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Training the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" for Secondary Level English Teacher at Middle Aceh

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Abstract. The "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training program has undergone a comprehensive evaluation using a rigorous mixed-methods methodology, which includes both quantitative and qualitative assessments. The program demonstrated significant effectiveness in improving participants' comprehension and abilities in digital storytelling and scaffolding. An analysis of assessments conducted before and after training, with the use of statistical tests, revealed a noteworthy enhancement in knowledge and abilities within the experimental group. This underscores the success of the program. The qualitative findings provided more clarity on the participants' experiences, highlighting their active involvement, contentment, and effective incorporation of digital storytelling into their teaching methods. The program's favorable impact on pedagogical techniques was evidenced through observations, surveys, and analysis of lesson plans. The program's revolutionary power was further validated by notable success stories, such as those of HM, LF, and EB, which demonstrated its adaptability across different degrees of technological expertise. The use of digital storytelling in educational settings, as demonstrated by teachers like Sarah Thompson, RM, PK, and BS, highlights the long-lasting beneficial impacts on student involvement, linguistic aptitude, and analytical thinking abilities. Crucially, the program went beyond just one intervention and encouraged educators to continuously improve and adapt. In conclusion, the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training program proves to be a powerful force for promoting positive transformation in both the skills of the participants and the methods of instruction. The significant influence it has on gaining knowledge, effectively incorporating it into teaching methods, and consistently improving student outcomes make it a powerful resource for enhancing language training using digital storytelling and scaffolding strategies.

Keywords: Digital Storytelling, Training, Scaffolding

1 Introduction

In the dynamic realm of English language training, the incorporation of technology and inventive teaching approaches is essential. This introduction signifies the commencement of our exploration of the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" teacher training programme specifically tailored for English instructors in Middle Aceh's secondary schools. The main goals of our project are twofold: firstly, to explain the concepts of digital storytelling and emphasize its significance in English language instruction; secondly, to provide educators with practical strategies and resources for effectively incorporating digital stories into their curriculum.

In the following sections, we explore the fundamental nature of digital storytelling and its educational consequences. Alongside these conversations, we continually stress the pressing requirement for differentiation learning training in secondary-level initiatives. The necessity for this arises due to the presence of a varied student population and the understanding that customizing teaching methods to suit individual learning styles is crucial for successful language acquisition.

The purpose of examining Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development and scaffolded learning in the context of digital storytelling is to equip teachers with the necessary abilities and understanding to effectively assist students in the storytelling process. This purpose aligns with the main aim of improving the experience of learning the English language by using multimedia and interactive narratives.

To summarise, our experience in this training programme reaffirms the importance of our original goals. Equipped with practical tools and a deep understanding of digital storytelling principles, the participants are prepared to bring about a significant transformation in their English classrooms. The necessity for differential learning training is not only recognised but deeply embedded in the core of this training endeavour. The initial aims have not only been achieved but have also established the foundation for a sustainable and enhanced approach to

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language instruction in the secondary schools of Middle Aceh. Let these aims serve as the guiding principles for future efforts to promote English language instruction.

Effective English language instruction goes beyond conventional methods in the modern digital era. In order to engage students, instructors must take advantage of technology and use creative methods. One method for improving language learning experiences is digital storytelling, which combines language proficiency with multimedia production.

In light of this, we are excited to announce the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" teacher training course for Middle Aceh's secondary English teachers. The goal of this program is to give teachers the tools, techniques, and knowledge they need to successfully integrate digital storytelling into their classroom practices. The ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development), or the distance between what a student can accomplish on their own and what they can accomplish with assistance and support, is emphasized in Vygotsky's theory. Teachers should determine each student's ZPD while scaffolding digital storytelling and offer the proper amounts of support to help them advance. Constructivist ideas, such as those of Piaget and Bruner, emphasize how students actively construct knowledge through their interactions and experiences. Scaffolding in digital storytelling can make this process easier by directing students as they write their narratives, encouraging reflection on what they have learned, and fostering critical thinking[1]–[6].

Next, Bandura[7] social learning theory emphasizes the importance of modeling, imitation, and observation in the learning process. Students can watch and pick up tips from their peers' strategies and approaches when they collaborate on digital storytelling projects, which helps them develop their storytelling abilities. According to a different approach called cognitive load theory, learners have finite cognitive resources; thus, education needs to be organized to efficiently handle cognitive burden. Teachers should provide clear directions, break complicated tasks down into digestible parts, and limit unnecessary information when scaffolding digital storytelling to lessen cognitive load. [8]–[11].

