

# Developing bilingual digital reading material with local context theme

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#### INTRODUCTION

- □ Effective reading activities at early childhood education
- □ Teacher cultivating the reading interests and potentials for ER activities
- Urgency of integrating local contexts: Cultural and Environmental aspects
- ☐ Teacher-created reading materials

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

★ Reading context for young learners including ER

"young learners need to experience texts and different genres of text, particularly stories, so that they see that the ultimate purpose of reading is meaning-focused, rather than simply a matter of 'breaking the code'" (Watkins, 2018)

### **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

- How to design and develop digital bilingual reading materials with a local context theme?
- What challenges did the material designer face while developing the digital reading materials?

#### **METHOD**

- > Design: Research and Development
- ➤ Subject: One junior 'digital native' in-service English Teacher (teaching experience <5 years)
- > Data collection: Observation and Interview
- > Data analysis: Narrative analysis

#### **FINDINGS**

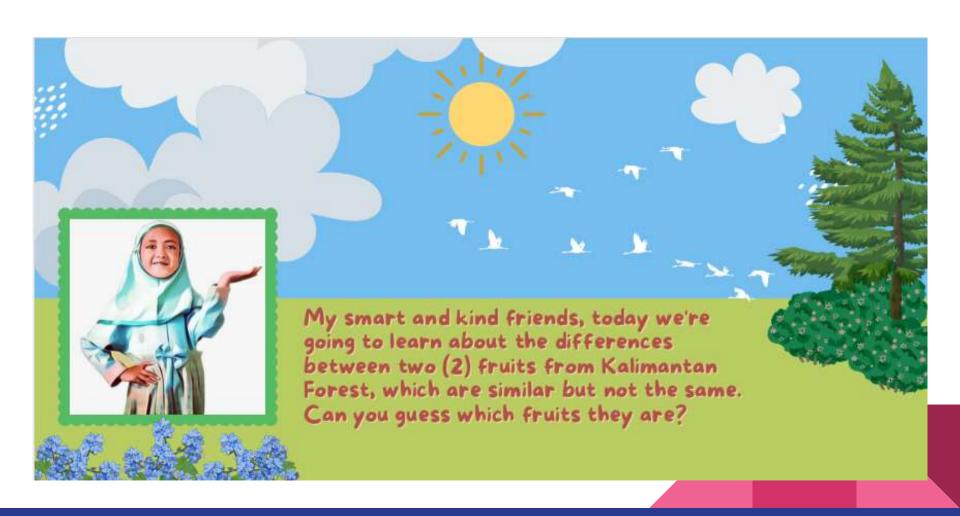
- The teacher found it difficult to choose a digital platform that was simple to use while also providing adequate interactivity to facilitate the intended reading activities (i.e. Extensive Reading).
- It was challenging for the teacher to find a local theme for the reading materials that was both interesting and relevant to the YL context.

#### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ☐ The challenges revealed in the findings highlight the importance of proper training in the development of digital reading materials for YL ER contexts.
- ☐ Future implication includes how to use teacher-created, local-themed reading materials for YL ER activities effectively

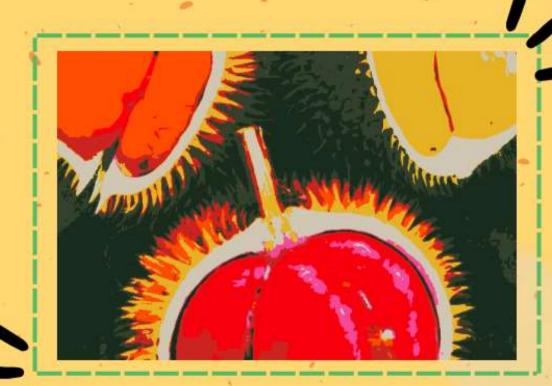
#### THE DIGITAL BOOK...

- Determining a theme with the pre-school teacher
- Finding sources about 'Lai' and 'Durian'
- Creating the lay out of the book using Canva
- Asking one of the student to be the model of the book
- Doing voice over
- Using book maker web (app.bookcreator.com)





Yes, correct! They are Lai and Durian. Have you ever eaten these fruits?



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