The influence of educational comics on the concept of static electricity toward student’s learning outcomes and communication skills

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Abstract

This article aims to investigate the effect of educational comics about static electricity on student learning outcomes and student communication skills. The research subjects were students of the Physics Education Study Program at Lambung Mangkurat University Academic Year 2019/2020. The research design used was one group pretest-posttest design. Student learning outcomes data obtained from student learning outcomes tests. Data on students' communication skills were obtained from observation sheets. The results of the pretest and posttest were then tested for normality and homogeneity which showed that the data were normally distributed and the variants were homogeneous. Then, the data were tested for the significance of differences using the paired t-test. The Sig (2-tailed) test results show a number below 0.05 so there is a significant difference between the pretest and posttest results. The effectiveness of the use of educational comics is tested using the N-gain test to determine its effectiveness category. The N-gain test result is 0.705 so the N-gain test result is categorized high. Overall student communication skills are included in both categories. This result is supported by students' responses to educational comics which are overall well categorized. This article concludes that there is an educational comic effect on static electricity towards student learning outcomes and communication skills.

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Introduction

In the industrial revolution 4.0 era, 21st-century skills that reflected 4C namely collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creative thinking were considered very important, especially with the increasing demands for skilled and skilled modern workers. (Ridwan, 2019). Communication is a social interaction between people who share their ideas (Marlina & Jayanti, 2019). This skill is closely related to the skill of someone expressing their opinions in a way that is good and understandable (Susanti & Risnanosanti, 2019). Learning that sharpens communicative skills is learning that puts forward the activity of exchanging opinions, presenting an idea, or discussing activities (Ridwan, 2019). Communication is a student's skill in expressing all his thoughts both verbally and in writing to develop his abilities in learning activities and face the challenges of the 21st century (Raniah et al., 2018). Through communication, ideas can be rejuvenated, enhanced, discussed, and developed. The communication process can also help build meaning, provide ideas, and publish ideas (Yulian, 2018).
Communication skills need to be trained in learning that adapts to current educational developments. Educational development and innovation can develop through the development of science and technology, one of which is learning media (Annur, Wati, Wahyuni, & Dewantara, 2018; D Dewantara, Febrianti, Wati, & Mastuang, 2019; Hartini, Misbah, Dewantara, Oktovian, & Aisyah, 2017; Mahtari, Wati, Hartini, Misbah, & Dewantara, 2020; Misbah, Dewantara, Hasan, & Annur, 2018; Utami, R. Sumarni, W. Habibah, 2017). Learning media play an important role in achieving maximum learning outcomes (Fadhila & Widodo, 2019). Learning media are used specifically to improve communication skills, one of which is comic media (Yulian, 2018). There is still not too much research on educational comics and their implementation in learning (Tribull, 2017).

Comics can be developed into educational comics that can be used to assist students in understanding lessons (Fadhila & Widodo, 2019). Physics education comics can be developed in learning on various physics materials (Nikmah, Haroky, Jumadi, Wilujeng, & Kuswanto, 2019). Educational comics can also be used to foster positive student attitudes and can be used as alternative guidebooks (Putri, Fida, & Wasis, 2018). In various previous studies, it is clear that the purpose of utilizing educational comics is to improve student achievement through images (Kamil, Komariah, & Yuliana, 2017).

This research uses educational comics on static electricity in physics learning. This research was conducted on static electricity material taught to prospective physics teacher students in high school physics studies. The development of educational comics on static electricity was tested for the influence of learning. Therefore, This article aims to investigate the effect of educational comics about static electricity on student learning outcomes and student communication skills. The research subjects were students of the Physics Education Study Program at Lambung Mangkurat University Academic Year 2019/2020.

**Method**

The research design used was one group pretest-posttest design. The research subjects were students of the Physics Education Study Program, FKIP Lambung Mangkurat University odd semester 2019/2020 Academic Year.

The results of the pretest and posttest were tested whether there were significant differences between the pretest and posttest values using the paired sample t-test. Significance value (2-tailed) <0.05 indicates a significant difference between the results of the pretest and posttest when using educational comics that were developed. Significance value (2-tailed) > 0.05 indicates there is no significant difference between the results of the pretest and posttest when using educational comics on static electricity developed.

If the paired sample t-test results indicate a significant difference between the pretest and posttest values, then proceed with the N-gain test. Normalized gain (N-gain) equations are used to find out how the effectiveness category of educational comics in static electricity is viewed from student learning outcomes. Previously conducted a normality test first to find out whether the data is normally distributed or not. Requirements for normally distributed data are if the significant value obtained is greater than 0.05.

After obtaining the value of normalized gain (N-gain), the criteria for the effectiveness of educational comics on static electricity can be seen in the following Table 1.
The influence of educational comics on static electricity material in improving student learning outcomes and communication skills. The product produced from this research is educational comics on static electricity material in improving student learning outcomes and communication skills. In the comic (Figure 1.), there is a conversation between two students who learn from one another about static electricity. Most of the conversations are deliberately left blank to be filled by students from various reference sources they have. Next, students will present the comic in turn to see how students' communication skills are.