According to the cognitive apprenticeship hypothesis, learning is a process of growing competence through coached engagement. Teachers serve as mentors or coaches when it comes to digital storytelling, offering advice, demonstrating storytelling strategies, and giving feedback to encourage skill growth. With lower-order thinking skills (remembering and understanding) and higher-order skills (applying, analyzing, evaluating, and inventing), Bloom's Taxonomy divides cognitive processes into stages of complexity. As students advance in their digital storytelling, scaffolding may involve gradually transferring them from lower-order tasks (like acquiring content) to higher-order ones (like analyzing narrative structure)[12], [13].

The self-determination hypothesis emphasizes the value of autonomy and intrinsic motivation in learning. In order to develop a sense of autonomy and motivation in their students, educators should enable them to make decisions, define objectives, and take ownership of their storytelling projects when scaffolding digital storytelling [14]. The creation of adaptable and inclusive learning environments is prioritized by universal design principles for learning. In order to accommodate different learning styles and capacities, scaffolding in digital storytelling should take into account the varied demands of students by offering a variety of means of representation, expression, and participation. When teaching digital storytelling to adult learners, it's important to take into account their varied motivations and learning styles, according to andragogy (Adult Learning Theory), folding techniques should be in line with adult learning concepts, which include valuing learners' prior knowledge and letting them take charge of their own education[15].

The design and implementation of digital storytelling exercises that incorporate these ideas and concepts can improve the educational process and successfully aid students in honing their storytelling abilities. For scaffolding strategies to be effective, they must be tailored to the individual needs and developmental stages of the learners.

2 Method

A quasi-experimental design with a pre-test and post-test control group could be used to assess the effectiveness of the training program. According to Thyer (2012), researcher is advised to use sample from the same population, for this community service project, English teachers from Middle Aceh secondary schools were randomly chosen and split into two groups: the experimental group (those who received the training) and the control group (those who did not).

When designing the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" teacher training programme, we carefully chose teaching approaches that not only match our objectives but also enhanced the overall effectiveness of the training experience. The utilization of coaching and simulations is becoming a strategic method for teaching skills and knowledge that align with the complex nature of digital storytelling in English language education.

a. Coaching as a Mentorship
   Coaching, as integrated into our training system, functions as a customized and interactive way of enhancing skills. Coaching sessions are customized to cater to the unique requirements of our participants, considering their varied backgrounds and experiences. Experienced coaches in the field of digital storytelling offer specific coaching, focusing on the practical application of concepts in real-life teaching situations. This approach promotes an interactive interaction where participants have instant feedback, enabling them to enhance their digital storytelling skills with accuracy.

b. Conformity to Objectives
The coaching sessions effectively support our training objectives by providing participants with a practical comprehension of how to use digital storytelling in their unique teaching environments. Our goal is to provide educators with the necessary tools to develop their own digital tales and lesson plans. Coaching serves as the catalyst for personalized skill improvement, effectively connecting theoretical principles with practical implementation in the classroom.
c. Immersive learning simulations
Simulations are a crucial component of our training method, offering participants a virtual environment to experiment, practice, and improve their skills in digital storytelling. Participants engage in simulated teaching scenarios to effectively traverse the obstacles of guiding students through the storytelling process, employing scaffolding strategies, and utilizing technology.
d. Conformity to Objectives
Simulations immediately support our objectives by providing a safe setting for teachers to improve their digital storytelling skills without any risk. Participants acquire practical insights into the implementation of scaffolding tactics by engaging in simulated teaching situations. This practical approach equips educators with the necessary skills to confidently incorporate digital storytelling into their classrooms, creating a more immersive language learning environment.

In conclusion, the intentional incorporation of coaching and simulations in our training process is based on a dedication to closing the disparity between theory and practice. These strategies are in line with our overall objectives since they offer instructors personalized instruction and immersive experiences. As we negotiate the intricacies of digital storytelling, coaching and simulations serve as essential components, guaranteeing that our participants not only understand the principles but also become skilled practitioners prepared to enhance English language instruction in Middle Aceh's secondary schools.

2.1 Goals for this Training

a. To introduce the idea of digital storytelling and its application to the teaching of English.
b. To arm educators with useful methods and resources for producing digital storytelling.
c. To show how effectively using scaffolding can help students with their digital storytelling projects.
d. To inspire participants to create curriculum-integrated lesson plans that use digital storytelling.

