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Remember , just by remembering ALLAH (dhikr), the heart becomes peaceful.  $\sim$ Ar-Ra'd 28

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The ability to speak English is crucial for intelligence and success, yet pronunciation errors are common. To minimize these errors, applications like ELSA Speak using the Shadowing Technique can be beneficial. Researchers at KMI ASSALAM Boarding School conducted a study with 30 grade 12 students using a quantitative approach with pre-tests, post-tests, and questionnaires. After initial pre-tests, students received training with the ELSA Speak app, followed by post-tests. Results showed an improvement in average scores from 67.9 (pre-test) to 86.7 (post-test), indicating the technique's effectiveness in enhancing pronunciation. Questionnaires revealed that students enjoyed the method and saw improvements in their pronunciation. This study suggests that the Shadowing Technique with ELSA Speak is a valuable tool for teachers. Future research should explore its use in broader contexts, larger populations, or different learning environments.

**Keywords:** Shadowing Technique, ELSA Speak, Speaking, Pronunciation

**ABSTRAK** 

Handayani, Nurul. Siti. 2024. Efektivitas Teknik Shadowing dalam Pembelajaran

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Kemampuan berbicara bahasa Inggris sangat penting untuk kecerdasan dan

kesuksesan, namun kesalahan pengucapan sering terjadi. Untuk meminimalkan

kesalahan ini, aplikasi seperti ELSA Speak yang menggunakan Teknik Shadowing

dapat bermanfaat. Peneliti Pondok Pesantren KMI ASSALAM melakukan

penelitian terhadap 30 siswa kelas 12 dengan menggunakan pendekatan kuantitatif

dengan pre-test, post-test, dan angket. Setelah pre-test awal, siswa mendapat

pelatihan dengan aplikasi ELSA Speak, dilanjutkan dengan post-test. Hasil

menunjukkan peningkatan skor rata-rata dari 67,9 (pra-tes) menjadi 86,7 (pasca-

tes), yang menunjukkan efektivitas teknik ini dalam meningkatkan pengucapan.

Kuesioner mengungkapkan bahwa siswa menikmati metode ini dan melihat

peningkatan dalam pengucapan mereka. Studi ini menunjukkan bahwa Teknik

Shadowing dengan ELSA Speak adalah alat yang berharga bagi guru. Penelitian di

masa depan harus mengeksplorasi penggunaannya dalam konteks yang lebih luas,

populasi yang lebih besar, atau lingkungan belajar yang berbeda.

**Kata kunci:** Teknik Shadowing, ELSA Speak, Berbicara, Pengucapan

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