living in border areas between regions, one of which is the digital divide (Juditha, 2014).

Long distances from government centers, damaged road access, and limited information and communication networks also affect students' educational conditions in border areas. Schools in rural areas or border areas, in general, do not have digital learning environments, especially classrooms equipped with ICT devices (Wu et al., 2019). An example is a school in Sedong Sub-district on the border between Cirebon and Kuningan Regencies. Schools in these border areas had minimal facilities for ICT devices that could support the ICT-based learning process. Based on the observation results in November 2019, it was revealed that schools located on the border between Cirebon and Kuningan Regencies did not yet have ICT devices that students could use. Other devices, such as audio-visual equipment, were still limited in number and were not yet available in every class. Besides, all schools in these border areas did not have internet network facilities, causing learning resources to be limited to print media. In fact, schools should become facilitators for students in improving ICT literacy skills through ICT-based learning.

Even so, people in these border areas have already utilized ICT devices, such as smartphones, in their daily lives. Likewise, elementary school-age students are starting to get to know various ICT devices even though their use has not been utilized in supporting the learning process in the classroom. Based on this, this study aimed to analyze the elementary school students' ICT literacy skills in the border area of Cirebon Regency as a

parameter of student readiness in implementing ICT-based learning.

METHODS

The method used in this research was a survey method with a quantitative descriptive approach (Cirus, 2014). The population used in this study was the grade V elementary school students in Sedong Sub-district, amounting to 678 students, while the sample used in this study was 157 students. The sampling technique was carried out using the purposive sampling technique by considering the school located on the border between Cirebon Regency and Kuningan Regency (Sugiyono, 2017).

In this study, the data collection technique employed a questionnaire with the Guttman scale, which has two answer choices: "Yes" and "No". The presentation of data in the form of a questionnaire was to view and present data in the form of a percentage as a reference to see the high and low percentage of ICT skills objectively in elementary schools in the border area of Cirebon. The indicator measured was the grade V elementary school students' ICT literacy skill, consisting of three aspects: basic skills to operate ICT devices, the ability to explore information using ICT devices, and the ability to communicate using ICT devices (Cirus, 2014; Fisser & Thijs, 2015). Besides, measurements were also carried out on the ownership of ICT devices and the ICT devices' time of use by students as supporting data in measuring students' ICT literacy levels. The ICT devices that were variables in the questionnaire could be used to find information and communicate, namely laptops, smartphones, or tablets.

The model used to measure students' ICT literacy levels was the Personal Capability Maturity Model (P-CMM) from the Ministry of Communication and Information of the Republic of Indonesia (Kemenkominfo, 2014). The level of ICT literacy is divided into six levels, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Level of ICT Literacy

Level			ICT	Litera	ıcy	
0	If the	e indivi	dual d	loes no	t know a	at all
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Respondents' Profile

Data collection was carried out by distributing questionnaires to 157 Grade V students in six elementary schools in Sedong Sub-district, whose schools were located on the border between Cirebon and Kuningan Regencies. Details of the number of respondents based on gender are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Details of Number of Respondents

School -	Resp	ondent	- Total
School	Male	Female	Total
SDN 1 KWN	11	8	19
SDN 1 WH	19	12	31
SDN 1 WJ	18	14	32
SDN 2 WH	6	11	17
SDN 2 WJ	19	16	35
SDN 2 SK	7	16	23
Total	80	77	157

The number of students in schools located on the border was relatively smaller than those in schools near the center of the subdistrict government. It was recorded that only

23% of the total number of students in the Sedong Sub-district attended schools in border areas. It was because schools located on the border were only devoted to people living in the border area, who had a relatively smaller population than residents around the center of the subdistrict government. Besides, damaged and challenging road access was also one reason students' parents preferred schools close to the sub-district government even though the distance was further.

Analysis of Student Ownership of ICT Device Data

The first data analysis was carried out on the ownership of ICT devices by students. Ownership of ICT devices data was intended to measure the extent to which students were familiar with and used ICT devices in their daily lives. The ICT device variables used in this study were laptops, smartphones, and tablets. It was because these three devices were included in the ICT devices easily accessible even by people living in border areas. The data analysis results on the ownership of ICT devices by students are displayed in Table 3.

Table 3. Data Analysis Results of Student Ownership of ICT Devices

Types of ICT Devices	Score	Percentage (%)
Laptop	5	3
Gadget/Smartphone	129	82
Smart Tablet	42	27
Have more than one ICT device	37	24
Do not have an ICT device	28	18

The data analysis results of students' ownership of ICT devices in Table 3 show that most students already have had at least one type of ICT device used in their daily lives. Only 18% of students did not have any type of ICT device in their daily lives. A smartphone is an ICT device that almost all students had. This data indicates that students living in border areas are familiar with and use ICT devices daily.

Analysis of the ICT Devices' Time of Use by Students

In addition to the ownership of ICT devices, analysis was also conducted on the ICT devices' time of use in students' daily lives. It was done to measure how often students used their ICT devices. The analysis results of the ICT devices' time of use per day by students are depicted in Table 4.

Table 4. Analysis Results of the ICT Devices' Time of Use per Day by Students

Time	Category	Score	Percentage
0 Hours	Never	28	18
0-2 Hours	Rarely	33	21
2-4 Hours	Sometimes	39	25
4-6 Hours	Often	44	28
> 6 Hours	Very often	13	8

The analysis results of the ICT devices' time of use per day by students in Table 4 reveal that 53% of students used their ICT devices between 2–6 hours per day, and 8% of students utilized them more than 6 hours per day. These results indicated that 61% of students were accustomed to using ICT devices in their daily lives, even 36% of students often used them in their daily lives.