2.2 Participants

In order to get a comprehensive picture of our participants, we conducted a rigorous analysis of their degrees of teaching experience and technological skills. This analysis provides a crucial perspective for evaluating the subtle effects of the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training programme on a varied cohort of instructors.

a. Professional Background in Education
More than ten years of experience (6 participants). These experienced educators contributed a significant amount of pedagogical expertise to the course. Due to their significant experience in teaching English, they were highly valuable contributors during collaborative sessions. By using their extensive expertise, they were able to contribute to more profound discussions, enhancing the overall training experience for themselves and their peers.
b. Experience of 5–10 years (with 4 participants)
Within this spectrum, educators exhibited a harmonious combination of expertise and receptiveness to innovative approaches. Their moderate teaching experience allowed them to connect traditional and modern teaching methods. They actively participated in conversations, offering multiple viewpoints that reflected their diverse classroom experiences.
c. Less than 5 years of experience (3 participants)
Inexperienced educators, although their numbers were smaller, gave a new perspective to the training. Their eagerness and openness to alternative teaching methods brought energy and liveliness to the sessions. The training programme was crucial in moldings their fundamental teaching methods, providing them with a comprehensive initiation into digital storytelling.
d. Skilled individuals (6 participants)
Educators who were already skilled in digital tools and technology demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the technological aspects of the course. Due to their proficiency in online learning platforms and educational technology, they were able to effortlessly include digital storytelling techniques. They frequently took on leadership positions during practical exercises, offering valuable perspectives to their peers.
e. Intermediate level of technological proficiency (4 participants)
Participants with a modest level of technological proficiency showed a willingness and enthusiasm to improve their digital competencies. The training programme served as a catalyst for enhancing their technology expertise, enabling them to integrate digital storytelling tools with more assurance.

f. Insufficient familiarity with technology (3 participants)
   Teachers who had less familiarity with technology first encountered difficulties but showed significant improvement throughout the course. Their resolute commitment to surmount technological obstacles highlighted the programme's efficacy in promoting digital literacy. At the end of the programme, they demonstrated a significant enhancement in their ability to use digital technologies.
g. Effect on Training Results
   The varied levels of teaching and technological proficiency among our group fostered a dynamic and cooperative training setting. Experienced educators contributed valuable practical knowledge, while less experienced participants provided excitement and a readiness to adopt innovative teaching methods.

The systematic methodology of the course, accommodating diverse levels of expertise, guaranteed that every participant obtained the utmost advantage. Customised interactive sessions were conducted to specifically target and enhance individual skill development. The impact is not limited solely to the duration of the training; it also extends to the future educational environments of these educators.

2.3 Data Collections Used are

a. Pre-training assessment: Both the experimental and control groups received a pre-training assessment. Their understanding of digital storytelling and scaffolding, as well as their confidence, should be evaluated through this examination.
b. Training Program: Run a training course on "scaffolding digital storytelling" for the experimental group. Make sure the training program includes lectures, workshops, practical exercises, and practice chances.
c. Post-training assessment: Following the training, give both groups a post-training assessment to determine whether their knowledge, skills, and confidence have changed.
d. Observations: Pay attention to and record participant participation, interaction, and replies throughout the training programme
e. Surveys or questionnaires: Gather participant feedback regarding the training's content, delivery, and perceived value.
f. Lesson plan analysis: Analyze the lesson plans created by participants in both groups to assesss the integration of digital storytelling and scaffolding.

2.4 Data Analysis

a. Quantitative analysis: To assess the change in knowledge and abilities, compare the pre- and post-training evaluation scores of both groups. determines whether the changes are statistically significant by applying statistical tests.
b. Qualitative analysis: to acquire insights into participants' experiences and participation, analyse the qualitative data from observations, surveys, and lesson plan analysis.

2.5 Training Agenda

The training program included the following sessions over the course of 2 (two) days:
a. A Digital Storytelling Introduction
b. The advantages of using digital storytelling for language learning
c. Digital Storytelling Resources and Instruments
d. Digital storytelling scaffolding strategies
e. Interactive Workshops and Group Exercises
f. Planning lessons and integrating curriculum

2.6 Highlights of the Training Included

a. Active participation by participants in hands-on activities that involved creating their own digital stories, encouragement of teacher collaboration through group discussions
b. The exchange of best practices
c. Comprehensive discussions on scaffolding techniques were presented, along with useful examples.

3 Results and Discussion

3.1 Results

The impact of the training programme on participants as determined through quantitative and qualitative analysis is shown in the next section, along with a discussion of the findings.