**Table 1. Criteria for the effectiveness of educational comics on static electricity**

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<th>(N)-gain Score</th>
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<td>( (g_i) &gt; 0,7 )</td>
<td>High</td>
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<tr>
<td>( 0,7 &gt; (g_i) &gt; 0,3 )</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>( (g_i) &lt; 0,3 )</td>
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(Hake, 1998)

Student communication skills are collected from the questionnaire assessment of student communication skills. The questionnaire was analyzed and the mean values obtained for each indicator. Then, the data is matched with the categories in the following Table 2.

**Table 2. Student Communication Skills Assessment Categories**

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<td>( 4,2 &lt; X \leq 5 )</td>
<td>Very skilled</td>
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<td>( 3,4 &lt; X \leq 4,2 )</td>
<td>Skilled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( 2,6 &lt; X \leq 3,4 )</td>
<td>Enough</td>
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<tr>
<td>( 1,8 &lt; X \leq 2,6 )</td>
<td>Poor skilled</td>
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<tr>
<td>( 1 &lt; X \leq 1,8 )</td>
<td>Not skilled</td>
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(Widoyoko, 2016)

Student responses were collected from student questionnaire responses. The questionnaire was analyzed and the mean values obtained for each indicator. Then, the data is matched with the categories in the following Table 3.

**Table 3. Category of Student Responses**

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<td>( 4,2 &lt; X \leq 5 )</td>
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(Widoyoko, 2016)

**Results and Discussion**

The product produced from this research is educational comics on static electricity material in improving student learning outcomes and communication skills. In the comic (Figure 1.), there is a conversation between two students who learn from one another about static electricity. Most of the conversations are deliberately left blank to be filled by students from various reference sources they have. Next, students will present the comic in turn to see how students' communication skills are.
Student learning outcomes

The results of the comparison of the average pre-test and post-test values can be seen in Figure 2. The figure shows that the posttest value is higher than the pretest value.

The results of the pretest and posttest were then tested for normality and homogeneity which showed that the data were normally distributed and the variants were homogeneous. Then, the data is tested for the significance of the difference using the paired t-test. Table 4 shows the results of the test. Sig value (2-tailed) shows a number below 0.05. Thus there is a significant difference between the results of the pretest and posttest when using learning comics on static electricity developed.

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<th>t</th>
<th>df</th>
<th>Sig. (2-tailed)</th>
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<td>46.887</td>
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The effectiveness of the application of blended learning is tested using the N-gain test to determine its effectiveness category. The N-gain test result is 0.705. Thus the N-gain test results are categorized as high. This is consistent with previous research that educational comics are suitable for use as effective learning media (Krishnan & Othman, 2016). Educational comics effectively fulfill student learning completeness (Hidayah & Fathimatuzzahra, 2019). Comics are more effective in maintaining the knowledge students have gained (Zhang-Kennedy, Baig, & Chiasson, 2017). Comics are also able to increase student interest and understanding (B. S. Chung, Park, Kim, Cho, & Chung, 2016). Other research also shows that classes using educational comics are more effective than control
The use of comics as a teaching and learning tool is very popular in Western countries, especially in developed countries (Krishnan & Othman, 2016). Educational comics are effective in terms of communicating scientific concepts (Lin & Lin, 2016). In the learning process, educational comics have been very helpful in facilitating the implementation of learning (Haroky, Nikmah, Wilujeng, Jumadi, & Kuswanto, 2019). Also, educational comics can function as intermediaries in delivering material so students can understand the material easily (Fadhila & Widodo, 2019).

The development of physics education comics has become an innovation in learning that can be used anywhere and anytime (Nikmah et al., 2019). Educational comics are comics that tell about the subject matter or matters relating to education. Comic education has two main functions as a medium of entertainment as well as a means to convey educational goals to readers (Putri et al., 2018). Comics are media that can make students learn effectively and can be applied easily in learning activities (Kamil et al., 2017).

Educational comics that are used appropriately will make learning more meaningful (Krishnan & Othman, 2016). This educational comic can be used in teaching science (Maryani & Amalia, 2018). Comics have proven useful in various fields of learning (Muzumdar, 2016). Students’ conceptual understanding is taken from practice questions in the android comic media that students must solve in groups (Haroky et al., 2019).

**Student Communication Skills**

Students' communication skills are reflected in the following indicators: (1) Oral Communication; (2) Discerns Intent; (3) Receptive Communication: Listens, Reads, Views; (4) Communicates Clearly for a Purpose; (5) Uses a full range of resources to express ideas; dan (6) Presentation Skills (Greenstein, 2013). Oral Communication related to Clarity, speed, volume, and articulation are all strong and strengthen the course of communication. Discerns Intent is concerned with the skill of identifying and interpreting the aims and objectives of open and implicit messages. Also able to draw logical conclusions. Receptive Communication is related to the skill to distinguish between facts and opinions. Also able to identify and summarize the main ideas. Also able to identify various supporting materials from various points of view. Communicates Clearly for a Purpose, related to the skills to understand the purpose of communication. Then organize and present information to meet these understood goals. Use a full range of resources to express ideas related to the skills to choose and use various combinations of communication resources that suit the topic and purpose independently. Presentation Skills relate to readiness, accuracy, and responsiveness in presentations. Also, skills in responding to the audience’s expression/gesture by adjusting the tone, expression, and steps.
Figure 3. Result of Student Communication Skills