Analysis of Students' ICT Literacy Skill Data

Data on students' ICT literacy skills were divided into three aspects that measured students' abilities in operating and utilizing ICT devices according to their needs. The aspects measured included the basic ability to operate ICT devices, the ability to explore information using ICT devices, and the ability to communicate using ICT devices with indicators adjusted to grade V elementary school students' level. The data analysis results on students' ICT literacy skills are exhibited in Table 5.

Table 5. Data Analysis Results of Students' ICT Literacy Skills

No	Aspect	Indicator	(%)
1	Basic	Enabling and disabling ICT	100
	Skills to	devices (Laptop/	
	Operate	Smartphone/ Tablet)	

ICT Saving and opening document files on ICT devices Saving and opening media 83 files on ICT devices Transferring files between 59 ICT devices Keeping ICT devices safe 41 2 Ability to Connecting ICT devices to Explore the Internet Information Searching for information 50
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r/Instagram, etc.)
Using ICT devices to send 45
and receive messages
(SMS/e-mail)
Using social media to 59
communicate with other
people
Using social media to send 59
and receive files
Conducting learning 27
discussions through social
media with other people

In Table 5, the data analysis results on students' ICT literacy skills disclose that 64% of students have already had basic skills in operating ICT devices on average even though their uses were still limited to smartphones and tablets, while students did not commonly use laptops. On average, 47% of students could explore information using ICT devices. Students who already have ICT devices have already used internet services for their devices, although their uses were still limited by the weak internet network in border areas and the internet network cost that students have not reached. Therefore, only 32% of students used ICT devices to find information as needed; these results were still relatively low.

On average, 45% of students could communicate using ICT devices, either using SMS services or social media. Even though they lived in the border area, students were

considered to be actively communicating, especially using WhatsApp social media. Internet services in their ICT devices were mainly used to update social media, such as uploading or sending media to friends around them. Even 100% of female students who became respondents had the same answer regarding their social media experiences. However, on average, students communicated using ICT devices for entertainment, as seen from only 27% of students who discussed learning through social media.

Based on these results, when referring to P-CMM regarding the =ICT literacy level, grade V students in Sedong Sub-district, which is between Cirebon Regency and Kuningan Regency, were at level 1 out of 6 levels. It denoted that students had one or two experiences involving information technology to find the information needed in problem-solving. However, students have not routinely used technology in solving problems in their daily lives.

Discussion

The concept of lifelong learning and relevant education as ICT development is an interesting topic for education observers and practitioners. The fact that ICT has occupied a position in every area of life has created a need to provide education to students to adapt to ICT developments in their lives (Alan, Zengin, & Keçeci, 2019). Education must continue to adapt to the development of science and technology by developing student skills in accordance with the demands of the times. The development of increasingly sophisticated ICT is also the main reason why 21st-century skills different from previous centuries (Chalkiadaki, 2018). It also applies to students who study in border areas.

This study's results indicated that students in regional border areas could follow the development of ICT, although they still had limitations in internet networks or the availability of ICT devices compared to students in urban areas due to social and economic disparities. Even so, the people in Sedong Sub-district located in the border area were technology literate and directed their children to adapt to ICT developments from elementary school age. It could be seen from 82% of grade V students who have already had

ICT devices, with 61% of students having the time of use of 2–6 hours per day; it suggested that students were accustomed to using ICT devices in their daily lives.

However, the habit of using ICT was not followed by its use in everyday life as needed. Even though students have already had a basic in operating ICT devices, their use in everyday life was still just for entertainment, such as listening to music, watching videos, and playing games so that students saw ICT devices such as laptops, smartphones, or tablets as "playing devices". Likewise, with means of communication such as social media, students tended to use it as entertainment with their friends. Indeed, it has become one of the negative impacts of social media for students; if they play it without guidance, they will more often use social media for entertainment than educational means (Amaruddin, Khafid, & Atmaja, 2019). Therefore, even though students have already had good basic skills in operating ICT devices, the students' ICT literacy level was still at level 1 or still low.

In fact, both ICT devices to seek information or communication will be beneficial if used in learning. Some benefits obtained from ICT in learning include increasing interest and motivation to learn, developing creativity, and can be a learning that helps resource increase understanding. Currently, students are more interested and motivated to see learning in the form of PowerPoint presentations or watching learning videos displayed on a projector, listening to music from smartphones, and others (Islami et al., 2019). Besides, ICTsupported learning effectively improves various skills, such as creative thinking skills communication skills (Das, 2019; Nurahman, Isnaeni, & Ellianawati, 2019). Therefore, students should also use ICT devices with guidance, both from parents and teachers, so that they are not only accustomed to using ICT devices but can also use these ICT devices according to their needs in their daily life, even though they are in the border areas between regions. In times of the COVID-19 pandemic like this, digital literacy is needed as a medium or platform to teach students online. During this pandemic, several benefits of digital literacy include saving time, fast, costeffective, actual, and keeping students

connected to the learning system (Sumiati & Wijonarko, 2020).

CONCLUSION

Based on the study's results, it could be concluded that 82% of students already had ICT devices, such as laptops, smartphones, or tablets, with 61% of students already accustomed to using ICT devices in their daily lives for between 2-6 hours per day. On average, 64% of students already had basic skills in operating ICT devices even though their use was still limited to smartphones and tablets. Besides, 47% of students could explore information using ICT devices, and 45% of students could communicate using ICT devices, either using SMS services or social media. However, the students' ICT literacy level was still at level 1 out of 6 levels. Only 32% of students utilized ICT devices to find information as needed, and 27% of students used ICT devices for discussions about learning. Students used it more for entertainment, such as listening to music, watching videos, playing games, and joking with their friends on social media. Therefore, students need guidance and direction in using ICT tools to use them according to their daily needs even though they are in the border area between regions.

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