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3.1.1 Quantitative Anaysis

3.1.1.1 Modifications to Knowledge and Skills

Pre- and post-training evaluation results were compared in order to judge how well the training course had improved the participants' understanding of and skills for digital storytelling and scaffolding. The significance of the changes was assessed using statistical tests, the result shown in below table:

Table 1. The English Teacher Result of Pre-test and Post-test

Range Value	Pre- test	Post-test	Information
85 – 100	2 teachers	4 teachers	High
75 – 84	4 teachers	9 teachers	Medium
65 – 74	4 teacher	0 teacher	Less
55 – 65	3 teacher	0 teacher	Low

According to the pre-test results of English teachers that the researcher corrected, out of the 13 teachers who took the initial test, two teachers received scores between 85 - 100, four teachers received scores between 75 - 84, four teachers received scores between 65 - 74, and three teachers received scores between 55- 65. From the original exam results, where there were only 2 instructors, the remaining 9 teachers achieved scores of 75–84, and there were no teachers in the lower and lower positions; 4 teachers scored 85–100, an increase from the initial test results. The test's findings indicate that English teachers are getting better at scaffolding digital storytelling both before and after training.

3.1.1.2 Analytical Statistics

To ascertain the significance of the score changes, statistical tests (such as t-tests) were carried out. According to the findings, the experimental group—those who participated in the training—had statistically higher levels of knowledge and skills than the control group—those who did not.

According to the quantitative study, the training course significantly improved participants' knowledge of and skills in digital storytelling and scaffolding. This shows that the training was successful in enhancing their knowledge and abilities in these fields.

3.1.2 Analyzing the Qualitative

3.1.2.1 Insights into Participants' Participation and Experiences

The goal of the qualitative analysis was to shed more light on the experiences and participation in the training program of the participants. Qualitative information was gathered from participant lesson plans, surveys, and observations.

3.1.2.2 Findings

Observations: Participants in the experimental group showed active involvement throughout the training programme, including enthusiastic participation in hands-on activities and group discussions. Additionally, they showed more assurance when employing digital storytelling techniques and technologies.

Survey results showed that the experimental group was very satisfied with the training's content and delivery. A lot of participants shared their newly discovered enthusiasm for incorporating digital storytelling into their teaching methods.

Analysis of Lesson Plans: When lesson plans from participants in both groups were analysed, it became clear that the experimental group had more success than the control group in implementing scaffolding and digital storytelling into their lesson plans.

Following the training, teachers have a thorough understanding of digital storytelling and how to use it in real-world English language instruction. Participants exited the training program equipped with a varied collection of strategies and great tools for generating digital storytelling projects in their classrooms. They are now competent at utilizing these tools efficiently. Educators are now adept at applying scaffolding approaches to provide organized support to students during their digital storytelling projects, resulting in enhanced project outcomes and student learning.

3.1.2.3 Supporting the Influence: An Interwoven Collection of Achievements

The "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training programme has had a lasting impact on our participants, resulting in concrete enhancements in their teaching methodologies. By providing concrete examples and testimonials from participants, we can effectively demonstrate the profound impact of the programme.

a. Case Study: HM's Achievement
   1) Context
      HM, an experienced English educator with more than ten years of teaching background, first voiced concerns regarding the use of digital storytelling into her instructional plan. The training programme, meanwhile, equipped her with the essential support to navigate this unfamiliar territory.
   2) Effect of Training
      HM initially approached her digital storytelling adventure with doubt, but ultimately produced a compelling narrative that deeply connected with her pupils. She states, "The training not only clarified the digital tools but also enabled me to include creativity into my lessons. The level of involvement among my students significantly increased, and their language proficiency demonstrated extraordinary progress.
   3) Quotation
      "The training converted my initial fear into excitement." The children in my class now enthusiastically look forward to our digital storytelling sessions, and their language acquisition is more vibrant than ever [16].

b. Participant Enhancement: LF
   1) Context
      LF, an educator with minimal technological proficiency, initially encountered difficulties adjusting to digital technologies. The programme's customised approach effectively targeted his individual requirements, enabling him to successfully overcome these obstacles.
   2) Effect of Training
      LF's utilisation of digital storytelling tools improved significantly as a result of hands-on coaching sessions. Additionally, he displayed a high level of proficiency in effortlessly integrating technology into his teachings. The individual's expedition serves as a prime example of the programme's efficacy in closing the gap between those who have access to digital technology and those who do not.
      Quotation: "The training was tailored to my existing technological proficiency." Currently, I am proficient in utilising digital storytelling technologies with ease, and I have also observed a favourable change in my students' engagement and understanding [17].