The results of student communication skills can be seen in Figure 2. Oral Communication has an average of 4.06 so it has a skilled category. Discerns Intent has an average of 3.41 so it has a skilled category. Receptive Communication: Listens, Reads, Views have an average of 3.53 so they have a skilled category. Communicates Clearly for a Purpose has an average of 4.09 so that it has a skilled category. Accessing a full range of resources to express ideas has an average of 3.47 so that it has a skilled category. Overall, students' communication skills are categorized as skilled.

Through educational comics, students are invited to discuss and take turns presenting the contents of the comics. In line with previous research, by using educational comics students can discuss with each other (Haroky et al., 2019). Communication skills have been widely identified in many different countries as competencies needed in the twenty-first century (Y. Chung, Yoo, Kim, Lee, & Zeidler, 2016). Communication skills are one of the basic skills that students need to master (Prabowo & Ariani, 2018). This is because communication skills are important skills for prospective teachers (Hardianti, Taufiq, & Pamelasari, 2017).

Communication is an important component in the learning process, including learning (Yulian, 2018). The communication process is important in enhancing effective interpersonal skills (Batool, Nadeem, & Asif, 2018). In learning science, one of the competencies students must possess is being able to communicate their various information, ideas, and opinions effectively (Hardianti et al., 2017). Information, ideas, and opinions obtained by students in learning need to be shared with others as an implementation of knowledge dissemination (Al-Farisi, Tjandrakirana, & Agustini, 2018).

Student Response

The response questionnaire consisted of two aspects: performance and benefits (Dewi Dewantara, Mahtari, Misbah, & Haryandi, 2019; Misbah et al., 2018). The student responses were collected through a questionnaire that provided with ranks of very good, good, enough, poor, and not good. Overall, student responses had a mean value of 4.17. Based on Table 2, students' responses to learning comics on static electricity material are good.
The influence of educational comics on static electricity is very clear and easy to understand; (b) By learning comics on static electricity material, obtaining knowledge transfer processes flexibly and independently; and (c) learning comics on static electricity make it easy for me to practice communication skills. The student response to the performance aspect is 4.13. Based on Table 2, this has a good category.

In the aspect of benefits, student responses showed a very good category. The statements on the student's questionnaire about the benefits are as follows: (a) Using learning comics on static electricity material is possible in understanding the material; (b) learning comics on static electricity improve student learning performance; (c) learning comics on static electricity are very useful in the learning process; (d) Ease of using learning comics on static electricity; (e) Ease of practicing communication skills; (f) learning comics on static electricity attract students' attention in learning; and (g) learning comics on static electricity material enables students to get feedback faster. The student response to the performance aspect is 4.22. Based on Table 2, this has a very good category.

The existence of a teacher has a major role in the success of learning. This also relates to learning media and how innovative and intelligent the teacher is in designing learning, so that learning becomes interesting and enjoyable. Educational comics are expected to contribute to the world of education (Ariyanto & Laksana, 2018). Although many variations of learning media have been used, some of them have weaknesses so there are still need to be added alternative learning media that are more innovative and able to increase student motivation and learning outcomes, such as educational comics (Munawwaroh et al., 2018).

Student responses related to their responses to their performance and benefits. The results of previous studies indicate that educational comics are interesting because learning to use comic media is a new learning experience for students (Nikmah et al., 2019). The use of educational comics can activate students physically and mentally. When the trial is done the classroom atmosphere becomes more pleasant (Daulay, Ananda, Anwar, & Fatimah, 2019).

Combining text with visual representation while teaching students contributes to increasing students’ attention and participation because of their novelty (Arini, Choiri, & Sunardi, 2017). Educational comics serve as an effective tool to make their students interested in reading (McGrail, Rieger, Doepker, & McGeorge, 2018). Activities in class go well and comics can motivate students during the learning process (Kamil et al., 2017). The hope of developing educational comic media is that students interpret the learning process.
that can motivate and encourage creativity and intelligence in learning through fun media (Fadhila & Widodo, 2019). Students enjoy learning with comics because it is a new experience for them. The colorful comic pages make it more interesting, most students say they are excited because it's not a boring textbook full of text (Arini et al., 2017).

Conclusion

This article concludes that there is an educational comic effect on static electricity towards student learning outcomes and communication skills. This can be seen from the learning outcomes of students who experienced significant differences between pre-test and post-test and the N gain test which was categorized as high. Quality is also seen from the communication skills of students who are in good categories, as well as student responses that are also categorized as good. The implementation of learning by using learning comics on static electricity material that is developed can facilitate teaching and training students’ communication skills. Further research is needed to find out the effectiveness of learning comics on static electricity material on the abilities and skills of other students. In other lectures, learning comics can also be developed on static electricity that aims to improve learning outcomes and train students' communication skills.

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