c. Testimonial: EB, User with Intermediate Technology Proficiency
   1) Context
      EB, a teacher with a moderate level of technological proficiency, enrolled in the programme with the intention of improving her abilities in digital storytelling. The programme equipped her with the essential guidance to enhance her expertise.
   2) Effect of Training
      EB's lesson plans, after the training, demonstrated a flawless incorporation of digital storytelling approaches. The pupils, who were previously passive learners, actively participated in creating tales utilising digital technologies. Emily's path showcases how the programme may enhance instructors' skills in using technology, taking them from a moderate level to being proficient users.
   3) Quotation
      "The training served as a catalyst for me to confidently adopt technology." My kids and I are now beginning digital storytelling journeys, which provide new opportunities for language discovery in our classroom.

The samples and testimonials provide a clear and detailed representation of the programme's influence, highlighting its capacity to empower educators with different degrees of expertise. The achievements of HM, the advancements observed in LF, and EB's endorsement collectively validate that the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training programme has not only provided participants with practical skills but has also resulted in quantifiable improvements in their teaching methods and student achievements. The programme's transforming efficacy is not merely an abstract notion but rather a palpable actuality intricately interwoven into the histories of our participants.

3.1.3 Utilizing Digital Stories to Enhance Student Achievement: Implementing in Classroom Settings

The incorporation of digital narratives and instructional plans developed during the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" workshop has resulted in significant and profound improvements in the participants' educational environments. The accompanying insights offer a thorough perspective on the application of these materials and their noticeable influence on student learning results.

3.1.3.1 Implementation of Digital Storytelling: Sarah Thompson's Classroom

a. Integration of the Lesson Plan
   RL, a teacher with a moderate level of technological proficiency, effortlessly incorporated the digital storytelling lesson plans into her curriculum. Her lesson plans, produced during the training, guided students in the process of crafting individualized digital narratives.
b. Effects on Students
   The integration of digital storytelling not only enhanced student engagement but also refined their language proficiency. Sarah observes that the digital stories served as a motivator for peer collaboration. Students eagerly composed narratives, improving their language proficiency through the creative process.

3.1.3.2 Scaffolded Learning with RM

a. Modification of the Lesson Plan
   RM, a seasoned educator, applied the scaffolding strategies acquired during the program to systematically assist students in progressing from fundamental information acquisition to the complex intricacies of narrative construction. The lesson plans he created demonstrated a purposeful sequence that was in accordance with Bloom's taxonomy.
b. Effects on Students
   The implementation of the scaffolding strategy resulted in enhanced critical thinking abilities among the pupils. Mark notes that through the implementation of a structured learning process, students were able to go from mere knowledge acquisition to the more advanced skills of critical analysis and story construction. The effect on their overall language development was clearly apparent.

3.1.3.3 Utilizing Digital Tools for Multimodal Learning: Jennifer Park's Perspective

a. Utilizing digital tools
   PK, skilled in technology utilization, utilized a range of digital tools provided in the training to strengthen the multimedia components of digital storytelling. The students employed these tools to incorporate photos, audio, and video into their narratives.
b. Effects on Students
   PK's students experienced an increase in creativity and a wider range of ways to express themselves due to the use of the multimodal approach. Their digital narratives evolved into dynamic forms, enhancing their bond with the process of acquiring language skills. Jennifer states that the use of digital tools enhanced her pupils' narrative experience and increased their understanding and recognition of language nuances.

3.1.3.4 Continual Evaluation and Adjustment: BS

a. Iterative Enhancement
   BS, an experienced educator with more than ten years of teaching experience, applied continuing evaluation methodologies acquired throughout training to modify digital storytelling to meet the changing requirements of his pupils. The implementation of regular feedback loops facilitated the ongoing improvement of instructional plans.
b. Effects on Students
   BS noticed an increased level of independence and drive among his students. The iterative nature of the digital storytelling projects empowered students to assume responsibility for their learning, leading to enhanced language outcomes and a heightened sense of achievement.

The incorporation of digital stories and lesson plans into the training program is not a singular occurrence but rather a continuous process of improvement and adjustment. Participants in various classrooms have effectively applied their training experiences to create significant and influential language learning opportunities for their students [18]. The incorporation of digital storytelling has not only increased student involvement but has also shown a beneficial connection with enhanced language proficiency and critical thinking abilities. The impact of the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" program is still influencing the creation of dynamic and enhanced language learning environments.

3.2 Discussions

The training program produced multiple measurable and subjective outcomes, substantiated by specific instances and data.

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3.2.1 Comprehensive Comprehension

By conducting assessments before and after the training, it was noticed that participants made substantial progress in their comprehension of digital storytelling. The initial assessment revealed that 45% of the teachers possessed a rudimentary comprehension of digital storytelling principles, whereas the follow-up assessment suggested that 95% of the participants had acquired a thorough understanding of the subject matter.

During the training, teachers produced digital stories and accompanying lesson plans for use in the classroom. A post-training survey indicated that 85% of teachers have included digital storytelling into their lesson plans within one month of program completion.

3.2.2 Advanced Technological Proficiency

Data gathered during the training session demonstrated a substantial enhancement in the technological skills of the participants. Prior to the training, a mere 30% of teachers expressed confidence in utilizing digital storytelling tools. However, after the training, surveys revealed that this percentage had increased significantly to 80%.

3.2.3 Enhanced Excitement and Confidence

Empirical data obtained through classroom observations and participant interviews revealed a notable surge in teachers' excitement and confidence when it came to incorporating digital storytelling into their teaching practices. One instructor observed a significant improvement in their pupils' participation in English courses after incorporating digital storytelling into the curriculum. The samples and data presented serve as concrete evidence of the training program's impact on the participants' comprehension, technological proficiency, and passion, thereby demonstrating its success.

The varied instructional and technological backgrounds of the participants had significant impacts on the training outcomes. Experienced teachers utilized their significant teaching experience to contribute their pedagogical skills to the program, enabling the integration of digital storytelling into their current teaching techniques. Their existing understanding of good pedagogical techniques facilitated the successful integration of digital storytelling in the educational setting.

Proficient individuals with extensive technological expertise readily embraced the digital storytelling tools and methodologies, frequently assuming leadership positions during the training and aiding their peers in comprehending the technology.

Teachers with little technological proficiency first encountered difficulties but achieved substantial advancement during the training. Their eagerness to adopt technology was apparent, and their enhanced proficiency in utilizing digital tools was a favorable result of the training. The presence of professors with diverse experience levels fostered a collaborative learning atmosphere, enabling individuals with different backgrounds to exchange valuable insights and exemplary methods, thereby enhancing the overall training experience for all participants.

The participants' diverse levels of teaching and technology expertise created a dynamic and collaborative training environment, promoting peer learning and the integration of digital storytelling techniques into the classroom. The paper presents a more thorough perspective on how participants' backgrounds influenced the training outcomes by offering a full breakdown and examining the influence of these characteristics.

4 Conclusion

Ultimately, the thorough examination of the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training program demonstrates a twofold effect on participants, as indicated by both quantitative and qualitative evaluations. The quantitative study revealed substantial enhancements in participants' comprehension and abilities pertaining to digital storytelling and scaffolding, with statistical tests validating the efficacy of the program The qualitative study yielded valuable insights into the participants' experiences, emphasizing their active involvement, contentment with the program, and effective use of digital storytelling in their teaching methods.

The success stories of individual participants serve to strengthen the profound impact of the training program. The program has demonstrated its adaptability and effectiveness across varied backgrounds, with experienced educators like HM overcoming early skepticism and people with varying levels of technology competency, such as LF and EB, displaying substantial gains in their teaching approaches.

Furthermore, the use of digital storytelling in educational environments, as exemplified by educators such as Sarah Thompson, RM, PK, and BS, underscores the enduring influence of instruction. The integration of digital storytelling and scaffolding tactics in educational practices has persistent benefits, as evidenced by the favorable effects on student engagement, language competence, critical thinking abilities, and overall learning outcomes.

The "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" program serves as more than simply a single intervention but rather as a catalyst for continuous enhancement and adaptation in teaching techniques. The ongoing assessment and iterative improvement demonstrated by educators such as BS highlight the program's ability to enable teachers to adjust and innovate, resulting in dynamic language learning settings. The program's aggregate results and testimonies

confirm that it has not only provided participants with practical skills but has also resulted in measurable improvements in teaching methods and student achievements.

So, the "Scaffolding Digital Storytelling" training program serves as a catalyst for profound change, promoting a favorable transformation in participants' skills, mindsets, and teaching methods. The program's enduring impact on teaching methods and student achievements highlights its importance in promoting successful language instruction using digital storytelling and scaffolding approaches.

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